

2018 No. 1270

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The Bath and North East Somerset (Electoral Changes) Order
2018**

Made - - - - *30th November 2018*

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

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009^(a) (“the Act”), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England^(b) (“the Commission”) published a report dated August 2018 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Bath and North East Somerset. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Bath and North East Somerset (Electoral Changes) Order 2018.

(2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Articles 3 and 4 come 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^(c) in 2019.

(a) 2009 c. 20.

(b) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

(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) and by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, “the map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Bath and North East Somerset (Electoral Changes) Order 2018”, held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(a).

(2) 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.

Wards of the district of Bath and North East Somerset and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Bath and North East Somerset are abolished.

(2) The district of Bath and North East Somerset is divided into 33 wards listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the table in Schedule 1.

Wards of the parishes of Keynsham and Midsomer Norton

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parishes of Keynsham and Midsomer Norton are abolished.

(2) The parish of Keynsham is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Midsomer Norton is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(5) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

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



30th November 2018

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Chief Executive
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

(a) Printed copies of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. The map may also be accessed online at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/somerset/bath-and-north-east-somerset>

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Bath and North East Somerset: names of wards and number of councillors

<i>Names of wards</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Bathavon North	2
Bathavon South	2
Bathwick	2
Chew Valley	2
Clutton & Farmborough	1
Combe Down	2
High Littleton	1
Keynsham East	2
Keynsham North	2
Keynsham South	2
Kingsmead	2
Lambridge	2
Lansdown	2
Mendip	1
Midsomer Norton North	2
Midsomer Norton Redfield	2
Moorlands	1
Newbridge	2
Odd Down	2
Oldfield Park	1
Paulton	2
Peasedown	2
Publow & Whitchurch	1
Radstock	2
Saltford	2
Southdown	2
Timsbury	1
Twerton	2
Walcot	2
Westfield	2
Westmoreland	2
Weston	2
Widcombe & Lyncombe	2

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Names of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Wards of the parish of Keynsham

<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Keynsham East	5
Keynsham North	5
Keynsham South	5

Table 2

Wards of the parish of Midsomer Norton

<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Midsomer Norton North	5
Midsomer Norton Redfield	6

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the district of Bath and North East Somerset following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the district of Bath and North East Somerset remains unchanged. The changes made by this Order apply in respect of local government elections held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral wards of the district of Bath and North East Somerset and replaces them with 33 new ones. It establishes the names and areas of the new electoral wards and the number of councillors for each area.

Article 4 makes changes to parish wards which are consequential to the changes made by article 3.

The area covered by each ward created by this Order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. The map may also be accessed at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/somerset/bath-and-north-east-somerset>

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

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