STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 129

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The South Oxfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2017

Made - - - - 8th February 2017
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

Under section 92(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007(**1**) ("the Act") South Oxfordshire District Council ("the Council") made recommendations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**2**) for the related alteration of the boundaries of county electoral divisions and district wards within the Council's area.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided to give effect to the recommendations and, in exercise of the power conferred by section 92(3) of the Act, makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the South Oxfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2017.

(2) Except for article 3, 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 that it is made;

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

(3) Article 3 comes into force—

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

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(**1**) 2007 c.28; section 92 has been amended by section 67(1) of, and paragraphs 11 and 32 of Schedule 4 to, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c.20) ("the 2009 Act").

(**2**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established by section 55(1) of the 2009 Act. The functions of the Electoral Commission under Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28) ("the 2007 Act") were transferred to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England with effect from 1st April 2010 by section 60 of the 2009 Act.

"the 2015 Order" means the South Oxfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2015(**3**);

"county electoral division" means an electoral division established by article 3 of the Oxfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012(**4**);

"district ward" means a district ward established by article 3 of the South Oxfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2014(**5**);

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**6**).

Related alterations of county electoral division boundaries

3.—(1) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of Wallingford and becomes part of the parish of Cholsey in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Wallingford county electoral division and becomes part of Benson & Cholsey county electoral division.

(2) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of Long Wittenham and becomes part of the parish of Didcot in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Wallingford county electoral division and becomes part of Didcot Ladygrove county electoral division.

(3) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of West Hagbourne and becomes part of the parish of Didcot in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Didcot East & Hagbourne county electoral division and becomes part of Didcot West county electoral division.

(4) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of East Hagbourne and becomes part of the parish of Didcot in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Didcot East & Hagbourne county electoral division and becomes part of Didcot West county electoral division.

(5) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of Waterstock and becomes part of the parish of Great Milton in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Wheatley county electoral division and becomes part of Chalgrove & Watlington county electoral division.

(6) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of Harpsden and becomes part of the parish of Henley-on-Thames in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Sonning Common county electoral division and becomes part of Henley-on-Thames county electoral division.

(7) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of Kidmore End and becomes part of the parish of Sonning Common in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Goring county electoral division and becomes part of Sonning Common county electoral division.

Related alterations of district ward boundaries

4.—(1) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of Wallingford and becomes part of the parish of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Wallingford district ward and becomes part of Cholsey district ward.

(2) Each area that ceases to be part of the parish of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and becomes part of the parish of Wallingford in consequence of the 2015 Order ceases to be part of Cholsey district ward and becomes part of Wallingford district ward.

(**3**) The South Oxfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2015 was made by South Oxfordshire District Council in exercise of powers under Part 4 of the 2007 Act. Orders of this kind are not required to be made by statutory instrument.
(**4**) S.I. 2012/1812.
(**5**) S.I. 2014/23.
(**6**) 1983 c.2; section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60(1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).