

**2011 No. 166**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The Sedgemoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2011**

*Made* - - - - *28th January 2011*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009<sup>(a)</sup> (“the 2009 Act”) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England<sup>(b)</sup> published a report dated October 2010 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Sedgemoor.

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 Sedgemoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2011.
- (2) This Order comes into force—
  - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of councillors, on the day after that on which it is made;
  - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2011.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Sedgemoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2011”, 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<sup>(c)</sup>.

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(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) 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 Sedgemoor and number of councillors**

- 3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Sedgemoor are abolished.
- (2) The district is divided into twenty-three wards each bearing a name listed in column 1 of the Schedule.
- (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in column 2 of the Schedule.
- (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.

### **Wards of the parish of Bridgwater and number of councillors**

- 4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Bridgwater are abolished.
- (2) The parish is divided into seven wards named respectively—
  - (a) Dunwear;
  - (b) Eastover;
  - (c) Fairfax;
  - (d) Hamp;
  - (e) Victoria;
  - (f) Westover;
  - (g) Wyndham.
- (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 of the following wards:
  - (a) Fairfax;
  - (b) Westover.
- (5) Two councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:
  - (a) Dunwear;
  - (b) Eastover;
  - (c) Hamp;
  - (d) Victoria;
  - (e) Wyndham.

### **Wards of the parish of Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge and number of councillors**

- 5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge are abolished.
- (2) The parish is divided into six wards named respectively—
  - (a) Burnham Central and South;
  - (b) Burnham East;
  - (c) Burnham Marine;
  - (d) Burnham North;
  - (e) Burnham West;
  - (f) Highbridge.
- (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) Six councillors are to be elected for Burnham North ward.
- (5) Five councillors are to be elected for Highbridge ward.

- (6) Three councillors are to be elected for Burnham Central and South ward.
- (7) Two councillors are to be elected for Burnham East ward.
- (8) One councillor is to be elected for each of the following wards:
  - (a) Burnham Marine;
  - (b) Burnham West.

**Wards of the parish of Burnham Without and number of councillors**

- 6.—(1) The parish of Burnham Without is divided into three wards named respectively—
- (a) Brue;
  - (b) Edithmead;
  - (c) Highbridge and Burnham Marine.
- (2) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (3) Three councillors are to be elected for Highbridge and Burnham Marine ward.
- (4) Two councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:
- (a) Brue;
  - (b) Edithmead.

**Wards of the parish of Durleigh and number of councillors**

- 7.—(1) The parish of Durleigh is divided into two wards named respectively—
- (a) Bridgwater Wyndham;
  - (b) Durleigh.
- (2) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (3) Five councillors are to be elected for Bridgwater Wyndham ward.
- (4) One councillor is to be elected for Durleigh ward.

**Wards of the parish of North Petherton and number of councillors**

- 8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of North Petherton are abolished.
- (2) The parish is divided into four wards named respectively—
- (a) Hamp Bridge;
  - (b) North Newton;
  - (c) North Petherton;
  - (d) Northmoor Green.
- (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) Ten councillors are to be elected for North Petherton ward.
- (5) Two councillors are to be elected for North Newton ward.
- (6) One councillor is to be elected for each of the following wards:
- (a) Hamp Bridge;
  - (b) Northmoor Green.

**Wards of the parish of Wembdon and number of councillors**

- 9.—(1) The parish of Wembdon is divided into two wards named respectively—
- (a) Bridgwater Victoria;
  - (b) Wembdon.

- (2) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (3) Seven councillors are to be elected for Wembdon ward.
- (4) Three councillors are to be elected for Bridgwater Victoria ward.

**Wards of the parish of West Huntspill and number of councillors**

**10.**—(1) The parish of West Huntspill is divided into two wards named respectively—

- (a) Alstone;
  - (b) West Huntspill.
- (2) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
  - (3) Six councillors are to be elected for West Huntspill ward.
  - (4) One councillor is to be elected for Alstone ward.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the 28th day of January 2011



28th January 2011

*Max Caller*  
Chairman  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

## SCHEDULE

Article 3

### Names of district wards and numbers of councillors

<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Name of District Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
Axevale	2
Berrow	1
Bridgwater Dunwear	2
Bridgwater Eastover	2
Bridgwater Fairfax	3
Bridgwater Hamp	2
Bridgwater Victoria	2
Bridgwater Westover	2
Bridgwater Wyndham	2
Burnham Central	3
Burnham North	3
Cannington and Wembdon	2
Cheddar and Shipham	3
East Polden	1
Highbridge and Burnham Marine	3
Huntspill and Pawlett	1
King's Isle	2
Knoll	2
North Petherton	3
Puriton and Woolavington	2
Quantocks	2
Wedmore and Mark	2
West Polden	1

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order makes changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Sedgemoor 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 2011.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district and replaces them with 23 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 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Bridgwater and replaces them with 7 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 5 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge and replaces them with 6 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 6 establishes 3 wards for the parish of Burnham Without. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 7 establishes 2 wards for the parish of Durleigh. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 8 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of North Petherton and replaces them with 4 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 9 establishes 2 wards for the parish of Wembdon. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 10 establishes 2 wards for the parish of West Huntspill. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new district wards and parish wards. It is available at [www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/somerset/sedgemoor-electoral-review](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/somerset/sedgemoor-electoral-review) and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of the council of the district of Sedgemoor and at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England at Layden House, 76 – 86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG.

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