STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 536

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The West Berkshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2018

Made - - - - 26th 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 district of West Berkshire. 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) and (4) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the West Berkshire (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 and 4 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) 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 West Berkshire (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 district of West Berkshire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of West Berkshire are abolished.

(2) The district of West Berkshire is divided into 24 wards as listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the table in Schedule 1.

Wards of the parishes of Cold Ash, Newbury, Greenham, Thatcham and Tilehurst

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parishes of Cold Ash, Newbury, Greenham, Thatcham and Tilehurst are abolished.

(2) The parish of Cold Ash is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Newbury is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Greenham is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) The parish of Thatcham is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 4 in Schedule 2.

(6) The parish of Tilehurst is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 5 in Schedule 2.

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

(8) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

(**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/south-east/berkshire/west-berkshire

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England



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