This draft Statutory Instrument supersedes the draft of the Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 which was laid before Parliament on 25th July 2024 and published on 26th July 2024 (ISBN 9780348262582). It is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that draft 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.

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2025 No. ****

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2025

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 March 2024(**c**) stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for Gloucestershire. The Commission has decided to give effect to the 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 has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2025.

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

(3) Article 3 comes into force—

(**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 http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/gloucestershire/.

(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 in England(**a**) in 2025.

(4) Article 4 comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2026;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2027.

(5) Articles 5 and 6 come into force—

(a) for the purpose 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.

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

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2025", held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**).

(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.

Electoral divisions of Gloucestershire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of Gloucestershire are abolished.

(2) Gloucestershire is divided into the 55 electoral divisions listed in Schedule 1.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division is one.

Parish wards of the parishes of Badgeworth, Bishop's Cleeve and Cirencester

4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Badgeworth, Bishop's Cleeve and Cirencester are abolished.

(2) The parish of Badgeworth is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Bishop's Cleeve is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Cirencester is divided into the nine parish wards listed in the first column of Table 3 in Schedule 2.

(**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).

(**b**) Prints of the map are 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 http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/gloucestershire/.

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

(6) 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 2.

Parish wards of the parish of Hamfallow

5.—(1) The parish of Hamfallow is divided into two parish wards, namely—

(a) Hamfallow North;

(b) Hamfallow South.

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

(3) 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 Table 1 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Randwick and Westrip

6.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parish of Randwick and Westrip are abolished.

(2) The parish of Randwick and Westrip is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 3.

(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 relevant table in Schedule 3.

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

Name
Chief Executive
Date Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Electoral Divisions of Gloucestershire

1. Abbey

2. All Saints & Oakley

3. Barnwood & Hucclecote

4. Barton & Tredworth

5. Battledown & Charlton Kings

6. Benhall & Up Hatherley

7. Bishop's Cleeve

8. Bisley & Painswick

9. Blakeney & Bream

10. Bourton-on-the-Water & Northleach

11. Brockworth

12. Cam Valley

13. Campden-Vale

14. Charlton Park & College

15. Churchdown

16. Cinderford

17. Cirencester North with Ermin

18. Cirencester Park

19. Coleford

20. Coney Hill & Matson

21. Drybrook & Lydbrook

22. Dursley

23. Fairford & Lechlade on Thames

24. Grange & Kingsway

25. Hardwicke & Severn

26. Haresfield & Upton St Leonards

27. Hempsted & Westgate

28. Hesters Way & Springbank

29. Highnam

30. Kingsholm & Wotton

31. Lansdown & Park

32. Leckhampton & Warden Hill

33. Longlevens

34. Lydney

35. Minchinhampton

36. Mitcheldean

37. Moreton, Stow & the Rissingtons

38. Nailsworth

39. Newent

40. Pittville & St Paul's

41. Prestbury & Swindon Village

42. Quedgeley

43. Rodborough

44. Sedbury

45. Severn Vale

46. South Cerney

47. St Mark's & St Peter's

48. Stonehouse

49. Stroud Central

50. Tetbury

51. Tewkesbury East

52. Tewkesbury West

53. Tuffley & Moreland

54. Winchcombe & Woodmancote

55. Wotton-under-Edge

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Names of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Badgeworth and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Badgeworth	6
Bentham	1
Little Witcombe	2

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Bishop's Cleeve and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Cleeve Central	4
Cleeve Grange	4
Cleeve St Michaels	8
Cleeve West	4

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Cirencester and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Abbey	1
Chesterton	2
Four Acres	2
New Mills	2
St Michael's	2
Stratton	2
The Beeches	2
Watermoor	2
Whiteway	1

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 5 and 6

Names of parish wards and number of councillors for the parish of Hamfallow and the parish of Randwick and Westrip

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Hamfallow and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Hamfallow North	5
Hamfallow South	4

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Randwick and Westrip and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Randwick	3
South East	3
South West	3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for Gloucestershire following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This Order does not change the boundary of Gloucestershire itself.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of Gloucestershire and replaces them with the 55 new ones listed in Schedule 1 for the purpose of elections held on or after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2025. It also establishes the names and areas of the new electoral divisions and the number of councillors for each.

Articles 4 and 6 make changes to parish wards that are consequential on the changes made by article 3. The changes to parish wards introduced by articles 4 and 6 come into force for the purpose of parish elections in 2027 and 2028 respectively, and subsequent parish elections.

Article 5 makes similar provision specifically for the new parish wards of the parish of Hamfallow, which was previously un-warded, for the purpose of parish elections in 2028 and subsequent parish elections.

The area covered by each electoral division 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, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ.

This map may also be accessed at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/gloucestershire/.

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

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