

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AND DIRECTION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES 2012

Review of Electoral Arrangements in the County of Denbighshire

Explanatory Memorandum

Section 57 of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”) places a duty on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (“the Commission”) to, at intervals of not less than ten and not more than fifteen years, review the electoral arrangements for every principal area in Wales for the purposes of considering whether or not to make proposals to the Welsh Ministers for a change in those electoral arrangements.

The Commission conducted a review of the electoral arrangements in the County of Denbighshire and produced its report of proposals on 31 August 2010.

In a letter to the Welsh Ministers dated 30 March 2012, the Commission indicated that improved proposals in respect of the electoral divisions of Prestatyn Meliden, Prestatyn Central, Prestatyn East, Prestatyn North and Prestatyn South West could be provided for, and requested the Welsh Ministers to direct a further review to be undertaken in respect of those electoral divisions.

Section 58 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the Welsh Ministers to direct the Commission to conduct a further review of an area’s electoral arrangements and to make revised proposals with respect to those arrangements within a specified time. The Welsh Ministers consider it appropriate to

exercise those powers and direct the Commission accordingly.

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Direction

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 58(3) of the Local Government Act 1972(1) and now vested in them(2), make the following Direction to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

Review of electoral arrangements

1. The Welsh Ministers direct the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales to conduct a further review of the electoral arrangements of the electoral divisions referred to in paragraph 2 within the County of Denbighshire and to make revised proposals.

2. For the purposes of paragraph 1 the electoral divisions are—

- (a) Prestatyn Meliden; and
- (b) Prestatyn Central; and
- (c) Prestatyn East; and
- (d) Prestatyn North; and

(1) Local Government Act 1972, c70
(2) Functions of the Secretary of State, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, transferred to the National Assembly for Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999(SI 1999/672), art 2, Sch 1, and subsequently to the Welsh Ministers by the Government of Wales Act 2006, (c.32) Sch 11, para 30(1), (2);

(e) Prestatyn South West.

3. The Welsh Ministers direct the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales to submit the report of the further review and proposals to them by no later than 1 August 2013.

Carl Sargeant
Minister for Local Government and Communities, one
of the Welsh Ministers

Date

