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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012

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Coming into force in accordance with article 2

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) ("the 2009 Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) published a report dated October 2011 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Gloucestershire.

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

1. This Order may be cited as the Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012.

Commencement

2.—(1) This Order, with the exception of articles 5 to 9, comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of councillors for county electoral divisions, on 15th October 2012;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013.

(2) Articles 5 to 9 come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors on 15th October 2014;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015.

(**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.20).

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012", 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(**a**).

Electoral divisions of the county of Gloucestershire and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county of Gloucestershire are abolished.

(2) The county is divided into fifty-three electoral divisions each bearing a name listed in the Schedule.

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

(4) One councillor is to be elected for each electoral division.

(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 Cainscross and number of councillors

5.—(1) The parish of Cainscross is divided into four wards named respectively—

(a) Cainscross;

(b) Cashes Green East;

(c) Cashes Green West;

(d) Ebley.

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

(3) Four councillors are to be elected for Cashes Green West ward.

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Cashes Green East;

(b) Ebley.

(5) Two councillors are to be elected for Cainscross ward.

Wards of the parish of Cinderford and number of councillors

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Cinderford are abolished.

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

(a) Cinderford East;

(b) Cinderford North;

(c) Cinderford West.

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

(4) Eight councillors are to be elected for Cinderford West ward.

(5) Six councillors are to be elected for Cinderford East ward.

(**a**) 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).

(6) One councillor is to be elected for Cinderford North ward.

Wards of the parish of Mitcheldean and number of councillors

7.—(1) The parish of Mitcheldean is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Mitcheldean North;

(b) Mitcheldean South.

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

(3) Nine councillors are to be elected for Mitcheldean North ward.

(4) One councillor is to be elected for Mitcheldean South ward.

Wards of the parish of Quedgeley and number of councillors

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Quedgeley are abolished.

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

(a) Quedgeley Brook;

(b) Quedgeley Central;

(c) Quedgeley Fieldcourt;

(d) Quedgeley Severn Vale.

(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 each of the following wards:

(a) Quedgeley Central;

(b) Quedgeley Fieldcourt;

(c) Quedgeley Severn Vale.

(5) One councillor is to be elected for Quedgeley Brook ward.

Wards of the parish of Ruspidge and Soudley and number of councillors

9.—(1) The parish of Ruspidge and Soudley is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Ruspidge and Soudley East;

(b) Ruspidge and Soudley West.

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

(3) Seven councillors are to be elected for Ruspidge and Soudley West ward.

(4) Two councillors are to be elected for Ruspidge and Soudley East ward.

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

Chairman
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULE

Article 4

Names of county electoral divisions

In Cheltenham Borough
All Saints and Oakley
Battledown and Charlton Kings
Benhall and Up Hatherley
Charlton Park and College
Hesters Way and Springbank
Lansdown and Park
Leckhampton and Warden Hill
Pittville and Prestbury
St Mark's and St Peter's
St Paul's and Swindon
In Cotswold District
Bourton-on-the-Water and Northleach
Campden-Vale
Cirencester Beeches
Cirencester Park
Fairford and Lechlade on Thames
South Cerney
Stow-on-the-Wold
Tetbury
In Forest of Dean District
Blakeney and Bream
Cinderford
Coleford
Drybrook and Lydbrook
Lydney
Mitcheldean
Newent
Sedbury
In Gloucester City
Abbey
Barnwood and Hucclecote
Barton and Tredworth
Coney Hill and Matson
Grange and Kingsway
Hempsted and Westgate
Kingsholm and Wotton
Longlevens
Quedgeley
Tuffley
In Stroud District
Bisley and Painswick
Cam Valley
Dursley
Hardwicke and Severn

Minchinhampton
Nailsworth
Rodborough
Stonehouse
Stroud Central
Wotton-under-Edge
In Tewkesbury Borough
Bishop's Cleeve
Brockworth
Churchdown
Highnam
Tewkesbury
Tewkesbury East
Winchcombe and Woodmancote

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Gloucestershire following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the county remains unchanged.

The electoral changes apply in respect of local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013.

Article 4 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county and replaces them with 53 new ones. That article, the map and the Schedule also establish the names and areas of the new electoral divisions and the number of councillors for each electoral division.

Article 5 establishes 4 wards for the parish of Cainscross. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 6 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Cinderford and replaces them with 3 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 7 establishes 2 wards for the parish of Mitcheldean. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 8 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Quedgeley and replaces them with 4 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 9 establishes 2 wards for the parish of Ruspidge and Soudley. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

The map defined in article 3 shows the new county electoral divisions and parish wards. It is available at www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/gloucestershire/gloucestershire-single-member-ward-review; it is also available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of the council of the county of Gloucestershire and at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England at Layden House, 76 – 86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG.

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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