STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 1373

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Mid Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2024

Made - - - - 17th December 2024

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), (3) and (4)

Under section 92(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007(**a**), Mid Devon District Council ("the Council") made recommendations in a review to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) for the related alteration of the boundaries between two county electoral divisions and between two district wards within the Council's area.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided to give effect to the recommendations and makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 92(3) of that Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Mid Devon (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;

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

(**a**) 2007 c. 28 ("the 2007 Act"). Section 92 was amended by paragraph 32 of Schedule 4 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20) ("the 2009 Act").

(**b**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the 2009 Act. The functions of the Electoral Commission under Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the 2007 Act were transferred under section 60 of the 2009 Act to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on 1st April 2010.

(**c**) 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).

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"the Council's Halberton Parish Council Order" means the Mid Devon District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Halberton Parish Council) Order [2023](**a**);

"the Council's Uffculme Parish Council Order" means the Mid Devon District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Uffculme Parish Council) Order [2023](**b**);

"the Council's Willand Parish Council Order" means the Mid Devon District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Willand Parish Council) Order [2023](**c**);

a reference to the "Map" is a reference to the map appended to the Council's Halberton Parish Council Order".

Alteration of county electoral division boundaries

3.—(1) The areas marked A and B on the Map that cease to be part of the parish of Halberton by virtue of the Council's Halberton Parish Council Order and become part of the parish of Uffculme by virtue of the Council's Uffculme Parish Council Order, cease to be part of the Tiverton East county electoral division and become part of the Willand & Uffculme county electoral division.

(2) The area marked C on the Map that ceases to be part of the parish of Halberton by virtue of the Council's Halberton Parish Council Order and becomes part of the parish of Willand by virtue of the Council's Willand Parish Council Order, ceases to be part of the Tiverton East county electoral division and becomes part of the Willand & Uffculme county electoral division.

Alteration of district ward boundaries

4.—(1) The areas marked A and B on the Map that cease to be part of the parish of Halberton by virtue of the Council's Halberton Parish Council Order and become part of the parish of Uffculme by virtue of the Council's Uffculme Parish Council Order, cease to be part of the Halberton district ward and become part of the Lower Culm district ward.

(2) The area marked C on the Map that ceases to be part of the parish of Halberton by virtue of the Council's Halberton Parish Council Order and becomes part of the parish of Willand by virtue of the Council's Willand Parish Council Order, ceases to be part of the Halberton district ward and becomes part of the Lower Culm district ward.

(**a**) That Order was made by Mid Devon District Council on 5th April 2023. A copy of that Order is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of Mid Devon District Council at Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP. It is also available online at: https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-05/mid_devon_district_council_reorganisation_of_community_governance_halberton_parish_council_order_2023.pdf. Such Orders are not required to be made by statutory instrument.

(**b**) That Order was made by Mid Devon District Council on 15th March 2023. A copy of that Order is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of Mid Devon District Council at Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP. It is also available online at: https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/mid_devon_district_council_reorganisation_of_community_governance_uffculme_parish_council_order_2023.pdf. Such Orders are not required to be made by statutory instrument.

(**c**) That Order was made by Mid Devon District Council on 15th March 2023. A copy of that Order is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of Mid Devon District Council at Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP. It is also available online at: https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/mid_devon_district_council_reorganisation_of_community_governance_willand_parish_council_order_2023.pdf. Such Orders are not required to be made by statutory instrument.

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

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Ailsa Irvine
Chief Executive
17th December 2024 The Local Government Boundary for England

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Mid Devon District Council ("the Council") to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for related alterations to the boundaries between two county electoral divisions and between two district wards within the Council's area.

The alterations are a consequence of changes to parish boundaries and warding arrangements under the Mid Devon District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Halberton Parish Council) Order [2023]; the Mid Devon District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Uffculme Parish Council) Order [2023]; and the Mid Devon District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Willand Parish Council) Order [2023]. Those Orders were made by the Council under powers including section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28). Hard copies of those Orders are available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of Mid Devon District Council, Pheonix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP. They are also available online respectively at:

- https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-05/mid_devon_district_council_reorganisation_of_community_governance_halberton_parish_council_order_2023.pdf;
- https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/mid_devon_district_council_reorganisation_of_community_governance_uffculme_parish_council_order_2023.pdf; and
- https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/mid_devon_district_council_reorganisation_of_community_governance_willand_parish_council_order_2023.pdf.

The changes described in article 3 (in relation to county electoral divisions) apply in respect of elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2025. The changes described in article 4 (in relation to district wards) apply in respect of elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2027.

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

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