STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 1175

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Dartford (Electoral Changes) Order 2018

Made - - - - 13th November 2018

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) published a report dated June 2018 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the borough of Dartford, and have decided to give effect to those recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House of Parliament has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Local Government Boundary Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Dartford (Electoral Changes) Order 2018.

(2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Articles 3 and 4 come into force—

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

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

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, any reference to "the map" means the map held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**d**) which is marked "Map referred to in the Dartford (Electoral Changes) Order 2018".

(**a**) 2009 c. 20.

(**b**) 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**) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

(**d**) Printed copies of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principle office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st floor, Windsor House, Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0TL. The map may also be accessed online at http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/kent/dartford

(2) 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 borough of Dartford and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the borough of Dartford are abolished.

(2) The borough of Dartford is divided into 20 wards as listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.

(3) Each ward comprises the area identified 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 the second column of the table in Schedule 1.

Wards of the parishes of Darenth, Stone, Swanscombe & Greenhithe, and Wilmington

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parishes of Darenth, Stone, Swanscombe & Greenhithe, and Wilmington are abolished.

(2) The parish of Darenth is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Stone is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Swanscombe & Greenhithe is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) The parish of Wilmington is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 4 in Schedule 2.

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

(7) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

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

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Jolyon Jackson
Chief Executive
13th November 2018 Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Names of wards and numbers of councillors

(1) *Name of ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Bean & Village Park	1
Brent	2
Bridge	1
Burnham	1
Darenth	1
Ebbsfleet	3
Greenhithe & Knockhall	3
Heath	2
Joyden's Wood	2
Longfield, New Barn & Southfleet	3
Maypole & Leyton Cross	1
Newtown	2
Princes	2
Stone Castle	3
Stone House	2
Swanscombe	2
Temple Hill	3
Town	2
West Hill	3
Wilmington, Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley	3

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Names of parish wards and numbers of councillors

Table 1

Wards of the parish of Darenth

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Darenth Valley	2
Fleetdown	2
Green Street Green	1
Lane End	7

Table 2

Wards of the parish of Stone

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Milestone	2
St John's	3
Stone Castle	7

Table 3

Wards of the parish of Swanscombe & Greenhithe

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Ebbsfleet	7
Greenhithe & Knockhall	7
Swanscombe	6

Table 4

Wards of the parish of Wilmington

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Birchwood	3
Maypole	1
Princes	1
Wilmington Central	4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the borough of Dartford following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the borough of Dartford remains unchanged. The changes made by this Order apply in respect of local government elections held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral wards of the borough of Dartford and replaces them with 20 new ones. It establishes the names and areas of the new electoral wards and the number of councillors for each.

Article 4 makes changes to parish wards which are consequential to the changes made by article 3.

The area covered by each ward created by this Order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st floor, Windsor House, Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. The map may also be accessed at http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/kent/dartford

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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