Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 on 19th March 2012; draft to lie for forty days, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 0000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Buckinghamshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012

Made - - - -

Coming into force in accordance with article 2

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**1**) ("the 2009 Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**2**) published a report dated January 2012 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Buckinghamshire.

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 Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided to give effect to the recommendations for electoral changes and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 59(1) of the 2009 Act makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Buckinghamshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012.

Commencement

2.—(1) This Order, with the exception of article numbers 5 to 13, comes into force —

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of councillors for county electoral divisions, on 15th October 2012;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013.

(2) Articles 5 to 13 come into force—

(**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).

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors, on 15th October 2014;

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

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Buckinghamshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012", of which prints 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 Buckinghamshire and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county of Buckinghamshire are abolished.

(2) The county is divided into forty-nine electoral divisions each bearing a name listed in the Schedule.

(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 Amersham and number of councillors

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

(2) The parish is divided into five wards named respectively—

(a) Amersham Common;

(b) Amersham Common West;

(c) Amersham-on-the-Hill;

(d) Amersham Town;

(e) Weedon Hill.

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

(4) Five councillors are to be elected for Amersham-on-the-Hill ward.

(5) Three councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Amersham Common;

(b) Amersham Common West.

(6) Two councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Amersham Town;

(b) Weedon Hill.

(**3**) 1983 c.2. Section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), section 17 of the Greater London Authority Act l999 (c.29) and section 60 (1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

Wards of the parish of Aylesbury and number of councillors

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

(2) The parish is divided into thirteen wards named respectively—

(a) Central;

(b) Bedgrove South;

(c) Elmhurst;

(d) Gatehouse;

(e) Mandeville;

(f) Oakfield North;

(g) Oakfield South;

(h) Oxford Road;

(i) Quarrendon;

(j) Southcourt;

(k) Walton;

(l) Walton Court and Hawkslade North;

(m) Walton Court and Hawkslade South.

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

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Gatehouse;

(b) Mandeville;

(c) Southcourt.

(5) Two councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Central;

(b) Bedgrove South;

(c) Elmhurst;

(d) Oakfield South;

(e) Oxford Road;

(f) Quarrendon.

(6) One councillor is to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Oakfield North;

(b) Walton;

(c) Walton Court and Hawkslade North;

(d) Walton Court and Hawkslade South.

Wards of the parish of Beaconsfield and number of councillors

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

(2) The parish is divided into four wards named respectively—

(a) Beaconsfield Central;

(b) Beaconsfield North;

(c) Beaconsfield South;

(d) Beaconsfield West.

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

(4) Six councillors are to be elected for Beaconsfield North ward.

(5) Five councillors are to be elected for Beaconsfield West ward.

(6) Three councillors are to be elected for Beaconsfield Central ward.

(7) Two councillors are to be elected for Beaconsfield South ward.

Wards of the parish of Burnham and number of councillors

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Burnham are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into five wards named respectively—

(a) Burnham Beeches;

(b) Burnham Church;

(c) Burnham Church South;

(d) Burnham Lent Rise;

(e) Burnham South.

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

(4) Eight councillors are to be elected for Burnham Lent Rise ward.

(5) Five councillors are to be elected for Burnham Church ward.

(6) Three councillors are to be elected for Burnham Beeches ward.

(7) Two councillors are to be elected for Burnham Church South ward.

(8) One councillor is to be elected for Burnham South ward.

Wards of the parish of Farnham Royal and number of councillors

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

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

(a) Farnham Royal Central;

(b) Farnham Royal North;

(c) Farnham Royal South.

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

(4) Seven councillors are to be elected for Farnham Royal North ward.

(5) Three councillors are to be elected for Farnham Royal Central.

(6) One councillor is to be elected for Farnham Royal South ward.

Wards of the parish of Little Chalfont and number of councillors

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

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

(a) Little Chalfont;

(b) Little Chalfont North-East;

(c) Little Chalfont South.

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