

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

# The City of Westminster (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2013

Made on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Westminster City Council ("the council"), in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 11 June 2012:

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, 98(3), and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

#### Citation and commencement

- 1. (1) This Order may be cited as the City of Westminster (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2013.
  - (2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, this Order comes into force on 1st April 2014.
  - (3) Article 8 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014.
  - (4) For the purposes of:
    - (a) this article,
    - (b) article 5; and
    - (c) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parish of Queen's Park to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014,

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

#### Interpretation

#### 2. In this Order—

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the City of Westminster (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2013" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act; and

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

"registration officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 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.

#### Constitution of a new parish

- 4. (1) A new parish, comprising the area outlined with a red line on the map, shall be constituted within the City of Westminster.
  - (2) The name of the new parish shall be Queen's Park.
  - (3) The new parish shall have the alternative style of community.

## **Calculation of budget requirement**

5. For the purposes of regulation 3 of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008 there is specified in relation to the parish of Queen's Park a budget requirement for 2014/15 of £138,972. This is based on the taxbase at the date of the making of this Order. The final budget requirement will be such other figure (whether higher or lower) as will equate to £44.40 for each Band D equivalent multiplied by the taxbase for the Parish Council area as at 30 November 2013.

## Parish council for the parish of Queen's Park

- 6. (1) There shall be a parish council for the parish of Queen's Park.
  - (2) The name of that council shall be "The Queen's Park Community Council.

## Elections for the parish of Queen's Park

7. The elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Queen's Park shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in May 2014 (or such alternative date as may be determined by the government so as to hold those elections on the same day as the European Parliamentary elections) and every four years thereafter.

## Wards of the parish of Queen's Park and numbers of parish councillors

- 8. (1) The parish of Queen's Park shall be divided into 4 wards which shall be named QPA, QPB, QPC and QPD.
  - (2) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by blue lines.
  - (3) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be three.

## Annual meeting of parish council

The annual meeting of the new parish council in 2014 shall be convened by the Chief Executive of Westminster City Council. The meeting shall take place no later than 14 days after the day on which the councillors elected to the new parish council take office.

## Electoral register

10. The registration officer for Westminster City Council 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.

## Transitional provision

11. Until the councillors elected to the council of the new parish of Queen's Park at the elections to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014 come into office, the new parish shall be represented by those persons who are appointed by the Council to sit on a Temporary Parish Council.

### Order date

12. 1st April 2014 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 1st day of October 2013

Seal No

Principal Solicitor

**EXPLANATORY NOTE** 

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Westminster City Council for creation of a council for the parish of Queen's Park within the City of Westminster. The new parish will have the alternative style of community council and will be named the Queen's Park Community Council.

The parish of Queen's Park will be created with effect from 1 April 2014. The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014.

The new Community Council will be a precepting authority for the purposes of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Section 32 of that Act requires Westminster City Council, as the billing authority, to calculate its budget requirement taking into account the amount of any precept issued to it for a given year by a local precepting authority. Article 5 sets out how the initial precept will be calculated for those purposes.

Article 7 provides for parish elections in the parish of Queen's Park in 2014, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 8 and the map establish the names and areas of the wards of the new parish of Queen's Park and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 10 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 11 sets out the transitional arrangements that will apply between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and the date when councillors are elected to the new Queen's Park Community Council.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new wards of the parish of Queen's Park. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Westminster City Council.

