STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 1228

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Hastings (Electoral Changes) Order 2016

Made - - - - 15th December 2016
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 September 2016 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Hastings. 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 (2) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Hastings (Electoral Changes) Order 2016.

(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 15th October 2017;

(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 (c.20).
(**3**) The ordinary day of election of councillors is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Hastings (Electoral Changes) Order 2016", 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 Hastings and number of councillors

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

(2) The district of Hastings is divided into the 16 wards in the following list—

Ashdown

Baird

Braybrooke

Castle

Central St Leonards

Conquest

Gensing

Hollington

Maze Hill

Old Hastings

Ore

Silverhill

St Helens

Tressell

West St Leonards

Wishing Tree

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

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

Elections of the council of the district of Hastings

4.—(1) Elections of all councillors of each ward of the district of Hastings are to be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2018.

(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 2018 are to retire on that fourth day and the newly elected councillors are to come into office on that fourth day.

(3) Of the two councillors elected for the new wards in 2018, one shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2020 and one shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022.

(4) Of the councillors elected for each of the wards in 2018, the first to retire is to be the councillor elected by the smaller number of votes.

(**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 www.lgbce.org.uk