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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Oxford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2008

Made - - - - *25th February 2008*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Oxford 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 February 2008 for electoral arrangements in the parishes of Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills(d) in the city(e) of Oxford:

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

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Oxford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2008.
- (2) This Order comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—
 - “city” means the city of Oxford;
 - “map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Oxford (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2008”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission;

(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 Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills were altered by the Oxford (Parishes) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/372).

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

(f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

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

“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.

Elections for the parishes of Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills

3.—(1) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2006 for the parishes of Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills shall be two years.

(2) The elections of all parish councillors for these parishes shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008(c).

Wards of the parish of Littlemore

4.—(1) The existing Rose Hill ward(d) of the parish of Littlemore shall be abolished.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for Littlemore ward shall be fifteen and for Sandy Lane West ward shall be one.

Wards of the parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills(e) shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Risinghurst, Sandhills and Wood Farm.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for Risinghurst ward shall be twelve, for Sandhills ward shall be five, and for Wood Farm ward shall be three.

Map

6. Oxford 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

7. 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), 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).

(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) Article 3 provides for parish elections in the altered parishes of Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills in 2008. Section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70) provides for parish elections to take place every four years.

(d) See the City of Oxford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4063). S.I. 2008/372 was made in exercise of the Secretary of State’s powers to alter the area of a parish. The Secretary of State’s powers to abolish or create a parish ward were transferred to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(e) See S.I. 2001/4063.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 25th day of February 2008



25th February 2008

Sam Younger
Chairman

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 Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills, within the city of Oxford, that were altered by the Oxford (Parishes) Order 2008.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008.

Article 3 provides for parish elections in the parishes of Littlemore, and Risinghurst and Sandhills in 2008, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 4 abolishes Rose Hill ward of the parish of Littlemore, and specifies the numbers of councillors for the remaining Littlemore and Sandy Lane West wards.

Article 5 abolishes the existing wards of the altered parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards of the parish and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 7 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 new wards of the parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills. It is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Oxford City Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.