

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Maidstone Borough (Parish Election Cycle) Order 2023

Made - - - - 31 January 2024

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Maidstone Borough Council (“the Council”), in accordance with section 53 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), determined on 29 November 2023 to change the years in which the ordinary elections of Parish Councillors for any parish situated in the Borough are to be held, in order to align those elections with the ordinary elections of district councillors for a ward in which any part of the parish is situated are to be held in England.

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 53 of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as The Maidstone Borough (Parish Election Cycle) Order 2023.
(2) It shall come into force on 1 February 2024.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“Borough” means the borough of Maidstone Borough;

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

“Parish Council” means any parish council specified in article 3(2) of this Order and

“Parish Councillor” means a councillor for one (or more) of the Parish Councils.

Change to the election cycle for Parish Councillors of Parishes in the Borough

3. (1) Elections of all Parish Councillors for any Parish Council shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024 and every fourth year thereafter.

- (2) The Parish Councils are:

Barming
Bearsted
Boughton Malherbe
Boughton Monchelsea
Boxley
Bredhurst
Broomfield and Kingswood
Chart Sutton
Collier Street
Coxheath
Detling
Downswood
East Farleigh
East Sutton
Harrietsham

Headcorn
Hollingbourne
Hunton
Langley
Leeds
Lenham
Linton
Loose
Marden
Nettlestead
Otham
Staplehurst
Stockbury
Sutton Valence
Teston
Thurnham
Tovil
Ulcombe
West Farleigh
Yalding

- (3) The Parish Councillors holding office immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary election of councillors in 2024 shall retire on that date and the newly elected Parish Councillors shall come into office on that date.
- (4) The term of office of all Parish Councillors elected in accordance with article 3(1) shall be four years and they shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors and the newly elected Parish Councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Sealed with the seal of MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL on the 31st day of January 2024

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Authorised Signatory
RUSSELL FITZPATRICK.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to the decision made by Maidstone Borough Council on 29 November 2023 to align the election cycles of the parishes within its Borough with the ordinary elections of the Council's district councillors following the Council adopting a scheme of whole Council Elections, with the first such election being held on the ordinary day of election in 2024 (being 2 May 2024).