This Draft Statutory Instrument supersedes the draft of the same title which was laid before Parliament on 21st January 2026 and published on that same day (ISBN 978-0-348-27861-3). It is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Draft Statutory Instrument.

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), (4) and (5)

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. This report was amended in January 2026.

The Commission is satisfied that mistakes have occurred in the preparation of that Order and that the mistakes are such that it cannot 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(6) 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.

(**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, as amended by S.I. 2025/137.
(**e**) 1978 c. 30.

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

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

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

(3) Articles 2 and 5 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 2027.

(4) Articles 3 and 6 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 in 2028.

(5) Articles 4 and 7 come into force—

(a) for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2029;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2030.

(6) In this Order, "the 2024 Order" means the Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2024.

(7) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Substitution of article 5 of the 2024 Order

2. For article 5 of the 2024 Order substitute—

"Parish wards of the parishes of Chelmsford Garden and Ramsey & Parkeston

5.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Chelmsford Garden and Ramsey & Parkeston are abolished.

(2) The parish of Chelmsford Garden is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 3.

(3) The parish of Ramsey & Parkeston is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 3.

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

(5) 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 relevant table in Schedule 3.".

Insertion of article 5A into the 2024 Order

3. After article 5 of the 2024 Order 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 into the 2024 Order

4. After article 5A of the 2024 Order (as inserted by article 3 of this Order) 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.

(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.".

Substitution of Schedule 3 to the 2024 Order

5. For Schedule 3 to the 2024 Order (names of parish wards and number of councillors for the parishes of Chelmsford Garden, Ramsey & Parkeston, Rayleigh and Rochford) substitute—

"SCHEDULE 3 *Article 5*

Names of parish wards and number of councillors for the parishes of Chelmsford Garden and Ramsey & Parkeston

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Chelmsford Garden and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Central	2
East	1
North	1
South	6
South West	3

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Ramsey & Parkeston and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Hewitt Road	2
Parkeston	4

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Ramsey	5”.

Insertion of Schedule 3A into the 2024 Order

6. After Schedule 3 to the 2024 Order 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 into the 2024 Order

7. 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. That Order contained errors with respect to the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward of the parish of Rochford, and the commencement dates for the new electoral arrangements for Rayleigh and Rochford parishes.

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.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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