
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 4052

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Lewes (Electoral Changes) Order 2001

Made - - - - 20th December 2001

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992⁽¹⁾, has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated August 2001 on its review of the district of Lewes together with its recommendations;

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect to those recommendations;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17⁽²⁾ and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of Lewes (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 1st May 2003, on 15th October 2002;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

(3) In this Order—

“district” means the district of Lewes;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map prepared by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions marked “Map of the District of Lewes (Electoral Changes) Order 2001”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994⁽³⁾.

(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(3) S.I.1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

Wards of the district of Lewes

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(4) shall be abolished

(2) The district shall be divided into twenty-one wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to parishes or parish wards or, where an area is not so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of the Schedule.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Elections of the council of the district of Lewes

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the district of Lewes shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of non-metropolitan district councillors in 2003(5) and every fourth year after 2003.

(2) The term of office of councillors shall be four years; and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in the year of retirement and the newly-elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Wards of the parish of Chailey

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Chailey shall be abolished.

(2) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Chailey shall be eleven.

Wards of the parish of Lewes

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Lewes shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Lewes Bridge, Lewes Castle and Lewes Priory; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name, and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be six.

Wards of the parish of Newhaven

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Newhaven shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Newhaven Denton and Meeching, and Newhaven Valley; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Newhaven Denton and Meeching parish ward shall be eleven and for the Newhaven Valley parish ward shall be seven.

Wards of the parish of Peacehaven

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Peacehaven shall be abolished.

(4) See the District of Lewes (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1111).

(5) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, see section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Peacehaven East, Peacehaven North and Peacehaven West; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Peacehaven East and Peacehaven North parish wards shall be six, and for the Peacehaven West parish ward shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Seaford

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Seaford shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Seaford Central, Seaford East, Seaford North, Seaford South and Seaford West; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name, and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be four.

Revocation

9. The District of Lewes (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

Alan Whitehead
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department for Transport, Local Government
and the Regions

20th December 2001

SCHEDULE

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Barcombe and Hamsey	The parishes of Barcombe and Hamsey	1
Chailey and Wivelsfield	The parishes of Chailey and Wivelsfield	2
Ditchling and Westmeston	The parishes of Ditchling and Westmeston	1
East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs	The parish wards of Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean of the parish of Telscombe	3
Kingston	The parishes of Falmer, Iford, Kingston Near Lewes, Piddinghoe, Rodmell, St Ann (Without) and Southease	1
Lewes Bridge		2
Lewes Castle		2
Lewes Priory		3
Newhaven Denton and Meeching		3
Newhaven Valley		2
Newick	The parish of Newick	1
Ouse Valley and Ringmer	The parishes of Beddingham, Firle, Glynde, Ringmer, South Heighton, and Tarring Neville	3
Peacehaven East		2
Peacehaven North		2
Peacehaven West		2
Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington and St John (Without)	The parishes of East Chiltington, Plumpton, St John (Without) and Streat	1
Seaford Central		2
Seaford East		2
Seaford North		2
Seaford South		2
Seaford West		2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Lewes. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 21 new wards. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 3 makes provision for elections to the council of the district in 2003 and every fourth year after 2003.

Article 4 to 8 make electoral changes in the parishes of Chailey, Lewes, Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford.

Article 9 revokes the district of Lewes (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979.

The areas of the new district wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Lewes Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.