STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 548

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Preston (Electoral Changes) Order 2018

Made - - - - 25th April 2018
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**1**) ("the Act"), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**2**) ("the Commission") published a report dated 16th January 2018 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the city of Preston. The Commission has decided to give effect to those recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before each House of Parliament, a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1), (2) and (4) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Preston (Electoral Changes) Order 2018.

(2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Articles 3 to 5 come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary, or relating, to the election of councillors, on the day after the day on which this Order is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors(**3**) in 2019.

(**1**) 2009 c.20.

(**2**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

(**3**) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England and Wales is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2) as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and as prospectively amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c.4).

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Preston (Electoral Changes) Order 2018", held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**4**).

(2) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Wards of the city of Preston and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the city of Preston are abolished.

(2) The city of Preston is divided into 16 wards as follows—

(a) Ashton;

(b) Brookfield;

(c) Cadley;

(d) City Centre;

(e) Deepdale;

(f) Fishwick & Frenchwood;

(g) Garrison;

(h) Greyfriars;

(i) Ingol & Cottam;

(j) Lea & Larches;

(k) Plungington;

(l) Preston Rural East;

(m) Preston Rural North;

(n) Ribbleton;

(o) Sharoe Green;

(p) St Matthew's.

(3) Each ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for each ward.

Elections of the city of Preston

4.—(1) Elections of all councillors for each ward of the city of Preston are to be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.

(2) The councillors holding office for any ward abolished by article 3(1) immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019 are to retire on that fourth day and the newly elected councillors are to come into office on that fourth day.

(3) Of the councillors elected for a ward in 2019—

(a) one is to retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2020;

(b) one is to retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022;

(c) one is to retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023.

(**4**) Prints of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/north-west/lancashire/preston