



## CHAPTER vi.

An Act to increase the number of the Council of the borough of Folkestone in the County of Kent and for other purposes. A.D. 1901.  
[2nd July 1901.]

**W**HEREAS the borough of Folkestone is a borough subject to the Acts relating to municipal corporations and under the government of the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the said borough (herein-after called "the Corporation") acting by the council :

And whereas the borough is divided into three wards called respectively the east ward the west ward and the north ward :

And whereas the council of the borough consists of the mayor four aldermen and fifteen councillors and the said councillors are returned as to six of them by the east ward as to other six by the west ward and as to the remaining three by the north ward :

And whereas it is expedient that the number of the aldermen and councillors of the borough should be increased :

And whereas it is expedient that further provisions should be made with respect to the audit of the accounts of the Corporation :

And whereas it is expedient that other provisions as are in this Act contained should be sanctioned :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas an absolute majority of the whole number of the council at a meeting held on the fifth day of September one thousand nine hundred after ten clear days' notice by public advertisement of such meeting and of the purpose thereof in the Folkestone Daily News a newspaper published and circulating in the borough (such notice being in addition to the ordinary notices required for summoning such meeting) resolved that the expense in relation to promoting the Bill for this Act should be charged on the borough rate of the borough :

A.D. 1901. And whereas such resolution was published twice in the said newspaper and has received the approval of the Local Government Board :

And whereas the propriety of the promotion of the Bill for this Act was confirmed by an absolute majority of the whole number of the council at a further special meeting held in pursuance of a similar notice on the sixth of February one thousand nine hundred and one being not less than fourteen days after the deposit of the Bill in Parliament :

And whereas the owners and ratepayers of the borough by resolution in the manner provided in the Third Schedule of the Public Health Act 1875 consented to the promotion of the Bill for this Act :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Folkestone Corporation Act, 1901.

Increase of Council.

**2.** On and after the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and one the borough shall have twenty-one councillors that is to say six councillors for east ward nine councillors for west ward and six councillors for north ward and on and after the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and one the borough shall have seven aldermen.

First election of additional councillors.

**3.** The first election for the additional councillors shall be held on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and one when there shall be elected three additional councillors for west ward and three additional councillors for north ward and the persons appointed by the council as the returning officer for each of the said wards shall be the returning officers for the purposes of the said election.

Retirement of councillors and aldermen.

**4.**—(1) The six additional councillors elected for the said two wards in the year one thousand nine hundred and one shall retire as follows :—

The councillor for each ward who is elected by the smallest number of votes on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and two ;



The councillor for each ward who is elected by the largest number of votes on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and four ;

The other councillor for each ward on the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and three.

(2) The three additional aldermen elected for the borough on the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and one shall retire as follows :—

The two aldermen elected by the largest number of votes on the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and seven ;

The other alderman on the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and four.

(3) On the expiration of each succeeding period of three years from and after the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and seven the number of aldermen who shall go out of office by rotation shall be alternately three and four instead of one half as prescribed by the Municipal Corporations Act 1882.

(4) If for any reason it be doubtful which of the additional councillors or aldermen as the case may be ought to retire on the said respective dates the council of the borough on the ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and one or at a subsequent meeting not later than the next following quarterly meeting of the council shall by a majority of votes or in case of an equality of votes by the casting vote of the chairman determine which of the councillors or aldermen shall go out of office on the said respective dates.

**5.** Subject to the provisions of this Act all elections vacations of office and rotations shall be governed by the Municipal Corporations Act 1882 and any Act amending the same.

Application  
of Municipal  
Corporations  
Acts.

**6.** The council may at any meeting of the council held after the passing of this Act resolve that from and after a day to be fixed by such resolution sections 25 26 and 27 of the Municipal Corporations Act 1882 and section 246 of the Public Health Act 1875 shall not apply to the accounts of the Corporation or of the treasurer of the borough or of the officers of the Corporation but that the accounts of the Corporation and of the borough treasurer and of the officers of the Corporation under any public or private Act of Parliament shall be audited by the district auditors appointed by the Local Government Board in like manner as accounts of an urban authority and their officers are audited under sections 247 and 250 of the Public Health Act 1875 and those sections and all enactments amending them or applying to audit by district auditors

Audit of  
accounts of  
Corporation.

A.D. 1901. including the enactments imposing penalties and providing for the recovery of sums shall as from the said date apply to the accounts of the Corporation and of their officers as if they were herein re-enacted with the necessary modifications and accordingly all burgesses of the borough and all ratepayers and owners of property in the borough shall have the like rights and there shall be the same appeal as in the case of such audit.

Costs of Act. **7.** All the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act as taxed by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons shall be paid by the Corporation out of the borough fund or borough rate of the borough.

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