

2012 No. 161

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Rushmoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2012

Made - - - - *24th January 2012*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009^(a) (“the 2009 Act”) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England^(b) published a report dated October 2011 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Rushmoor^(c).

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

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided to give effect to the recommendations for electoral changes and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 59(1) of the 2009 Act makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Rushmoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2012.
- (2) This Order comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of councillors for district wards, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2012.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Rushmoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2012”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983^(d).

(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.20).
(c) The non-metropolitan district of Rushmoor has the status of a borough.
(d) 1983 c.2. Section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), section 17 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

Wards of the district of Rushmoor and number of councillors

- 3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Rushmoor are abolished.
- (2) The district is divided into thirteen wards each bearing a name listed in the Schedule.
- (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) Three councillors are to be elected for each ward.
- (5) 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.

Elections of the council of the district of Rushmoor

- 4.—(1) Elections of all councillors for all wards of the district are to be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2012^(a).
- (2) The councillors holding office for any ward of the district immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2012 are to retire on that date and the newly elected councillors are to come into office on that date.
- (3) Of the councillors elected in 2012 for any ward of the district one is to retire in 2014, one in 2015 and one in 2016.
- (4) Of the councillors elected in 2012 for any ward of the district—
- (a) the first to retire is, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), to be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and
- (b) the second to retire is, subject to those paragraphs, to be the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes.
- (5) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any year, the person to retire in that year is to be determined by lot.
- (6) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each year is to be determined by lot.
- (7) Where under this article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot is to be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen and the drawing is to be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the 24th day of January 2012



24th January 2012

Max Caller
Chairman
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

(a) The system of elections by thirds in the district of Rushmoor is established by article 3 of the Borough of Rushmoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I.2001/1016).

SCHEDULE

Article 3

Names of district wards

Aldershot Park
Cherrywood
Cove and Southwood
Empress
Fernhill
Knellwood
Manor Park
North Town
Rowhill
St John's
St Mark's
Wellington
West Heath

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Rushmoor following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the district remains unchanged.

The electoral changes apply in respect of local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2012.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district and replaces them with 13 new ones. That article, the map and the Schedule also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 4 makes provision for a whole council election in 2012 and for reversion to the established system of election by thirds in subsequent years. That article provides for the order of retirement of councillors. Under the Council's current cycle of elections, there are no elections scheduled for 2013.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new district wards. It is available at www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/hampshire/rushmoor-electoral-review; it is also available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of the council of the district of Rushmoor and at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England at Layden House, 76 – 86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG.

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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