

2004 No. 3247

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The County of East Sussex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004

Made - - - - 9th December 2004

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

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(a), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(b), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(c) recommendations dated July 2004 on its review of the county of East Sussex:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with one modification, to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(d) and 26(e) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County of East Sussex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004.
- (2) This Order, with the exception of article 4, shall come into force –
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.
- (3) Article 4 shall come into force –
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of a parish councillor for the parish of Newhaven to be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2007, on 15th October 2006;

(a) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.

(b) 1992 c.19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 (c.19), to the extent that they relate to electoral changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) This section has been amended by section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 (c.22), S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

(e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of elections in 2007.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –

“county” means the county of East Sussex;

“existing”, in relation to an electoral division or ward, means the electoral division or ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

references to wards, unless the context otherwise requires, are references to district and borough wards in the county(a);

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked “Map referred to in the County of East Sussex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004”, of which prints are available for inspection at –

(a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and

(b) the offices of East Sussex County Council; and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

Electoral divisions of the county of East Sussex

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county(b) shall be abolished.

(2) The county shall be divided into forty-four electoral divisions which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) The electoral divisions shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards, parishes, or parish wards and the number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division shall be the number specified in respect of the electoral division 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.

Wards of the parish of Newhaven

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Newhaven Denton, Newhaven Meeching and Newhaven Valley; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 1 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

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

Maps

5. East Sussex County Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map referred to in the County of East Sussex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

(a) See the Borough of Eastbourne (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4057), the Borough of Hastings (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4056), the District of Lewes (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4052), the District of Rother (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4054), and the District of Wealden (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4053).

(b) See the County of East Sussex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/535). The area of the county of East Sussex was altered by the East Sussex, West Sussex and Kent (County Boundaries) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/2096), the Kent and East Sussex (County Boundaries) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1742), and the East Sussex (Boroughs of Brighton and Hove) (Structural Change) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1770).

Electoral registers

6. The Electoral Registration Officer(a) for each district or borough in the county shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Revocation

7. The County of East Sussex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1982(b) is revoked, save for article 5.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 9th day of December 2004



Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

9th December 2004

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

9th December 2004

SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>
<i>Name of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Area of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
In the borough of Eastbourne		
Devonshire	Devonshire ward	1
Hampden Park	Hampden Park ward	1
Langney	Langney ward	1
Meads	Meads ward	1
Old Town	Old Town ward	1
Ratton	Ratton ward	1
St Anthony's	St Anthony's ward	1
Sovereign	Sovereign ward	1
Upperton	Upperton ward	1
In the borough of Hastings		
Ashdown and Conquest	Ashdown ward; Conquest ward	1
Baird and Ore	Baird ward; Ore ward	1

(a) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, *see* sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).

(b) S.I. 1982/535.

Braybrooke and Castle	Braybrooke ward; Castle ward	1
Central St Leonards and Gensing	Central St Leonards ward; Gensing ward	1
Hollington and Wishing Tree	Hollington ward; Wishing Tree ward	1
Maze Hill and West St Leonards	Maze Hill ward; West St Leonards ward	1
Old Hastings and Tressell	Old Hastings ward; Tressell ward	1
St Helens and Silverhill	St Helens ward; Silverhill ward	1
In the district of Lewes		
Chailey	Chailey and Wivelsfield ward; Ditchling and Westmeston ward; Newick ward; Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington and St John (Without) ward	1
Lewes	Lewes Castle ward; Lewes Priory ward	1
Newhaven and Ouse Valley West	Kingston ward; Newhaven Valley ward; Newhaven Meeching parish ward of Newhaven parish	1
Ouse Valley East	Seaford West ward; Beddingham parish; Firle parish; Glynde parish; South Heighton parish; Tarring Neville parish; Newhaven Denton parish ward of Newhaven parish	1
Peacehaven and Telscombe Towns	East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs ward; Peacehaven East ward; Peacehaven North ward; Peacehaven West ward	2
Ringmer and Lewes Bridge	Barcombe and Hamsey ward; Lewes Bridge ward; Ringmer parish	1
Seaford Blatchington	Seaford Central ward; Seaford North ward	1
Seaford Sutton	Seaford East ward; Seaford South ward	1
In the district of Rother		
Battle and Crowhurst	Battle Town ward; Crowhurst ward; Mountfield parish; Whatlington parish; Netherfield parish ward of Battle parish	1
Bexhill East	Sackville ward; St Michaels ward	1
Bexhill King Offa	Central ward; Collington ward; Old Town ward; St Stephens ward; Sidley ward	2
Bexhill West	Kewhurst ward; St Marks ward	1
Brede Valley and Marsham	Brede Valley ward; Marsham ward	1
Northern Rother	Ewhurst and Sedlescombe ward; Rother Levels ward; Bodiam parish; Salehurst and Robertsbridge parish	1
Rother North West	Ticehurst and Etchingam ward; Brightling parish; Burwash parish; Dallington parish; Hurst Green parish	1
Rye and Eastern Rother	Eastern Rother ward; Rye ward	1
In the district of Wealden		
Alfriston, East Hoathly and Hellingly	Alfriston ward; Chiddingly and East Hoathly ward; Hellingly ward	1
Buxted Maresfield	Buxted and Maresfield ward; Danehill/Fletching/Nutley ward	1
Crowborough	Crowborough East ward; Crowborough Jarvis Brook ward; Crowborough North ward; Crowborough St. Johns ward; Crowborough West ward	2

Forest Row	Forest Row ward; Hartfield ward; Withyham parish; Eridge and Mark Cross parish ward of Rotherfield parish	1
Framfield and Horam	Cross in Hand/Five Ashes ward; Framfield ward; Horam ward; Uckfield Ridgewood ward	1
Hailsham and Herstmonceux	Hailsham Central and North ward; Hailsham East ward; Hailsham South and West ward; Herstmonceux ward; Ninfield and Hooe with Wartling ward	2
Heathfield	Heathfield East ward; Heathfield North and Central ward	1
Pevensey and Westham	Pevensey and Westham ward	1
Polegate, Willingdon and East Dean	East Dean ward; Polegate North ward; Polegate South ward; Willingdon ward	2
Uckfield	Uckfield Central ward; Uckfield New Town ward; Uckfield North ward	1
Wadhurst	Mayfield ward; Rotherfield ward; Wadhurst ward; Frant parish	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with one modification, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the county of East Sussex.

The modification concerns the name of Buxted Maresfield electoral division.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county and provides for the creation of 44 new electoral divisions. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new electoral divisions.

Article 4 makes electoral changes in the parish of Newhaven.

Article 6 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer in each district or borough in the county of East Sussex to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 7 revokes the County of East Sussex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1982, with the exception of article 5.

The areas of the new parish wards of the parish of Newhaven are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of East Sussex County Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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