

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Highcliffe and Walkford) Order 2025

Made - - - - 23 December 2025

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE 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 14 October 2025:

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 Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Highcliffe and Walkford) Order 2025.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, 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, and
- (b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford to be held on the ordinary day of elections of councillors in 2027,

this Order shall come into force on 15th October 2026.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“district” means the district of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole;

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

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Highcliffe and Walkford) Order 2025” 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;

“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.

Area of the Order

4.—(1) The area affected by this Order is the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford.

(2) Unless otherwise stated in this Order, the existing parish area and electoral arrangements for the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford shall remain unaltered.

Wards of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford and numbers of parish councillors

5.—(1) The existing parish wards of Highcliffe and North Highcliffe & Walkford within the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford shall be amalgamated to form a new parish ward named East Highcliffe and Walkford.

(2) The East Highcliffe and Walkford ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines.

(3) The existing parish ward of West Highcliffe remains unchanged.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for West Highcliffe ward shall be five and for East Highcliffe & Walkford ward shall be six.

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.

The Common SEAL of

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE

COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of

Monitoring Officer
Dated 23 December 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council for the alteration of the area of the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford.

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

Article 6 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The maps defined in article 2 shows the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council.