

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The West Devon Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2025

Made on the *17th* day of *March* 2025

Coming into force on 1 April 2025

West Devon Borough Council ('the Council') in accordance with section 83(b) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28) ('the 2007 Act') has undertaken a Community Governance Review and made recommendations dated February 2024 that the Parish Council of Sydenham Damerel be abolished and replaced by the Parish Meeting form of governance.

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 needs 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 **West Devon Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2025**.
- (2) The Order shall come into effect on 1st April 2025.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:
 - (1) 'borough' means the borough of West Devon Borough Council
 - (2) '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 2007 Act relevant to this Order.

Abolition of the Parish Council of Sydenham Damerel

4. The Parish Council of Sydenham Damerel shall be abolished from **1st April 2025**.

Funds and balances to be transferred

- 5. The funds to be transferred from Sydenham Damerel Parish Council to Sydenham Damerel Parish Meeting are set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

Electoral Register

- 6. The registration officer for the borough of West Devon shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, or in consequence of, this Order.

Order Date

- 7. The 1st April 2025 is the date for the purpose of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

THE COMMON SEAL of WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL was affixed to this Deed in the presence of:

Authorised signatory: *[Signature]*

Date: *17 March 2025*



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Schedule 1

Funds and balances to be transferred

Sydenham Damerel Parish Council	Sydenham Damerel Parish Meeting
Balance in the bank account for Sydenham Damerel Parish Council to the Parish Meeting in the sum of £5,000	Date: on or after 1 April 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by West Devon Borough Council for the abolition of the parish of Sydenham Damerel and for Sydenham Damerel to be represented by the Parish Meeting of Sydenham Damerel with effect from 1 April 2025.