STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 481

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The London Borough of Bexley (Electoral Changes) Order 2017

Made - - - - 27th March 2017
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 November 2016 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the London Borough of Bexley. 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) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the London Borough of Bexley (Electoral Changes) Order 2017.

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

(3) The remainder of this Order comes into force—

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

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England and Wales(**3**) in 2018.

(**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 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).

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the London Borough of Bexley (Electoral Changes) Order 2017", held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

(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 London Borough of Bexley and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the London Borough of Bexley are abolished.

(2) The London Borough of Bexley is divided into 17 wards as listed in the first column of the table in the Schedule.

(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 to each ward is the number specified by the entry in the second column of the table in the Schedule which relates to that ward.

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

27th March 2017

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Local Government Boundary Commission for England