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2002 No. 2241

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Borough of Christchurch (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - *29th August 2002*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England**(a)**, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992**(b)**, has submitted to the Electoral Commission**(c)** a report dated April 2002 on its review of the borough**(d)** of Christchurch together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with one modification, to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17**(e)** and 26**(f)** of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Borough of Christchurch (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 1st May 2003, on 15th October 2002;

(b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"borough" means the borough of Christchurch;

"existing", in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

(a) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.

(b) 1992 c.19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992, to the extent that they relate to electoral changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) The non-metropolitan district of Christchurch has the status of a borough.

(e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962. There are amendments to this section made otherwise than by S.I. 2001/3962 that are not relevant to this Order.

(f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked "Map referred to in the Borough of Christchurch (Electoral Changes) Order 2002", of which prints are available for inspection at—

(a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and

(b) the offices of Christchurch Borough Council.

Wards of the borough of Christchurch

3.—(1) The existing wards of the borough**(a)** shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into eleven wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) The wards shall comprise the area described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to parishes or, where an area is not so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of the Schedule.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Maps

4. Christchurch Borough Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map referred to in the Borough of Christchurch (Electoral Changes) Order 2002" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral registers

5. The Electoral Registration Officer**(b)** for the borough shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Revocation

6. The Borough of Christchurch (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978**(c)** is revoked, save for article 8.

(a) *See* the Borough of Christchurch (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1841).

(b) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, see sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).

(c) S.I. 1978/1841.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

29th August 2002 — *Pamela Gordon*, Commissioner

13th August 2002 — *Glyn Mathias*, Commissioner

7th August 2002 — *Neil McIntosh*, Commissioner

7th August 2002 — *Karamjit Singh*, Commissioner

7th August 2002 — *Sam Younger*, Commissioner

15th August 2002 — *Graham Zellick*, Commissioner

SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Burton and Winkton	The parish of Burton	2
Grange		2
Highcliffe		2
Jumpers		2
Mudeford and Friars Cliff		3
North Highcliffe and Walkford		2
Portfield		2
Purewell and Stanpit		2
St Catherine's and Hurn		2
Town Centre		2
West Highcliffe		3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with one modification, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the borough of Christchurch.

The modification relates to the boundary between the North Highcliffe and Walkford borough ward and the West Highcliffe borough ward.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of 11 new wards. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 5 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 6 revokes the Borough of Christchurch (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1841), with the exception of article 8.

The areas of the new borough wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Christchurch Borough Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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