

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

### The Hart District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2025

Made on 25 September 2025

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Hart 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 5 September 2025:

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 and 240 of the 2007 Act.

#### **Citation and Commencement**

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Hart District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2025.  
(2) This Order shall come into force on the 1 April 2026.  
(3) For the purpose of:
  - (a) this article,
  - (b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes effected by the Order, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in relevant year, 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 Hart;  
“Existing” means in the date this Order was made;  
“Map” means the maps marked “Map referred to in the Hart District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Northumberland) Order 2025” and

deposited in accordance 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.

“Ordinary Day of Election of Councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;

“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. Unless amended by this order the governance arrangement of the parish concerned are unchanged.

(2) Wards and number of parish councillors for the following parishes:

(i) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Elvetham Heath shall increase to nine (9).

(ii) The name of the parish Long Sutton to be changed to Long Sutton & Well, with immediate effect.

(iii) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Odiham shall increase to eleven (11).

(iv) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Winchfield shall increase to seven (7).

(vi) The parish of Hook to be warded on the existing polling district boundaries. The number of councillors to remain the same and split equally between the two wards. (Map attached)

### **Elections for Elvetham Heath Parish**

4. The elections for all councillors for the parish of Elvetham Heath shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026.

### **Elections for Odiham, Winchfield and Hook Parishes**

5. The elections for all councillors for Odiham, Winchfield and Hook parishes shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

### **Electoral Register**

6. The registration officer for Hart shall make such rearrangement of, or adaption of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

**Order Date**

7. 1 April 2026 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils (England) Regulations 2008.

Agreed by Full Council 25 September 2025

  
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