Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 on 29th November 2010; 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.

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2011 No. 0000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Bedford (Electoral Changes) Order 2011

Made - - - -

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 2009 Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**2**) published a report dated October 2010 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Bedford(**3**).

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 and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Bedford (Electoral Changes) Order 2011.

(2) This Order comes into force—

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

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2011.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(**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 non-metropolitan district of Bedford has the status of a borough.

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Bedford (Electoral Changes) Order 2011", 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(**4**).

Wards of the district of Bedford and number of councillors

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

(2) The district is divided into twenty-seven wards each bearing a name listed in column 1 of the Schedule.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in column 2 of 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 Kempston and number of councillors

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

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

(a) Kempston Central and East;

(b) Kempston North;

(c) Kempston South;

(d) Kempston 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 Kempston Central and East ward.

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

(a) Kempston North;

(b) Kempston South;

(c) Kempston West.

Wards of the parish of Renhold and number of councillors

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

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

(a) Renhold North;

(b) South West;

(c) The Spires.

(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 Renhold North ward.

(**4**) 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 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).