
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 2818

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The County of Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2004

*Made - - - - 28th October 2004
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and
1(3)*

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(1), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(2), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(3) recommendations dated April 2004 on its review of the county of Staffordshire:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(4) and 26(5) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County of Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2004.
- (2) This Order, with the exception of article 4, shall come 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 2005, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.
- (3) Article 4 shall come into force –

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- (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 (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) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.
 - (3) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 (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).
 - (4) This section has been amended by section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 (c. 22), S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.
 - (5) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of a parish councillor for the parish of Rugeley to be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2007, on 15th October 2006;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of elections in 2007.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –

“county” means the county of Staffordshire;

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

references to wards, unless the context otherwise requires, are references to district and borough wards in the county⁽⁶⁾;

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked “Map referred to in the County of Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2004”, of which prints are available for inspection at –

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
- (b) the offices of Staffordshire County Council; and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

Electoral divisions of the county of Staffordshire

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county⁽⁷⁾ shall be abolished.

(2) The county shall be divided into fifty-nine electoral divisions which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) The electoral divisions shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards, parishes, or parish wards or, where an area is not so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the electoral division and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division shall be the number specified in respect of the electoral division in column (3) of the Schedule.

(4) 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 Rugeley

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Rugeley shall be abolished.

(6) See the District of Cannock Chase (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1442), the Borough of East Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1443) as amended by the East Staffordshire (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/1060), the District of Lichfield (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1444), the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1445), the District of South Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1446), the Borough of Stafford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1447), the District of Staffordshire Moorlands (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1448) as amended by the District of Staffordshire Moorlands (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2677), and the Borough of Tamworth (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1450).

(7) See the County of Staffordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1702). The area of the county of Staffordshire was altered by the Cheshire, Derbyshire, Hereford and Worcester and Staffordshire (County Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/311) as amended by the Cheshire, Derbyshire, Hereford and Worcester and Staffordshire (County Boundaries) (Variation) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/48), the Staffordshire, Warwickshire and West Midlands (County Boundaries) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/402), the Hereford and Worcester, Staffordshire and West Midlands (County and Metropolitan Borough Boundaries) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/492), and the Staffordshire (City of Stoke-on-Trent) (Structural and Boundary Changes) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1779).

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Etching Hill, Hagley, Western Springs North and Western Springs South; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 4 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Etching Hill parish ward shall be seven, for each of the Hagley and Western Springs North parish wards shall be five and for the Western Springs South parish ward shall be two.

Maps

5. Staffordshire County Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map referred to in the County of Staffordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2004” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral registers

6. The Electoral Registration Officer⁽⁸⁾ for each district or borough in the county 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.

Revocation

7. The County of Staffordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980⁽⁹⁾ is revoked, save for article 5.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 28th day of October 2004

L.S.

28th October 2004

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

28th October 2004

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

⁽⁸⁾ As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, *see* sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

⁽⁹⁾ S.I. 1980/1702.

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SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Name of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Area of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i>
In the district of Cannock Chase		
Brereton and Ravenhill	Brereton and Ravenhill ward; Hagley ward; Western Springs South parish ward of Rugeley parish	1
Cannock Town Centre	Cannock South ward; Cannock West ward	1
Cannock Villages	Heath Hayes East and Wimblebury ward; Norton Canes ward	1
Chadsmoor	Cannock East ward; Cannock North ward	1
Etching Hill and Heath	Etching Hill and The Heath ward; Western Springs North parish ward of Rugeley parish	1
Hednesford and Rawnsley	Hawks Green ward; Hednesford Green Heath ward; Hednesford North ward; Hednesford South ward; Rawnsley ward	2
In the borough of East Staffordshire		
Burton Tower	Brizlincote ward; Winshill ward	1
Burton Town	Burton ward; Eton Park ward; Shobnall ward	1
Burton Trent	Anglesey ward; Stapenhill ward	1
Dove	Crown ward; Rolleston on Dove ward; Tutbury and Outwoods ward	1
Horninglow and Stretton	Horninglow ward; Stretton ward	1
Needwood Forest	Branston ward; Needwood ward; Yoxall ward	1
Uttoxeter Rural	Abbey ward; Bagots ward; Churnet ward; Weaver ward	1
Uttoxeter Town	Heath ward; Town ward	1
In the district of Lichfield		

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Burntwood North	Boney Hay ward; Burntwood Central ward; Chase Terrace ward	1
Burntwood South	All Saints ward; Chasetown ward; Summerfield ward	1
Lichfield City North	Chadsmead ward; Curborough ward; Stowe ward	1
Lichfield City South	Leomansley ward; St John's ward	1
Lichfield Rural East	Bourne Vale ward; Fazeley ward; Mease and Tame ward; Fisherwick parish; Whittington parish	1
Lichfield Rural North	Alrewas and Fradley ward; Boley Park ward; King's Bromley ward; Streethay parish	1
Lichfield Rural South	Hammerwich ward; Little Aston ward; Shenstone ward; Stonnall ward	1
Lichfield Rural West	Armitage with Handsacre ward; Colton and Mavesyn Ridware ward; Highfield ward; Longdon ward	1
In the borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme		
Audley and Chesterton		1
Bradwell and Porthill	Bradwell ward; Holditch ward; Porthill ward	1
Cross Heath and Silverdale	Cross Heath ward; Knutton and Silverdale ward; Silverdale and Parksite ward	1
Keele and Westlands	Keele ward; Thistleberry ward; Westlands ward	1
Kidsgrove and Talke	Butt Lane ward; Kidsgrove ward; Newchapel ward; Ravenscliffe ward; Talke ward	2
Newcastle Rural	Loggerheads and Whitmore ward; Madeley ward; Balterley parish; Betley parish	1
Newcastle South	Clayton ward; Seabridge ward; Town ward	1

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Wolstanton	May Bank ward; Wolstanton ward	1
In the district of South Staffordshire		
Brewood	Brewood and Coven ward; Wheaton Aston, Bishopswood and Lapley ward	1
Cheslyn Hay, Essington and Great Wyrley	Cheslyn Hay North and Saredon ward; Cheslyn Hay South ward; Essington ward; Featherstone and Shareshill ward; Great Wyrley Landywood ward; Great Wyrley Town ward	2
Codsall	Bilbrook ward; Codsall North ward; Codsall South ward	1
Kinver	Himley and Swindon ward; Kinver ward; Trysull and Seisdon ward	1
Penkridge	Huntington and Hatherton ward; Penkridge North East and Acton Trussell ward; Penkridge South East ward; Penkridge West ward	1
Perton	Pattingham and Patshull ward; Perton Dippons ward; Perton East ward; Perton Lakeside ward	1
Wombourne	Wombourne North and Lower Penn ward; Wombourne South East ward; Wombourne South West ward	1
In the borough of Stafford		
Eccleshall	Eccleshall ward; Swynnerton ward	1
Gnosall and Doxey		1
Stafford Central		1
Stafford North		1
Stafford South East		1
Stafford Trent Valley	Chartley ward; Haywood and Hixon ward; Milford ward	1
Stafford West		1

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Stone Rural	Barlaston and Oulton ward; Fulford ward; Milwich ward	1
Stone Urban	St Michael's ward; Stonefield and Christchurch ward; Walton ward	1
In the district of Staffordshire Moorlands		
Biddulph North	Biddulph Moor ward; Biddulph North ward; Biddulph West ward	1
Biddulph South and Endon	Bagnall and Stanley ward; Biddulph East ward; Biddulph South ward; Brown Edge and Endon ward	1
Caverswall	Caverswall ward; Cellarhead ward; Forsbrook ward; Werrington ward	1
Cheadle and Checkley	Cheadle South East ward; Cheadle West ward; Checkley ward	1
Churnet Valley	Alton ward; Cheadle North East ward; Cheddleton ward; Churnet ward	1
Leek Rural	Dane ward; Hamps Valley ward; Horton ward; Ipstones ward; Leek North ward; Manifold ward	1
Leek South	Leek East ward; Leek South ward; Leek West ward	1
In the borough of Tamworth		
Amington		1
Bolebridge		1
Perrycrofts		1
Stonydelph		1
Watling North		1
Watling South		1

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with modifications, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the county of Staffordshire.

The modifications concern the boundary between Gnosall and Doxey, and Stafford North electoral divisions and the names of Gnosall and Doxey, Stone Rural and Stone Urban electoral divisions.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county and provides for the creation of 59 new electoral divisions. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new electoral divisions.

Article 4 makes electoral changes in the parish of Rugeley.

Article 6 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer in each district or borough in the county of Staffordshire to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register for that district or borough to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 7 revokes the County of Staffordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, with the exception of article 5.

The areas of the new electoral divisions and parish wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Staffordshire County Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.