

1999 No. 2480

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Tandridge (Electoral Changes) Order 1999

Made - - - - 6th September 1999

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(a), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated September 1998 on its review of the district of Tandridge together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect, with one modification, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(b) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of Tandridge (Electoral Changes) Order 1999.
- (2) This Order shall come into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to elections to be held on 4th May 2000, on 10th October 1999;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on 4th May 2000.
- (3) In this Order—
 - “the district” means the district of Tandridge;
 - “the District Council” means the Council of the district; and
 - “existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made.

Wards of Tandridge

- 2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(c) shall be abolished.
- (2) The district shall be divided into twenty wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.
- (3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes, parish wards, or parishes and parish wards; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Elections of the council of Tandridge

- 3.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article, elections of councillors for wards of the district shall be by thirds.

(a) 1992 c. 19.

(b) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(c) See the District of Tandridge (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1817).

(2) Elections of councillors for all wards of the district shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2000^(a).

(3) The councillors holding office for any ward of the district immediately before 8th May 2000 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for those wards shall come into office on that date.

(4) The order of retirement of councillors shall be as set out in Schedule 2.

(5) Where the number of councillors elected in 2000 for any ward of the district is two or more—

(a) the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and

(b) the second to retire shall, subject to those paragraphs, be the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes.

(6) 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 shall be determined by lot.

(7) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each year shall be determined by lot.

(8) Where under this article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot shall be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen and the drawing shall be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

(9) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraphs of this article, the term of office of councillors shall be four years; and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Revocation

4. The District of Tandridge (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Beverley Hughes
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions

6th September 1999

^(a) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, see section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50).

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Bletchingley and Nutfield	The parishes of Bletchingley and Nutfield	3
Burstow, Horne and Outwood	The parishes of Burstow, Horne and Outwood	3
Chaldon	The parish of Chaldon	1
Dormansland and Felcourt	The parish of Dormansland and the Felcourt parish ward of the parish of Lingfield	2
Felbridge	The parish of Felbridge	1
Godstone	The parish of Godstone	3
Harestone	The Harestone parish ward of the parish of Caterham Valley	2
Limpsfield	The parish of Limpsfield	2
Lingfield and Crowhurst	The parish of Crowhurst and the Lingfield parish ward of the parish of Lingfield	2
Oxted North and Tandridge	The North parish ward of the parish of Oxted and the parish of Tandridge	3
Oxted South	The South parish ward of the parish of Oxted	3
Portley	The Portley parish ward of the parish of Caterham-on-the-Hill	2
Queens Park	The Queens Park parish ward of the parish of Caterham-on-the-Hill	2
Tatsfield and Titsey	The parishes of Tatsfield and Titsey	1
Valley	The Valley parish ward of the parish of Caterham Valley	2
Warlingham East and Chelsham and Farleigh	The parish of Chelsham and Farleigh and the Warlingham East parish ward of the parish of Warlingham	3
Warlingham West	The Warlingham West parish ward of the parish of Warlingham	2
Westway	The Westway parish ward of the parish of Caterham-on-the-Hill	2
Whyteleafe	The parish of Whyteleafe	2
Woldingham	The parish of Woldingham	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(4)

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Name of ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2002</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2003</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2004</i>
Bletchingley and Nutfield	1	1	1
Burstow, Horne and Outwood	1	1	1
Chaldon	0	1	0
Dormansland and Felcourt	1	1	0
Felbridge	0	1	0
Godstone	1	1	1
Harestone	1	0	1
Limpsfield	0	1	0
Lingfield and Crowhurst	1	1	0
Oxted North and Tandridge	1	1	1
Oxted South	1	1	1
Portley	0	1	1
Queens Park	1	0	1
Tatsfield and Titsey	0	1	0
Valley	0	1	1
Warlingham East and Chelsham and Farleigh	1	1	1
Warlingham West	1	0	1
Westway	1	0	1
Whyteleafe	1	0	1
Woldingham	0	0	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, subject to a modification, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Tandridge.

The modification is a consequence of a parish review conducted by Tandridge District Council. The Local Government Commission had proposed new warding arrangements for the parish of Lingfield and Dormansland, whereas the District Council's proposal, which the Secretary of State has accepted, was that the parish should be split into two new parishes. The new parishes of Dormansland and Lingfield are constituted by article 3 of the Tandridge (Parishes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2347).

Article 2 abolishes all of the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 20 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 3 makes provision for a whole council election in Tandridge in 2000 and reversion to elections by thirds in subsequent years. Schedule 2 regulates the order of retirement of councillors.

Article 4 revokes the District of Tandridge (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975.

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