STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 74

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The West Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2015

Made - - - - 23rd January 2015

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

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 October 2014 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of West Devon. 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 West Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2015.

(2) This Order comes into force—

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

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

(**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.

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

Wards of the district of West Devon and number of councillors

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

(2) The district of West Devon is divided into 18 district wards, each listed by name in the first column of the table in the Schedule.

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

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

(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 Okehampton and number of councillors

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

(2) The parish of Okehampton is divided into two parish wards named respectively—

(a) North;

(b) South.

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

(4) Eight councillors are to be elected for North parish ward.

(5) Six councillors are to be elected for South parish ward.

Wards of the parish of Okehampton Hamlets and number of councillors

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

(2) The parish of Okehampton Hamlets is divided into three parish wards named respectively—

(a) Little Fatherford;

(b) North;

(c) South.

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

(4) One councillor is to be elected for each of Little Fatherford and South parish wards.

(5) Six councillors are to be elected for North parish ward.

Wards of the parish of Tavistock and number of councillors

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

(2) The parish of Tavistock is divided into three parish wards named respectively—

(a) North;

(**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).