This Draft Statutory Instrument has been printed to correct errors in the preparation of S.I. 2024/1180 and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument.

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

D R A F T S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

2026 No. ****

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Essex (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2026

Made - - - - ***

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), (3) and (4)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) ("the Act"), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) ("the Commission") published a report dated July 2024(**c**) stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Essex, which it gave effect to by making the Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2024(**d**) under section 59(1) of the Act.

The Commission is satisfied that mistakes have occurred in the preparation of that Order and that the mistakes are such that it can be rectified by a subsequent order under section 59(1) of the Act by virtue of section 14 of the Interpretation Act 1978(**e**).

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act. A draft of this instrument has been laid before each House of Parliament, a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Essex (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2026.

(2) This article, article 2, article 3 and article 6 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(**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 report is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/essex.
(**d**) S.I. 2024/1180.
(**e**) 1978 c. 30.

(3) Articles 4 and 7 come into force—

(a) for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2027;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England(**a**) in 2028.

(4) Articles 5 and 8 come into force—

(a) for the purposes 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 in England in 2026.

(5) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

Amendment of the Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2024

2. The Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 is amended as follows.

Amendment of article 5 (parish wards of the parishes of Chelmsford Garden, Ramsey & Parkeston, Rayleigh and Rochford)

3. In article 5—

(a) for the heading substitute "Parish wards of the parishes of Chelmsford Garden and Ramsey & Parkeston";

(b) omit paragraphs (4) and (5).

Insertion of article 5A

4. After article 5 insert—

"Parish wards of the parish of Rayleigh

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

(2) The parish of Rayleigh is divided into the eight parish wards listed in the first column of the Table in Schedule 3A.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of the Table in Schedule 3A.".

Insertion of article 5B

5. After article 5A insert—

"Parish wards of the parish of Rochford

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

(2) The parish of Rochford is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of the Table in Schedule 3B.

(**a**) 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), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of the Table in Schedule 3B.".

Amendment of Schedule 3 (names of parish wards and number of councillors for the parishes of Chelmsford Garden, Ramsey & Parkeston, Rayleigh and Rochford)

6. In Schedule 3—

(a) for the heading substitute "Names of parish wards and number of councillors for the parishes of Chelmsford Garden and Ramsey & Parkeston";

(b) omit Table 3 (parish wards of the parish of Rayleigh and number of councillors); and

(c) omit Table 4 (parish wards of the parish of Rochford and number of councillors).

Insertion of Schedule 3A

7. After Schedule 3 insert—

"SCHEDULE 3A

Article 5A

Names of parish wards and number of councillors for the parish of Rayleigh

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Grange	5
King Georges	2
Lodge	4
Sweyne Park	3
Trinity	5
Victoria	1
Wheatley	2
Whitehouse	1".

Insertion of Schedule 3B

8. After Schedule 3A insert—

"SCHEDULE 3B

Article 5B

Names of parish wards and number of councillors for the parish of Rochford

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
King Edmund	6
South	4
South East	5
Waterman	2".

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

Name
Chief Executive
Date Local Government Boundary Commission for England

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (S.I. 2024/1180) gave effect to recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Essex stated in the Local Government Boundary Commission's report of July 2024.

The Commission has identified errors in S.I. 2024/1180, and it is those errors that are being corrected by this Order.

The report to which effect is given by S.I. 2024/1180 is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/essex.

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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