
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 146

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Borough of Taunton Deane (Electoral Changes) Order 2007

Made - - - - 25th January 2007

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Boundary Committee for England⁽¹⁾, under section 15(4)(2) of the Local Government Act 1992⁽³⁾ (“the 1992 Act”), have conducted a review of the borough⁽⁴⁾ of Taunton Deane and have submitted to the Electoral Commission⁽⁵⁾ recommendations dated July 2006.

A period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations.

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, without modification, to those recommendations.

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 17(6) and 26(7) of the 1992 Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Borough of Taunton Deane (Electoral Changes) Order 2007.

(2) This Order comes 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 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

(1) 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](#) (“the 2000 Act”) (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.

(2) This section has been amended by [S.I. 2001/3962](#).

(3) [1992 c.19](#).

(4) The non-metropolitan district of Taunton Deane has the status of a borough.

(5) The Electoral Commission was established by the [2000 Act](#) (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the [1992 Act](#) (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](#)).

(6) This section has been amended by [S.I. 2001/3962](#) and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

(7) This section has been amended by [S.I. 2001/3962](#).

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“borough” means the borough of Taunton Deane;

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

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Borough of Taunton Deane (Electoral Changes) Order 2007”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(8); and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(9) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Wards of the borough of Taunton Deane

3.—(1) The existing wards of the borough(10) shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into twenty-six wards which shall be named as set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to parishes and 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 Bishop’s Lydeard

4.—(1) The parish of Bishop’s Lydeard shall be divided into two wards which shall be named Bishop’s Lydeard and Cotford St Luke.

(2) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on sheets 1 and 3 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for Bishop’s Lydeard ward shall be ten and for Cotford St Luke ward shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Wellington

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into four wards which shall be named Rockwell Green, Wellington East, Wellington North and Wellington West.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on sheet 2 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(8) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been 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).

(9) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

(10) See the Borough of Taunton Deane (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2461) as amended by the Borough of Taunton Deane (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/3365).

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each of Wellington East, Wellington North and Wellington West wards shall be four and for Rockwell Green ward shall be three.

Map

6. Taunton Deane Borough Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral register

7. The registration officer for the borough 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.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 25th day of January 2007



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Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission
Peter Wardle
Chief Executive to the Commission

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SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>
<i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
Bishop's Hull		2
Bishop's Lydeard	Ash Priors parish; Bishop's Lydeard parish; Combe Florey parish; Cothelstone parish; Halse parish; West Bagborough parish	3
Blackdown	Churchstanton parish; Otterford parish; Pitminster parish	1
Bradford-on-Tone	Bradford-on-Tone parish; Langford Budville parish; Nynehead parish; Oake parish	1
Comeytrowe		3
Milverton and North Deane	Fitzhead parish; Lydeard St Lawrence parish; Milverton parish; Tolland parish	1
Monument	Sampford Arundel parish; Wellington Without parish; West Buckland parish	1
Neroche	Bickenhall parish; Corfe parish; Curland parish; Hatch Beauchamp parish; Orchard Portman parish; Staple Fitzpaine parish; Stoke St. Mary parish; West Hatch parish	1
North Curry and Stoke St Gregory	Burrowbridge parish; Durston parish; North Curry parish; Stoke St. Gregory parish	2
Norton Fitzwarren	Norton Fitzwarren parish	2
Ruishton and Creech	Creech St. Michael parish; Ruishton parish; Thornfalcon parish	2
Staplegrave		2
Taunton Blackbrook and Holway		3
Taunton Eastgate		2
Taunton Fairwater		3
Taunton Halcon		3

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<i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
Taunton Killams and Mountfield		2
Taunton Lyngford		3
Taunton Manor and Wilton		3
Taunton Pyrland and Rowbarton		3
Trull	Trull parish ward of Trull parish	1
Wellington East	Wellington East parish ward of Wellington parish	2
Wellington North	Wellington North parish ward of Wellington parish	2
Wellington Rockwell Green and West	Rockwell Green and Wellington West parish wards of Wellington parish	3
West Monkton	West Monkton parish; Maidenbrook parish ward of Cheddon Fitzpaine parish	3
Wiveliscombe and West Deane	Ashbrittle parish; Bathealton parish; Chipstable parish; Stawley parish; Wiveliscombe parish	2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to the electoral arrangements for the borough of Taunton Deane following recommendations made by the Boundary Committee for England to the Electoral Commission.

The Electoral Commission accepted the Boundary Committee's recommendations without modification.

The electoral changes apply in respect of local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and replaces them with 26 new ones. That article, the Schedule and the map also establish the names and areas of the new borough wards and the numbers of borough councillors for each ward.

Article 4 establishes 2 parish wards for the parish of Bishop's Lydeard. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new parish wards and the numbers of parish councillors for each ward.

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Article 5 abolishes the existing parish wards of the parish of Wellington and replaces them with 4 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new parish wards and the numbers of parish councillors for each ward.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new borough and parish wards. It is available at www.boundarycommittee.org.uk/your-area/tauntondeane.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Taunton Deane Borough Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.