

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The North Devon District (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026

Made 11th June 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

North Devon District Council (“the council”), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated March 2026:

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86 and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement(a)

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the North Devon District (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026.
(2) It shall come into force on 1st April 2027.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“district” means the district of North Devon;

“existing” means existing on the date this Order is made;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the North Devon District (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026” and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number; and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Alteration of parish areas and the areas of parish wards

- 4.—(1) Each area coloured and designated by a letter on the map and specified in column (1) of

Schedule 1 shall cease to be part of the parish and parish ward specified in relation to that area in columns (2) and (3) of the Schedule and shall become part of the parish and parish ward in columns (4) and (5) of the Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Tawstock and numbers of parish councillors

- 5.—(1) The existing wards of Tawstock Northern Urban and Tawstock Southern Urban in the parish of Tawstock shall be merged into a single ward named Tawstock Urban as shown on sheet number 1.
(2) The Tawstock Urban ward created pursuant to article 5(1) shall comprise nine councillors.

Wards of Ilfracombe Town Council and numbers of town councillors

- 6.—(1) The existing ward of Ilfracombe East of Ilfracombe Town Council shall be altered to comprise two wards, as shown on sheet number 2 and as follows:
(a) Ilfracombe Central (see sheet 2a) comprising seven councillors; and
(b) Ilfracombe East (see sheet 2b) comprising four councillors.

Renaming the wards of Anchorwood Bank and Roundswell & Woodville in the parish of Fremington

- 7.—(1) The existing ward of Maple in the parish of Fremington shall be merged with the existing ward of Anchorwood also in the parish of Fremington (see sheet 3) and the merged ward shall be renamed as Woodville and comprise two councillors.
(2) The existing ward named Roundswell & Woodville in the parish of Fremington shall be renamed as Roundswell.

Wards of Barnstaple Town Council and numbers of town councillors

- 8.—(1) The existing wards of Barnstaple Town Council shall be altered to comprise six wards rather than the present seven as shown on sheet 4 and as follows:
(a) Newport as shown on sheet number 4a comprising five councillors;
(b) Central as shown on sheet number 4b comprising three councillors;
(c) Pilton as shown on sheet number 4c comprising four councillors;
(d) Yeo Valley as shown on sheet number 4d comprising five councillors;
(e) Forches & Westacott as shown on sheet number 4e comprising six councillors; and
(f) Longbridge as shown on sheet number 4f comprising one councillor.

Electoral register


9. The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Order date

10. 1st April 2027 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of the council on the 11th day of June 2026

11th day of June 2026


Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer



SCHEDULE 1

article 4

ALTERATION OF AREAS OF PARISHES AND PARISH WARDS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>	<i>Column (4)</i>	<i>Column (5)</i>
<i>Area</i>	<i>Parish from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish ward from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish to which added</i>	<i>Parish ward to which added</i>
"A" on sheet 5	Tawstock	The existing ward of Tawstock Northern Urban	Fremington	Roundswell (as provided by article 7(2) above)
"B" on sheet 5	Fremington	The existing ward of Maple	Tawstock	Tawstock Urban (as provided by article 5 above)
"C" on sheet 5	Tawstock	The existing ward of Tawstock Southern Urban	Fremington	Bickington
"D" on sheet 5	Tawstock	Tawstock Rural	Fremington	Bickington
"E" on sheet 6	Landkey	Landkey	Barnstaple	Newport (as provided by article 8(a) above)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by North Devon District Council for the:

- (a) Three boundary changes from Tawstock Parish Council to Fremington Parish Council, one from Fremington Parish Council to Tawstock Parish Council and one from Landkey Parish Council to Barnstaple Town Council (article 4).
- (b) Merging of Tawstock Northern Urban and Tawstock Southern Urban wards into a single Tawstock Urban ward in the parish of Tawstock (article 5).
- (c) Creation of three wards for the area of Ilfracombe Town Council to make East, West, and Central wards rather than the existing two wards (article 6).
- (d) Merging of the wards of Anchorwood and Maple in the parish of Fremington into a new ward named Woodville, also ward name change for Fremington Parish Council so that the ward of Roundswell & Woodville becomes Roundswell (article 7).
- (e) Creation of six wards for the area of Barnstaple Town Council to make Newport, Central, Pilton, Yeo Valley, Forches & Westacott rather than the existing seven (article 8).

The map defined in article 2 shows the effect of this Order in the corresponding numbered sheets. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of North Devon District Council.