

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 6) Order 2026

Made 9th October 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Horsham 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 28th September 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

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 6) Order 2026.
(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of this article, this Order comes into force on 1st April 2027.
(3) Article 5 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.
(4) For the purposes of:
 - (a) this article,
 - (b) article 2,
 - (c) article 6, and
 - (d) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Shipley and Southwater, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027,

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

Interpretation

2. In this Order—
 - "district" means the district of Horsham;
 - "existing" means existing on the date this Order is made;
 - "map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Horsham District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (No. 6) Order 2026" and deposited in

accordance with section 96(4) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

“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.

Alteration of parish areas and the areas of parish wards

4. The area hatched and designated by the letter “D” on the map shall cease to be part of the parish of Shipley and shall become part of the parish of Southwater and the existing Southwater South ward of that parish.

Wards of the parish of Southwater and number of parish councillors for each ward

5. (1) The existing wards of the parish of Southwater shall be abolished.
(2) The parish shall be divided into three (3) wards which shall be named as set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.
(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by dashed red lines.
(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (2) of Schedule 1.

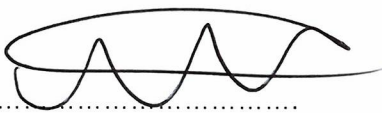
Electoral register

6. 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

7. 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 Horsham District Council on the 9th day of October 2026


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Authorised Signatory



SCHEDULE 1

article 5

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF SOUTHWATER

NAMES OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
Southwater North	Four (4)
Southwater Central	Six (6)
Southwater South	Five (5)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Horsham District Council for (i) the alteration of the parish areas of Shipley and Southwater within the district of Horsham and (ii) new warding arrangements for the parish of Southwater.

The parish areas will be altered with effect from 1st April 2027. The new warding arrangements will apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

Article 4 provides for the alteration of the parish areas and the area of the Southwater South ward of the parish of Southwater.

Article 5, Schedule 1 and the map establish the new warding arrangements.

Article 6 obliges the electoral registration officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the alteration of the parish areas and the new warding arrangements.

Article 7 provides for the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

The map defined in article 2 shows the alteration of the parish areas and the new warding arrangements. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Horsham District Council.

