



CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Government Act 2000

The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions) (England) Regulations 2011

Notice of Verification Number

The Local Government Act 2000 provides that electors in a local authority's area can petition the local authority to hold a referendum on whether the local authority should change to a different form of governance. A petition must be signed by at least 5% of the local government electors for the local authority's area. Under the Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022 from 1 April 2023 Cumbria County Council will cease to exist and there will be two new unitary authorities Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council. Any petition to hold a referendum after 1 April 2023 would therefore need to relate either to Cumberland Council or Westmorland and Furness Council. Numbers below are given for Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.

In any given year, there is a short period of time when there is one of two figures that can be used. This is between publication of the number and 31 March that same year. During that time, the alternative number that can be used is the one that was published the previous February. Councils must use the lower of these two numbers as the Verification Number for any petition submitted during that period. A petition cannot be submitted in respect of Cumberland Council and Westmorland Council until 1 April 2023 so this is not relevant in this case.

Cumberland Council

In accordance with the above Regulations the number that is equal to 5% of the number of local government electors shown in the revised register of electors having effect on 15 February 2023 is:

10,543

This figure will have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of Petitions presented from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Cumberland Council's principal office is at Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1RD.

Westmorland and Furness Council

In accordance with the above Regulations the number that is equal to 5% of the number of local government electors shown in the revised register of electors having effect on 15 February 2023 is:

8,828

This figure will have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of Petitions presented from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Westmorland and Furness Council's principal office is at South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4DL.

Cumbria County Council's principal office is at Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1RD.

16 February 2023

JOHN METCALFE
Chief Executive
