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.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024

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 May 2024(**c**) stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for Staffordshire. 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 Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024.

(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) 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;

(**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, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/staffordshire/.

(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) 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 Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024", 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 Staffordshire and number of councillors

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

(2) Staffordshire is divided into the 62 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.

Certain parishes in Staffordshire

4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes listed in paragraph (2) are abolished.

(2) The parishes referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(a) Berkswich;

(b) Branston;

(c) Burntwood;

(d) Creswell;

(e) Hednesford;

(f) Hopton & Coton;

(g) Horninglow & Eton;

(h) Leek;

(i) Outwoods;

(j) Rugeley;

(k) Stone;

(**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, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. It is also accessible online at http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/staffordshire/.

(l) Uttoxeter.

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

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

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

(6) The parish of Creswell is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 4 in Schedule 2.

(7) The parish of Hednesford is divided into the six parish wards listed in the first column of Table 5 in Schedule 2.

(8) The parish of Hopton & Coton is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 6 in Schedule 2.

(9) The parish of Horninglow & Eton is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of Table 7 in Schedule 2.

(10) The parish of Leek is divided into the seven parish wards listed in the first column of Table 8 in Schedule 2.

(11) The parish of Outwoods is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of Table 9 in Schedule 2.

(12) The parish of Rugeley is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of Table 10 in Schedule 2.

(13) The parish of Stone is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of Table 11 in Schedule 2.

(14) The parish of Uttoxeter is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 12 in Schedule 2.

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

(16) 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.

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

Chief Executive
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Electoral Divisions of Staffordshire

1. Audley & Chesterton

2. Biddulph North

3. Biddulph South & Endon

4. Bradwell & Porthill

5. Brereton & Ravenhill

6. Brewood

7. Burntwood North

8. Burntwood South

9. Burton South

10. Burton Tower

11. Burton Town

12. Burton Trent

13. Cannock Town

14. Caverswall

15. Chadsmoor

16. Cheadle & Checkley

17. Cheslyn Hay Village, Featherstone & Shareshill

18. Churnet Valley

19. Codsall

20. Dove

21. Eccleshall & Gnosall

22. Etching Hill & The Heath

23. Great Wyrley & Essington

24. Hawks Green, Rawnsley & Cannock Wood

25. Hednesford North

26. Kidsgrove

27. Kinver

28. Leek Rural

29. Leek South

30. Lichfield City North

31. Lichfield City South

32. Lichfield Rural East

33. Lichfield Rural North

34. Lichfield Rural South

35. Lichfield Rural West

36. May Bank & Wolstanton

37. Needwood Forest

38. Newcastle Rural

39. Newcastle South

40. Norton Canes, Heath Hayes & Wimblebury

41. Penkridge

42. Perrycrofts

43. Perton

44. Silverdale & Knutton

45. Stafford Central

46. Stafford North

47. Stafford South East

48. Stafford South West

49. Stafford Trent Valley

50. Stafford West & Rural

51. Stone Rural North

52. Stone Urban

53. Stretton

54. Talke & Red Street

55. The Cotes/Two Rivers

56. The Heaths

57. Uttoxeter Rural

58. Uttoxeter Town

59. Watling

60. Westlands, Thistleberry & Keele

61. Wilnecote

62. Wombourne

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Names of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Berkswich and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Milford	2
Walton-on-the-Hill	8

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Branston and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Branston	8
Henhurst North	2
Henhurst South	1

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Burntwood and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Boney Hay & Central	5
Chase Terrace	4
Chasetown North	1
Chasetown South	4
Gorstey Ley	1
Highfield	1
Hunslet	1
Summerfield & All Saints	5

Table 4

Parish wards of the parish of Creswell and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Creswell East	4
Creswell West	1

Table 5

Parish wards of the parish of Hednesford and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Green Heath	3
Hawks Green	1
Hednesford Hills	1
Keys Park East	1
Keys Park West	1
Pye Green	3

Table 6

Parish wards of the parish of Hopton & Coton and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Hopton & Coton	3
Tixall Road	4

Table 7

Parish wards of the parish of Horninglow & Eton and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Beaconsfield Road	1
Eton	6
Horninglow East	6
Horninglow West	2

Table 8

Parish wards of the parish of Leek and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Birchall	1
Leek Brook	1
Leek East	2

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

Table 9

Parish wards of the parish of Outwoods and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Central	5
North	2
South East	3
South West	1

Table 10

Parish wards of the parish of Rugeley and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Etching Hill	9
Hagley West	3
Pear Tree	2
Western Springs North	3
Western Springs South	2

Table 11

Parish wards of the parish of Stone and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
St Michael's East	2
St Michael's West	3
Stonefield & Christchurch	6
Walton North	3
Walton South	4

Table 12

Parish wards of the parish of Uttoxeter and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Heath	8
Rural	1
Town	7

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

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

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of Staffordshire and replaces them with the 62 new ones listed in Schedule 1 for the purpose of elections to be 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.

Article 4 makes changes to parish wards which are consequential on the changes made by article 3. The changes to parish wards introduced by article 4 come into force for the purpose of parish elections in 2027 and in respect of subsequent parish elections.

The area covered by each 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, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL.

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

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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