
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No.

The Hart (Electoral Changes) Order 2012

Citation

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

Commencement

- 2.—(1) This Order, with the exception of article 8, comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of councillors for district wards and the elections of parish councillors, on 15th October 2013;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014.
- (2) Article 8 comes 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.

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Hart (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(1).

Wards of the district of Hart and number of councillors

- 4.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Hart are abolished.
- (2) The district is divided into eleven wards each bearing a name listed in the Schedule.
- (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) Three councillors are to be elected for each ward.
- (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.

(1) 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 1999 (c.29) and section 60 (1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

Elections of the council of the district of Hart

5.—(1) Elections of all councillors for all wards of the district are to be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014⁽²⁾.

(2) The councillors holding office for any ward of the district immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014 are to retire on that date and the newly elected councillors are to come into office on that date.

(3) Of the councillors elected in 2014 for any ward of the district one is to retire in 2015, one in 2016 and one in 2018.

(4) Of the councillors elected in 2014 for any ward of the district—

- (a) the first to retire is, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), to be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and
- (b) the second to retire is, subject to those paragraphs, to be the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes.

(5) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any year, the person to retire in that year is to be determined by lot.

(6) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each year is to be determined by lot.

(7) Where under this article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot is to be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen and the drawing is to be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

Wards of the parish of Church Crookham and number of councillors

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

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

- (a) Church Crookham East;
- (b) Gally Hill;
- (c) Queen Elizabeth.

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

(4) Six councillors are to be elected for Church Crookham East ward.

(5) Three councillors are to be elected for Gally Hill ward.

(6) One councillor is to be elected for Queen Elizabeth ward.

Wards of the parish of Fleet and number of councillors

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Fleet are abolished.

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

- (a) Ancells;
- (b) Calthorpe;
- (c) Central;
- (d) Courtmoor;
- (e) Pondtail.

(2) The system of election by thirds in the district of Hart is established by paragraphs (1) and (9) of article 4 of the District of Hart (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1023).

- (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) Seven councillors are to be elected for Central ward.
- (5) Four councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:
 - (a) Calthorpe;
 - (b) Pondtail.
- (6) Two councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:
 - (a) Ancells;
 - (b) Courtmoor.

Wards of the parish of Yateley and number of councillors

- 8.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Yateley are abolished.
- (2) The parish is divided into three wards named respectively—
 - (a) Frogmore;
 - (b) Yateley East;
 - (c) Yateley West.
 - (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
 - (4) Seven councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:
 - (a) Yateley East;
 - (b) Yateley West.
 - (5) Two councillors are to be elected for Frogmore ward.

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