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The Tower Hamlets (Electoral Changes) Order 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

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**) published a report dated March 2013 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the London borough of Tower Hamlets. 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 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 and Commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Tower Hamlets (Electoral Changes) Order 2013.

(2) This Order comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2013;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014.

(3) In this article, "ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**c**).

Wards of the London borough of Tower Hamlets and number of councillors

2.—(1) The existing wards of the London borough of Tower Hamlets are abolished.

(**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).

(**c**) 1983 c.2; section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60(1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

(2) The London borough is divided into 20 wards, each listed by name in the first column of the Schedule.

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

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

(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.

(6) In this article, "map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Tower Hamlets (Electoral Changes) Order 2013", prints of which are available for inspection at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

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Chairman
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Names of wards and number of councillors

(1) *Name of ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Bethnal Green	3
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	3
Bow East	3
Bow West	2
Bromley North	2
Bromley South	2
Canary Wharf	2
Island Gardens	2
Lansbury	3
Limehouse	1
Mile End	3
Poplar	1
Shadwell	2
Spitalfields & Banglatown	2
St Dunstan's	2
St Katharine's & Wapping	2
St Peter's	3
Stepney Green	2
Weavers	2
Whitechapel	3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the London borough of Tower Hamlets following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the London borough 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 2014.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the London borough of Tower Hamlets and replaces them with 20 new ones. That article, the map (as defined in article 2) and the Schedule also establish the names, areas and number of councillors of the new wards.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new London borough wards. It is available at http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/greater-london/tower-hamlets-fer. The map is also available for inspection at all reasonable times at the offices of Tower Hamlets Council, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG and at the offices 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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