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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The St Albans (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007

Made - - - - *8th February 2007*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and 1(3)

St Albans City Council, under section 9(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) (“the 1997 Act”), have made to the Electoral Commission(c) proposals dated January 2007 for electoral arrangements in the parishes of Harpenden, Redbourn, St Michael and Wheathampstead(d) in the city(e) of St Albans and for electoral changes to two wards of the city of St Albans and two electoral divisions of the county of Hertfordshire:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals and, in relation to the changes made on 1st April 2003 affecting the parishes of Harpenden and Wheathampstead(f), to make related alterations of the boundaries of Harpenden South and Wheathampstead wards of the city of St Albans, and Harpenden South West and St Albans Rural electoral divisions of the county of Hertfordshire:

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(g) and 23(h) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the St Albans (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007.

(2) This Order, with the exception of article 3(3), 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.

(a) This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(b) 1997 c.29.

(c) 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, 14 and 17(4) of the 1997 Act (c.29), to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) The areas of the parishes of Harpenden, Redbourn, St Michael and Wheathampstead were altered by the St Albans (Parishes) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/3035).

(e) The non-metropolitan district of St Albans has the status of a city.

(f) The areas of the parishes of Harpenden and Wheathampstead were altered by S.I. 2002/3035.

(g) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(h) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(3) Article 3(3) 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 2009, on 15th October 2008;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“city” means the city of St Albans;

“county” means the county of Hertfordshire;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the St Albans (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission;

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

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

Alteration of the areas of parish and city wards and county electoral divisions

3.—(1) The areas coloured and designated by the letters “A” and “B” on the map shall become part of Harpenden South parish ward of the parish of Harpenden.

(2) The areas coloured and designated by the letters “A” and “B” on the map shall cease to be part of Wheathampstead ward(c) of the city and shall become part of Harpenden South ward(d) of the city.

(3) The areas coloured and designated by the letters “A” and “B” on the map shall cease to be part of St Albans Rural electoral division(e) of the county and shall become part of Harpenden South West electoral division(f) of the county.

(4) The area that ceased to be part of the parish of Redbourn and became part of the parish of St Michael in consequence of the St Albans (Parishes) Order 2002(g) shall cease to be part of Beaumont parish ward of the parish of Redbourn.

Map

4. St Albans City 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

5. The registration officer for the city 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.

(a) 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).

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

(c) See the City of St Albans (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2558).

(d) See S.I. 1998/2558.

(e) See the County of Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/2487).

(f) See S.I. 2000/2487.

(g) S.I. 2002/3035.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 8th day of February 2007



8th February 2007

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

8th February 2007

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for changes to electoral arrangements for the parishes of Harpenden, Redbourn, St Michael and Wheathampstead, and for related alterations of the boundaries of Harpenden South and Wheathampstead wards of the city of St Albans, and Harpenden South West and St Albans Rural electoral divisions of the county of Hertfordshire as a result of changes to the boundaries of the parishes of Harpenden and Wheathampstead made by the St Albans (Parishes) Order 2002.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish and city elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, and county elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.

Article 3 alters the boundaries of Harpenden South ward of the parish of Harpenden, and Beaumont ward of the parish of Redbourn, Harpenden South and Wheathampstead wards of the city of St Albans, and Harpenden South West and St Albans Rural electoral divisions of the county of Hertfordshire.

Article 5 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 area transferred to Harpenden South ward of the parish of Harpenden, and between Harpenden South and Wheathampstead wards of the city of St Albans, and Harpenden South West and St Albans Rural electoral divisions of the county of Hertfordshire. It is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of St Albans City Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.