STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1873

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2015

Made - - - - 5th November 2015

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) – (5)

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 May 2015 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Hertfordshire. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired 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 Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2015.

(2) This article, article 2 and article 12 come into force—

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

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2016.

(3) Article 3 comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2016;

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

(4) Articles 7, 10 and 11 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 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).

(5) Articles 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 13 come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2018;

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

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2015", prints of which are available for inspection at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**3**).

Electoral divisions of the county of Hertfordshire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county of Hertfordshire are abolished.

(2) The county of Hertfordshire is divided into 78 county electoral divisions, each listed by name in Schedule 1.

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

(4) One councillor is to be elected for each electoral division.

(5) 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 parish of Abbots Langley and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Abbots Langley are abolished.

(2) The parish of Abbots Langley is divided into seven parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 1 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Berkhamsted and number of councillors

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Berkhamsted are abolished.

(2) The parish of Berkhamsted is divided into four parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 2 in Schedule 2.

(**3**) 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).

Wards of the parish of Chorleywood and number of councillors

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Chorleywood are abolished.

(2) The parish of Chorleywood is divided into five parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 3 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 3 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Colney Heath and number of councillors

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Colney Heath are abolished.

(2) The parish of Colney Heath is divided into three parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 4 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 4 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Elstree & Borehamwood and number of councillors

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Elstree & Borehamwood are abolished.

(2) The parish of Elstree & Borehamwood is divided into seven parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 5 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 5 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Hatfield and number of councillors

9.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Hatfield are abolished.

(2) The parish of Hatfield is divided into seven parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 6 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 6 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Royston and number of councillors

10.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Royston are abolished.

(2) The parish of Royston is divided into four parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 7 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 7 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of St Michael and number of councillors

11.—(1) The parish of St Michael is divided into two parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 8 in Schedule 2.

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

(3) 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 table 8 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Sandridge and number of councillors

12.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Sandridge are abolished.

(2) The parish of Sandridge is divided into four parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 9 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 9 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Watford Rural and number of councillors

13.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Watford Rural are abolished.

(2) The parish of Watford Rural is divided into five parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of table 10 in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 table 10 in Schedule 2.

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

Date 5th November 2015

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Max Caller
Chairman
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULE 1 Article 3

Names of county electoral divisions

In Broxbourne Borough

Cheshunt Central

Flamstead End & Turnford

Goffs Oak & Bury Green

Hoddesdon North

Hoddesdon South

Waltham Cross

In Dacorum Borough

Berkhamsted

Bridgewater

Hemel Hempstead East

Hemel Hempstead North East

Hemel Hempstead North West

Hemel Hempstead South East

Hemel Hempstead St Pauls

Hemel Hempstead Town

Kings Langley

Tring

In East Hertfordshire District

Bishops Stortford East

Bishops Stortford Rural

Bishops Stortford West

Buntingford

Hertford All Saints

Hertford Rural

Hertford St Andrews

Sawbridgeworth

Ware North

Ware South

In Hertsmere Borough

Borehamwood North

Borehamwood South

Bushey North