LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Stroud District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023

Made 14 December 2023

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Stroud District Council ("The Council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 20 July 2023.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The Council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3), 98(4) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and Commencement

- **1.** (1) This Order may be cited as the Stroud District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023.
 - (2) This Order shall come into force on the 1st April 2024.
 - (3) For the purpose of:
 - (a) this article,
 - (b) article 5; and
 - (c) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes affected by changes by the Order, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –

"District" means the district of Stroud;

"Existing" means on the date this Order is made;

"Map" means the maps marked "Map referred to in the Stroud District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023" and deposited in accordance

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with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

"New Parish" means the parish constituted by article 4;

"Ordinary Day of Election of Councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the people Act 1983; and

"Registration Officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

3. (1) This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Constitution of a New Parish

- **4.** (1) A New Parish, comprising the area outlined with a red line on Map A shall be constituted within the District.
 - (2) The name of the New Parish shall be Great Oldbury.

(3) The area of the New Parish shall cease to be part of the existing parishes of Eastington, Standish and Stonehouse.

Calculation of Budget Requirement

5. For the purposes of regulation 3 of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008 there is specified in relation to the parish of Great Oldbury the sum of £38,430.00p.

Parish Council for the parish of Great Oldbury

- 6. (1) There shall be a parish council for the parish of Great Oldbury.
 - (2) The name of that council shall be "The Parish Council of Great Oldbury".

Election for the parish of Great Oldbury

7. (1) The election of all parish councillors for the parish of Great Oldbury shall be held on the Ordinary Day of Election of councillors in 2024.

(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the Ordinary Day of Election of councillors in 2024 for the parish of Great Oldbury shall be four years.

Number of Parish Councillors for the Parish of Great Oldbury

8. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Great Oldbury shall be seven.

Annual Meeting of Parish Council

9. The annual meeting of the new parish of Great Oldbury 2024 shall be convened by the clerk or if not yet in post, the Democratic Services and Elections Manager of Stroud District Council. The meeting shall take place no later than 14 days after the day on which the councillors elected to the new parish council take office.

Transitional Provision

10. Until the councillors elected to the council of the new parish of Great Oldbury at the elections to be held on the Ordinary Day of Election of councillors in 2024 come into office, the new parish shall be represented by those persons who immediately before 1st April 2024 are the elected councillors for the District Ward of Severn, the District Ward of Stonehouse, and the County Division of Hardwicke and Severn.

Alteration of parish areas and the areas of parish wards

11. Each area referred to in column (1) of Schedule 1 and shown shaded on the Map shall cease to be part of the parish and where applicable, ward of that parish specified in relation to that area in columns (2) and (3) of Schedule 1 and shall become part of the parish and where applicable, parish ward of that parish specified in relation to that area in columns (4) and (5) of Schedule 1.

Number of Parish Councillors for parish councils

12. (1) The number of parish councillors to be elected for each of the parishes shown in column (1) of the Schedule will be the numbers shown in column (3) of Schedule 2 in place of the existing number shown in column (2).

(2) The effective date of election of the numbers of parish councillors shown in column(3) of the Schedule for the parishes listed in column (1) shall be the ordinary day of election of councillors for the year 2024 and four yearly thereafter.

Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

13. (1) The land, property, rights and liabilities described in Schedules 3, 4, 5, and 6 shall become part of the parish specified in column (4) of Schedule 1.

(2) The alterations to the areas of the parishes referred to in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 4 shall become effective from 1st April 2024.

Wards of the town of Stonehouse

14. (1) The existing wards of the town of Stonehouse shall be abolished.

(2) The town shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Stonehouse North Ward, Stonehouse Central Ward and Stonehouse South Ward.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated by the ward name on Map B and demarcated by a red line.

(4) Subsequent to the changes set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, the number of councillors to the town of Stonehouse (being fourteen in total) shall not change.

(5) The number of councillors to be elected for the North Ward shall be six, for the Central Ward shall be four and for the South Ward shall be four.

Electoral Register

15. The Electoral Registration Officer for the District 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.

Order Date

16. 1st April 2024 is the Order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Executed as a Deed by <u>THE COMMON SEAL</u> of <u>STROUD</u> <u>DISTRICT COUNCIL</u> being affixed hereto and authenticated by the undermentioned person authorised by the Council to act for that purpose:

Authorised Signatory Dated: (4 (12 (2023)))



SCHEDULE 1

Article 11

ALTERATION OF AREAS OF PARISHES AND PARISH WARDS

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)	Column (4)	Column (5)
Area	Parish from which omitted	Parish ward from which omitted	Parish to which added	Parish ward to which added
A1 (Map A)	Eastington	-	Great Oldbury	-
A2 (Map A)	Stonehouse	Stonehouse Ward	Great Oldbury	_
A3 (Map A)	Standish	-	Great Oldbury	-

SCHEDULE 2

Article 12

NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR PARISH COUNCILS

Parish Council	Numbers of Parish Councillors		
Column (1)	Column (2) Present	Column (3) New	
Eastington	11	9	
Frampton-on-Severn	9	10	
Great Oldbury	-	7	
Hunts Grove	5	9	

SCHEDULE 3

Article 13

LAND AND PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)	Column (4)
Any land and property to be transferred	Parish from which transferred	Parish transferred to	Date
Paril Council Noticeboard on Great Oldbury Drive	Eastington	Great Oldbury	1 st April 2024
x1 Litter Bin east side of Great Oldbury Drive	Eastington	Great Oldbury	1 st April 2024

SCHEDULE 4

HISTORICAL AND CEREMONIAL PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)	Column (2)
Any historic and ceremonial property to be transferred	Date

From Parish area specified in column 2 of	1 April 2024
Schedule 1 to the Parish area specified in	
column 4 of the said schedule	

SCHEDULE 5

FUNDS AND BALANCES TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)	Column (2)
Any funds and balances to be transferred	Date
From Parish area specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to the Parish area specified in column 4 of the said schedule	1 April 2024

SCHEDULE 6

MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE TRANSFERRED

Column (1)	Column (2)
Any maintenance responsibilities to be transferred	Date
From Parish area specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to the Parish area specified in column 4 of the said schedule	1 April 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Stroud District Council in respect of the new parish of Great Oldbury, the creation of a council for the parish of Great Oldbury and alteration of parish areas and parish wards and the number of parish councillors.

The parish of Great Oldbury will be created with effect from 1st April 2024. The electoral arrangements apply in respect to parish elections to be held on after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

Article 7 provides for parish elections in the parish of Great Oldbury in 2024, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 8 specifies the numbers of parish councillors for the new parish of Great Oldbury.

Article 11 provides for alterations to parish areas.

Article 12 contains details of land, property, rights and liabilities described in the Schedules that shall transfer between the Council's defined within this order on the date specified in those Schedules.

Article 14 provides for the new warding arrangements for the town of Stonehouse.

Article 15 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The maps defined in article 2 shows the alterations to parishes. They are available for inspection during normal working hours at the offices of Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB.



