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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Southend-on-Sea in accordance with the requirements of section 63 and Schedule 9 to the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 29 January 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Essex County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and to the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from any interested bodies.
3. The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. On 31 July 1974 the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 they had exercised an option for elections by thirds and they proposed to divide the area of the borough into 13 wards each returning 3 members.
5. Comments were received in favour of retaining the existing St Clements and Pier wards and other comments suggested alterations to the boundaries of other wards proposed by the Council or suggested alternative ward names.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the council and all the comments which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme provided for a smaller council than at present, that it complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1974 and our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a good basis of representation for the borough. We carefully considered all the comments and decided that, whilst the proposed alterations might have merit in the immediate locality, they could not be accepted without causing major changes throughout the borough which would produce a scheme which would not be as good as the one presented by the Council. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly, adopting also the names of wards proposed by the Council.
7. On 19 September 1974 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 13 November 1974.

8. The Borough Council affirmed their support for the draft proposals. These were also supported by a local political association. We also received further comments regretting the loss of St Clements ward and stressing the community of interest existing in that ward. It was said that in the proposed new arrangements for this area the Belfairs ward was divided by Belfairs Park and that there was no direct public transport between the parts on opposite sides of the park.

9. In the light of these comments, we again considered the case for retaining the existing St Clements ward. Whilst we recognised that the structure of the Belfairs ward would be less satisfactory than the other wards in the scheme we considered that any alteration to this ward would have an adverse effect on adjacent wards and possibly on others throughout the borough. We thought that the draft proposals gave the most satisfactory warding arrangements for the borough as a whole and we have, therefore, decided to confirm them as our final proposals.

10. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

11. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's

offices at Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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David R Smith (Secretary)

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## BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
BELFAIRS	3
BLLENHEIM	3
CHALKWELL	3
EASTWOOD	3
LEIGH	3
PRITTLEWELL	3
WESTBOROUGH	3
MILTON	3
ST LUKES	3
SHOEBURY	3
SOUTHCHURCH	3
THORPE	3
VICTORIA	3

## BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

## EASTWOOD WARD

Commencing at a point where the Southend Arterial Road meets the western boundary of the Borough thence generally northwards and southeastwards along the western and northern boundaries of the Borough of Aviation Way thence southwestwards along Aviation Way to Eastwoodbury Lane, thence southwestwards along the said lane to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 0058 as shown on 1:2500 OS Plan TQ 8488-8588 Edition 1971 thence southwestwards to and along the said boundary and in prolongation thereof to Prince Avenue, thence generally northwestwards along Prince Avenue and the Southend Arterial Road to the point of commencement.

## PRITTLEWELL WARD

Commencing at a point where Aviation Way meets the northern boundary of the Borough thence generally southeastwards along the said northern boundary to the Southend to Liverpool Street railway, thence southeastwards along the said railway to Prittle Brook thence generally southwestwards and westwards along the said brook to Southbourne Grove thence northwards along the said grove to Prince Avenue thence northwestwards along the said avenue to the eastern boundary of Eastwood Ward, thence northeastwards along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

## VICTORIA WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Prittlewell Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough thence generally southeastwards, along the said boundary to Sutton Road thence southwestwards along the said road to Eastern Avenue thence northeastwards along the said avenue to Bournemouth Park Road, thence southwards along the said road to North Avenue, thence southwestwards along the said avenue to Sutton Road thence southwards along the said road to Southchurch Road

thence generally westwards and northwestwards along Southchurch Road and London Road to West Road thence northeastwards along the said road to Gainsborough Drive thence northwestwards along the said drive to the southern boundary of Prittlewell Ward thence northeastwards and northwestwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of the said ward to the point of commencement.

#### ST LUKES WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Victoria Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough thence eastwards and southwards along the said northern boundary to the northwestern corner of Parcel No 5403 as shown on 1:2500 OS Plan TQ 8988 Edition 1955, thence southwards along the western boundary of the said parcel and continuing generally southwards along the western boundaries of Parcel Nos' 5400, 6367 and 4836 as shown on 1:2500 OS Plan TQ 8887-8987 Edition 1969 and in prolongation thereof to Eastern Avenue, thence southeastwards along the said avenue to Lewes Road thence southwards along the said road to Cokefield Avenue, thence northeastwards along the said avenue to a point opposite the footpath that connects Cokefield Avenue with Lonsdale Road, thence southeastwards to and along the said footpath to Lonsdale Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to Trinity Road, thence westwards along the said road to a point opposite the passageway that passes between the properties Nos 114 and 108 Trinity Road, thence southeastwards along the said passageway to Stornoway Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to Surbiton Road, thence southeastwards along the said road, crossing Southchurch Road and continuing along Surbiton Avenue and in prolongation thereof to the Shoeburyness to Fenchurch Street railway thence southwestwards along the said railway to Bankside thence northwestwards along Bankside to Whitegate Road thence northeastwards along the said road to Porters Grange Avenue, thence northwards along the said avenue to the southern boundary of Victoria Ward, thence southeastwards and generally northwards, along the southern and eastern boundaries of Victoria Ward to the point of commencement.

## SOUTHCHURCH WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of St Lukes ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough thence generally southeastwards along the said northern boundary to a point at Grid Reference TQ 92131/87291 thence southeastwards in a straight line to a point on the drain that forms the northern boundary of Parcel No 0004 as shown on 1:2500 OS Plan TQ 9287-9387 Edition 1966 at Grid Reference TQ 92162/87216, thence southeastwards along the said drain to the northeastern corner of the said parcel number, thence southeastwards along the eastern boundary of Parcel No 0004 as shown on 1:2500 OS Plan TQ 9286-9386 Edition 1965 and continuing in a straight line to Maplin Way North, thence southwestwards and southwards along Maplin Way North to the Shoeburyness to Fenchurch Street railway thence generally westwards along the said railway to the eastern boundary of St Lukes Ward, thence generally northwestwards along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

## BELFAIRS WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Eastwood Ward thence southeastwards along the said southern boundary at Oakwood Avenue, thence generally southwestwards along the said avenue to Eastwood Road North, thence northeastwards along the said road to Elmsleigh Drive thence southwards along the said drive to Blenheim Chase thence northwestwards along Blenheim Chase to Kingswood Chase, thence southwards along Kingswood Chase to London Road, thence generally westwards along the said road to the western boundary of the Borough thence generally northeastwards along the said western boundary to the point of commencement.

## BLENHEIM WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Belfairs Ward meets the southern boundary of Eastwood Ward thence generally eastwards, along the southern boundary of Eastwood Ward, and the western boundary of Prittlewell Ward to Prittle Brook thence westwards along the said brook to Eastwood Boulevard thence

southeastwards along Eastwood Boulevard to Nelson Road thence southwards along the said road to London Road thence northwestwards along the said road to the eastern boundary of Belfairs Ward thence generally northwards, along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### WESTBOROUGH WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Blenheim Ward meets the southern boundary of Prittlewell Ward thence generally eastwards and southwards along the southern boundary of Prittlewell Ward, and the western boundary of Victoria Ward to London Road, thence northwestwards and westwards along the said road to the eastern boundary of Blenheim Ward thence generally northwards along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### LEIGH WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Belfairs Ward, thence generally eastwards along the southern boundaries of Belfairs Ward and Blenheim Ward to Chalkwell Park Drive thence southwards along the said drive to Pall Mall thence westwards along Pall Mall to The Broadway, thence southwestwards along The Broadway to Grand Drive thence southeastwards and southwards along the said drive to Cliff Parade thence southwestwards along Cliff Parade to a point opposite the first public footpath on the southern side of Cliff Parade, thence southwestwards and southwards to and along the said footpath and continuing along the footbridge to the southern boundary of the Shoeburyness to Fenchurch Street railway, thence due southwards in a straight line to a point where it meets the southern boundary of the Borough thence generally southwestwards, northwestwards and northwards along the southern and western boundaries of the Borough to the point of commencement.

#### CHALKWELL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Leigh Ward meets the southern boundary of Blenheim Ward, thence southeastwards along the southern boundaries of Blenheim Ward and Westborough Ward and the southwestern boundary of Victoria Ward

to Valkyrie Road thence southwestwards along the said road to Station Road, thence northwestwards along the said road, to Palmerston Road thence southwestwards along the said road to The Leas thence due southwards in a straight line to the southern boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwestwards along the said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of Leigh Ward thence northwards along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### MILTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Chalkwell Ward meets the southwestern boundary of Victoria Ward, thence southeastwards, eastwards, southwards and northeastwards, along the said southwestern and southern boundaries of Victoria Ward, and the western and southern boundaries of St Lukes Ward, to Southchurch Avenue thence southwards along the said avenue to Marine Parade thence due southwards in a straight line to the southern boundary of the Borough thence generally northwestwards, along the said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of Chalkwell Ward thence northwards along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### THORPE WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Milton Ward meets the southern boundary of St Lukes Ward thence eastwards and southeastwards along the said boundary and the southern boundary of Southchurch Ward to Maplin Way, thence generally southwards along Maplin Way to Shoebury Common Road thence due southwards in a straight line to the southern boundary of the Borough thence generally northwestwards, along the said southern boundary, to the eastern boundary of Milton Ward, thence northwards along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### SHOEBURY WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Southchurch Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence generally northeastwards, southeastwards and westwards, along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries of the Borough to the eastern boundary of Thorpe Ward thence northwards along the said eastern boundary, and the eastern boundary of Southchurch Ward to the point of commencement.

