

2018 No. 536

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The West Berkshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2018

Made - - - - *26th April 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 16th January 2018 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of West Berkshire. The Commission has decided to give effect to those recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before each House of Parliament, 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) and (4) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the West Berkshire (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 and Wales 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 paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) as prospectively amended 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 West Berkshire (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 West Berkshire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of West Berkshire are abolished.

(2) The district of West Berkshire is divided into 24 wards as 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 Cold Ash, Newbury, Greenham, Thatcham and Tilehurst

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parishes of Cold Ash, Newbury, Greenham, Thatcham and Tilehurst are abolished.

(2) The parish of Cold Ash is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Newbury is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

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

(5) The parish of Thatcham is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 4 in Schedule 2.

(6) The parish of Tilehurst is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 5 in Schedule 2.

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

(8) 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



(a) Prints of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP. It is also accessible online at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/berkshire/west-berkshire>

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Names of district wards and number of councillors

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of district ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Aldermaston	1
Basildon	1
Bradfield	1
Bucklebury	1
Burghfield & Mortimer	3
Chieveley & Cold Ash	2
Downlands	1
Hungerford & Kintbury	3
Lambourn	1
Newbury Central	2
Newbury Clay Hill	2
Newbury Greenham	3
Newbury Speen	2
Newbury Wash Common	3
Pangbourne	1
Ridgeway	1
Thatcham Central	2
Thatcham Colthrop & Crookham	1
Thatcham North East	2
Thatcham West	2
Theale	1
Tilehurst & Purley	3
Tilehurst Birch Copse	2
Tilehurst South & Holybrook	2

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Names of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Wards of the parish of Cold Ash

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Cold Ash	7
Florence Gardens	1
Little Copse	1
Manor Park & Manor Fields	2

Table 2**Wards of the parish of Newbury**

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Clay Hill	5
East Fields	5
Speenhamland	2
Wash Common	6
West Fields	5

Table 3**Wards of the parish of Greenham**

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Common	10
Sandleford	5

Table 4**Wards of the parish of Thatcham**

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Central	5
Crookham	3
North East	5
West	5

Table 5**Wards of the parish of Tilehurst**

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Calcot	1
Central	9
North	8

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the district of West Berkshire following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the district 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 West Berkshire and replaces them with 24 new ones. It establishes the names and areas of the new electoral wards and the number of councillors for each.

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, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP. The map may also be accessed at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/berkshire/west-berkshire>

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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