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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH  
IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the City of Portsmouth in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that city.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Portsmouth City Council, copies of which were circulated to the Hampshire 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 local newspapers circulating in the area and of 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 interested bodies.
3. Portsmouth City Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 asked to take into account 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. The Council have passed a resolution under Section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 opting for a system of elections by thirds.

5. A draft scheme was submitted by Portsmouth City Council on 28 October 1974. This scheme, which provided for 16 3-member wards to give a total of 48 councillors, gave a very uneven standard of representation and produced a serious imbalance between Portsea Island and the mainland part of the City. We noted that an alternative 54-member scheme submitted by a local political party provided for a more even standard of representation, but we doubted whether this scheme would be compatible with the likely future county electoral arrangements.

6. We considered that there was scope for re-drawing boundaries to provide for both better representation and compatibility with the expected county arrangements. We therefore invited the City Council to reconsider their draft scheme and to submit a revised one which would take account of these points. Copies of the letter were sent to those who had received our consultation letter and to those who had commented on the Council's draft scheme.

7. On receipt of our letter the City Council set up a Working Party to produce a revised scheme for our consideration. Having regard to the Hampshire County Council's advice that the City's representation on the county council would probably be reduced from 15 to 13 members, the Working Party considered two schemes for Portsmouth based on the concept of 13 three-member wards to produce a council of 39 members, and an alternative scheme based on a council of 52 members with 26 two-member wards. In the event they favoured the scheme for 13 three-member wards and recommended its adoption.

8. The City Council decided to adopt the scheme for 13 three-member wards as their revised draft scheme.

9. We considered this revised draft scheme for 13 wards returning a total of 39 councillors, and also the alternative scheme for 26 wards returning 52 councillors. Both schemes offered a good standard of representation and both were potentially compatible with the expected county electoral arrangements for the City.

10. We considered, however, that the City Council's revised draft scheme conformed more closely to our own views as to the size of Council appropriate in this instance. We, therefore, decided to adopt the Council's revised draft scheme as our draft proposals, subject to some minor boundary modifications suggested by Ordnance Survey.

11. On 19 August 1977 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The City Council were asked to make these revised draft proposals and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our revised draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from the public and interested bodies. We asked for comments to reach us by 14 October 1977.

12. The main issue raised in the comments was whether the council should consist of 39 or 52 members.

13. The only other issue in the response to the draft proposals was raised by a local society and concerned the proposed names of four wards.

14. In view of the comments we decided that we needed further information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore in accordance with section 65(2) of the 1972 Act and at our request Mr G Guest was appointed an Assistant Commissioner. He was asked to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

15. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at Portsmouth on 1 December 1978. A copy of his report is attached at Schedule 1 to this report.

16. In the light of the discussion at the meeting and his inspection of the area the Assistant Commissioner recommended that our draft proposals should be adopted as our final proposals.

17. We have reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We noted and accept his

conclusions that it was not possible to assess what political bias, if any, existed at present or would exist under either a 13 ward arrangement or the suggested alternative of 26 wards, and that the 13 ward arrangement had the advantage of simplicity. The Assistant Commissioner also concluded that the Council's view on the effectiveness of the smaller council of 39 members was justified. Although we have considered carefully the contrary arguments put forward we decided that on balance we should accept the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations and confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

18. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 2 and 3 to this report. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 3 is a description of the area of the new wards. The boundaries of the new wards are shown on the attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

19. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and copies of the map are being sent to Portsmouth City Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without the map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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Signed:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH - ELECTORAL REVIEW

REPORT OF A LOCAL MEETING HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 1978

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Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

On 11th January 1978 pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972 I was appointed by the Secretary of State to be an Assistant Commissioner to hold a Local Inquiry or carry out any consultations or investigations with respect to the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England of the electoral arrangements for the City of Portsmouth.

In accordance with your instructions I attended at the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Portsmouth at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 1st December 1978 and held a local meeting on which I have the honour to report as follows.

1. Attendances Thirty four persons recorded their attendance on the attendance sheets annexed to this report. Portsmouth City Council were represented by Miss M.A. Ashton, Assistant City Secretary.

2. Inspections None of the persons attending the meeting expressed a wish to be present when I inspected the area and accordingly I made my inspections privately after the meeting.

THE WARD BOUNDARY PROPOSALS

3. On 28th October 1974 Portsmouth City Council submitted a draft scheme for representation to the Boundary Commission. This scheme provided for 16 three member wards and at the same time an alternative 54 member scheme was submitted by the Portsmouth Labour party. The Commission were not satisfied with this scheme and invited the City Council to submit a revised scheme.

4. Meanwhile, it had become known that Hampshire County Council would probably propose to reduce the representation of the City of Portsmouth on the County Council from fifteen to thirteen members and it became desirable that the revised Ward Boundaries should be made compatible with this reduced County Council representation. The City Council set up a working party which considered a scheme for thirteen wards each with three members devised by the Officers of the Council and another scheme for 26 wards each of two members devised by the Labour party. After some debate the City Council decided to adopt the thirteen ward scheme as their own proposal and the 26 ward scheme prepared by the Labour party was submitted by them independently to the Boundary Commission.

5. The Boundary Commission adopted the City Council's revised draft scheme as their own draft proposal subject to some minor alterations.

REPRESENTATIONS

6. Miss M. A. Ashton on behalf of the City Council supported the

draft proposal. She pointed out that the City Council had already decided that they would wish to provide for a system of yearly elections whereby one third of the Council should retire in each year. With the proposed 39 member thirteen ward arrangement this would be a simple and straight forward matter. With the suggested alternative of 26 Wards returning 52 Councillors this would be far too complex for the electorate in general to comprehend. It would involve yearly elections in which only some of the wards would elect a member. The Council were quite satisfied that 39 members would be sufficient for the proper conduct of the Council's business and she forecast a reduction in the number of Committees and a streamlining of procedures.

This reduction in members might well lead to greater efficiency and an overall saving in expenditure. Both schemes gave even representation overall but the Thirteen Ward scheme was slightly better than the Twenty Six Ward scheme.

7. Councillor George Byng of St. Simons Ward said that although a Conservative he supported the 26 Ward scheme. He had served on the Council for twelve years and watched it dwindle from sixty members to the proposed 39. During the past six years he had been running into problems in various areas and people in the City would suffer from the reduced representation. He instanced the increasing number of bed sitting rooms and problems arising from the increasing numbers of old people. There was no reason to reduce the number of Councillors and it was absolutely wrong to do so.

8. Mr. Tom Cook agent for the Portsmouth Labour party and Councillor Rick Emmerson the Leader of the Labour Group on the Portsmouth City Council submitted a joint presentation supporting the proposal for 26 Wards each with two members on behalf of the Portsmouth Labour Party, the Portsmouth City Council Labour Group and individual sections and Members of the Labour party. They pointed out that Portsmouth was more akin to one of the older towns in the North of England than to other towns on the South Coast. Many members of the population were over the age of 65, many houses were built prior to 1919 and were without standard amenities, Portsmouth had more than its due share of one parent families, divorced persons and children in the care of the Local Authority and Portsea Island was probably the most densely populated district in England. Government proposals had been made for the transfer of education and Social Service Functions back to the City. For all these reasons there was an exceptional work load on elected representatives who would be unable to cope if their number were reduced to 39. The Civil Service allowed their employees to have 18 days leave each year for Local Government duties. Councillor Emmerson had found this quite inadequate and had been constrained to appeal to the Industrial Tribunal which had found in his favour and had recommended that he should be allowed 30 days yearly. The thirteen ward proposal was designed to retain as far as possible the existing ward structure and perpetuated many of its bad features. The railway line was hardly used as a Ward Boundary and in fact bisected the proposed Copnor Ward. Other Wards were constructed around main roads so that many electors would have to cross a main road in order to vote. This was a hazardous exercise particularly for the elderly. The 26 ward scheme had been forced upon the Labour party in order to achieve compatibility with future County divisions, but the Act did not in fact require such compatibility and elsewhere in Hampshire incompatible schemes had already been agreed as in Fareham District. Equally important was incompatibility with future Parliamentary constituencies and the thirteen ward

scheme would make it impossible to have two Portsmouth Constituencies of equal size. The thirteen ward scheme perpetuated an electoral bias in favour of the Conservative party while the 26 ward scheme would produce a much fairer overall result.

9. Mr. F.C. Wood - On behalf of the Portsmouth North Conservative Association supported the thirteen ward scheme. He thought that a Council of 39 members would be more efficient more manageable and would transact its business more quickly. In addition a smaller Council would be cheaper as fewer members' allowances would need to be paid.

10. Councillor J.S. Marshall - A Conservative and the Leader of the Portsmouth City Council supported the draft scheme, although no pressure had been brought on his fellow Conservatives to vote for it and he had no vested interest in it. He attached the utmost importance to its simplicity - there would be the same number of Wards as County Divisions, and there would be annual elections. The 26 ward scheme was too complex and some wards would have no annual elections. There was everything to be said for the City and County Council being at one and the low number of Local Government Voters attending at elections supported his argument. He pointed out that the draft proposals had not been received with any dismay outside political circles. Portsmouth was a densely built up island City and 26 wards would divide the City into Island units.

He was worried that smaller wards would lead to greater parochialism. Far too much could be made of linking ward boundaries with communities which existed regardless of ward boundaries. He disagreed that the thirteen ward scheme would promote domination by one political party. Historically Portsmouth had been dominated by one party but the concept of safe wards was now disappearing and no ward could now be regarded as safe. He thought that 39 members would be well able to manage the affairs of the City provided they were sufficiently active. At the present time a significant number of Councillors made a very small contribution to the work of the Council and in North America Councils with single figures of members were common. The City Council was now spending too much time duplicating matters which had to be discussed again by the County Council at Winchester. He emphasised the need for simplicity in the democratic process, the need to have Councillors broadly based and not representing parts of the City which were far too small and his conviction that 39 Councillors properly deployed would be sufficient to manage the affairs of the City.

11. Councillor M.T. Hancock of Fratton ward representing the Portsmouth Labour Group and himself said that simplicity was the key issue. It would be difficult for three Councillors adequately to represent a number of voters in excess of Ten thousand. In Fratton there were three general improvement areas and it was a major draw back of the draft scheme that an elected member would be unable to process through all the activities of the Community he represented. 26 Wards would help communication and he supported the alternative 26 ward scheme.

12. Mrs. Anderson Independent Councillor for Cosham favoured the thirteen ward scheme. She too thought that simplicity was all important and in this respect the thirteen ward scheme was far better than the 26 ward scheme. With the 26 ward scheme in any year people on one side of the street would be voting and on the other side of the street would not be voting and the Public would

be unable to understand this. Since 1973 voters had been confused and the sooner the system could be simplified the better. Cosham would have the largest area in the City. It was very diverse but as one of the three Councillors there she was quite sure that she would be able to cope.

13. Councillor J.G. Cockerill of St. Judes Ward supported the draft scheme. He thought that members who had a heavy load at present would retain that load but that further responsibilities could be taken up by those members who were doing less. His own ward was in the centre of a bed sitting area but he had not been over loaded and in his opinion it was not excessive that a Councillor should work on average half a day per week. Portsmouth voters resided in a very small area; accordingly it was possible for him to be of service to more voters than would be possible in a rural area. In his view the representation on the Council politically reflected the political views in the City. He pointed out that Councillor Hancock was also a member of the County Council and if his work load in the City was too great it was always open to him to give up his membership of the County Council.

14. Councillor J.H. Lubin of St. Judes Ward favoured the draft scheme. He thought that three capable elected members could very well cope with all the problems arising in one of the proposed wards.

15. Councillor T.P. Gregory of Havelock Ward supported the draft scheme. He had been a Councillor for five and half years in the most densely populated ward of the City. He was married with a young family and a full time job but the nevertheless was able to cope as a Councillor. He had no fear for the 39 member scheme. Simplicity was of cardinal importance and the 26 ward scheme was far too complex. The thirteen ward scheme offered an opportunity to re-organise committees and committee structure and any additional powers accruing from Local Government reorganisation could easily be fitted in to the existing structure.

16. Councillor Mrs. N. Scorey of St. Simons ward was worried about the prospect of the reduction in the number of Councillors. An increase in their number would allow the work to be spread further. Most members had jobs to do and were only available for a limited time. She supported the 26 ward scheme.

17. Councillor F.W. Rogers of Cosham and District Rate payers Association supported the draft scheme. He thought that three members per ward should be maintained and the Council should keep the system of election by thirds. As a Councillor he was able to deal with the problems of the largest ward in the City and a mixed one at that. If 26 wards were introduced long standing wards would be split up and unnecessary change would be made in the recognised order of things.

18. Mr. Alan Burnett was a Lecturer at Portsmouth Polytechnic He was interested in electoral geography and his students had carried out an analysis of the two schemes from the point of view of parity identifiable boundaries and local ties. Both schemes were within five per cent and very good as regards electoral parity though the 26 ward scheme was slightly worse. Compact wards were better than those with irregular shapes and in this respect the 26 ward scheme was slightly better. With regard to internal boundaries 69 per cent of the boundaries in the thirteen wards followed physical features compared with 72

per cent of the boundaries in the 26 ward scheme. The 26 ward scheme divided fewer housing estates and divided neighbourhood units slightly less than the thirteen ward scheme in which the wards contained several communities. He thought that the 26 ward was superior in regard to its boundaries. He thought it impossible to foretell the political consequences which would ensue from either of the schemes but in his view the present pattern of areas had consistently favoured the majority party on the Council. In so far as the thirteen ward scheme adopted existing boundaries the same electoral bias was likely to continue. An analysis had been carried out of problems in Portsmouth by examining complaints published in the Local Newspaper over a period of three years and also by examining the records of Local Authority departments. Many problems seemed to have been taken up by Local Councillors. He could see no advantage in reducing the number of Councillors. He thought that a few more people should be given the opportunity to become Councillors and he favoured a larger Council.

19. Councillor K.W. Hale had been a City Councillor for North End for the six years and was also a member of the County Council. His ward had always had 10,000 electors. To represent a small community was not conducive to a balanced view for a member who had to represent such an area. He pointed out that in the thirteen ward scheme, in addition to the three City Councillors there would be a County Councillor in every Ward. He favoured the thirteen ward scheme which would return representatives of areas rather than of communities. He thought that a catastrophic situation would arise if two wards were made into a single County division.

20. Councillor F.A. Warner of Farlington said that administration must be as simple as possible in order to be understood and a large Ward was more likely to consist of a complete cross section of society. The 26 ward scheme was too confusing and complicated and he pointed out that recent Local Government elections in Portsmouth had returned a poll of less than 20 per cent. A 39 member Council would be more efficient. He liked the idea of thirteen wards in the City each with three City Councillors and one County Councillor. His own work as a Councillor took up about a half a day per week and he thought that he was not overloaded. In his view it would be possible to reduce the membership of committees from fourteen to twelve. This had been mooted some time previously but had been dropped because it would have shown up the 26 ward scheme as unnecessary. He supported the thirteen ward scheme but in the event of a 26 ward scheme being adopted, he would suggest a different boundary for Farlington in accordance with the alternative proposal which had been put forward.

21. Mr. K. Griffiths of Portsmouth South Conservative Association supported the draft scheme. He pointed out that although the proponents of the 26 ward scheme had argued that the draft scheme would increase the burden on Councillors the amount of paper work would probably be reduced.

No Councillor had ever suggested that he had to deal with every single member of the electorate in his ward and simplicity was the essential advantage of the draft scheme.

22. Mrs. F. Peel of Portsmouth North Conservative Association supported the draft scheme. She pointed out that even at the present time seven of the existing sixteen wards in Portsmouth had an electorate of over nine thousand electors and in these seven wards three of the Councillors were actually County Councillors

as well as City Councillors.

23. Mr. M. James a Student at Portsmouth Polytechnic pointed out certain anomalies in the proposed Nelson, Hilsea Copnor and Fratton wards of the boundaries.

24. Mrs. Celia Clarke Honorary Secretary of the Portsmouth Society read a letter dated 12th October 1977 which had been sent by her Society to the Commission. In this she criticised the general concept of the thirteen ward scheme and in particular the way in which some of the ward boundaries severed existing communities and the proposed names for some of the wards.

#### CONCLUSIONS

25. There was virtually universal support either for the 26 ward or for the 13 ward scheme, the only modification being suggested by Councillor Warner in respect of Farlington ward in the 26 ward scheme, Mr. M. James in respect of Wards F, H, J and L in the thirteen ward scheme and the Portsmouth Society in respect of the wards in the thirteen ward scheme. Having inspected the boundaries suggested, my conclusion is that the proposal of Councillor Warner has merit but that the suggestions of Mr. James and the Portsmouth Society do not offer substantial improvements on the official proposals.

26. There is a division of opinion about the merits of the thirteen ward scheme and the suggested alternative 26 ward scheme. Those who supported the draft scheme argued that it would be simple and effective, provide a good frame-work for the effective organisation of the City Council and County Council representation and by its simplicity induce among the electors in general a proper understanding of the Local Government function. They say that 26 wards are too many and in particular it would be impossible to induce the public to understand the proposed system of retirements and election.

27. The supporters of the alternative 26 ward scheme say that a City Council composed of only 39 members would be far too small. Notwithstanding its size and importance and the complexity of its urban problems Portsmouth would have one of the smallest Councils in Hampshire and the proposed 39 members would be unable to cope with the work of the Council and with the demands of the electors. The existing political bias in favour of the majority party would be perpetuated by the proposed scheme.

28. In my view it is not possible to assess what political bias, if any, exists at present or would exist under either the draft scheme or the proposed alternative. The draft scheme has the great advantage of simplicity in that it makes it possible for each of the proposed wards to be represented by one County Councillor and three City Councillors and this is something which the general public would have no difficulty in understanding. On the other hand, the proposals for elections in the 26 ward scheme cannot easily be understood by ordinary people, and for this reason are unsatisfactory. The present Portsmouth City Council is satisfied that it would be fully capable of carrying out all its functions with a reduced membership although this will require changes in Council practices and organisation. It seems to me that this view is justified and that the draft scheme if adopted will offer the City Council an opportunity to make real progress.

RECOMMENDATION

29. I recommend that the Commission adopts their draft 13 ward scheme.

30. I recommend that the wards names contained in the 13 ward scheme be adopted.

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gordon Guest', written in dark ink.

Gordon Guest  
Assistant Commissioner  
6 High Street,  
Southampton.

January 1979

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Re: PORTSMOUTH LOCAL MEETING

Held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on 1st December 1978

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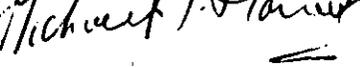
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		Myself.

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
Charles Dickens	3
Copnor	3
Cosham	3
Drayton and Farlington	3
Fratton	3
Havelock	3
Highland	3
Hilsea	3
Milton	3
Nelson	3
Paulsgrove	3
St Jude	3
St Thomas	3

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH 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.

## PAULSGROVE WARD

Commencing at a point on the northern boundary of the City at NG Reference SU 6345006786, thence due southwards from said point to Military Road thence southeastwards and eastwards along said road to the roundabout at the junction with Southwick Hill Road thence southeastwards to and along Southwick Hill Road to a point opposite the path leading to Wymering Lane thence westwards to and along said path to Wymering Lane thence southwards along said lane and continuing in prolongation to Southampton Road thence southwestwards along said road to the M27 motorway thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said motorway to National Grid reference SU 6476904680 thence southwestwards in a straight line to and along the M275 motorway to the channel known as Tipner Lake thence westwards along said channel to the channel known as Porchester Lake thence generally southwestwards along said channel to and continuing in a straight line due southwestwards crossing Portsmouth Harbour to the western boundary of the City thence generally northwestwards along said City boundary and northeastwards, southeastwards, northwards and eastwards along the northern boundary of the City to the point of commencement.

## COSHAM WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Paulsgrove Ward meets the northern boundary of the City thence generally eastwards along said City boundary to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of the western boundary of No 1 Hoylake Road, thence southwestwards along said

prolongation and western boundary to Hoylake Road thence southwestwards along said road to Portsdown Hill Road thence westwards along said road to the bridge over London Road thence generally southwestwards along London Road and Northern Road to Spur Road thence eastwards along said road and Havant Road to Court Lane, thence southwards along said lane to the northern boundary of the Sewage Works thence generally westwards along said boundary and southwestwards along the western boundary of said works to the Fareham to Havant railway line thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said railway to the Portsmouth to Havant railway line thence southwestwards along said railway to the A27 trunk road, thence northwestwards along said road and the M27 motorway to the eastern boundary of Paulsgrove Ward thence northwestwards, generally northeastwards northwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### DRAYTON AND FARLINGTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Cosham Ward meets the northern boundary of the City thence eastwards along said City boundary to the eastern boundary of the City thence generally southwards along said City boundary to a point in Russell's Lake being the prolongation southeastwards of Broom Channel thence generally northwestwards along Broom Channel to the Havant to Portsmouth railway thence northeastwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Cosham Ward thence northeastwards, generally northwestwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### COPNOR WARD

Commencing at a point where the southwestern boundary of Drayton and Farlington Ward meets the eastern boundary of the City thence southwards along said City boundary to a point due east of the junction of Tangier Road and

Eastern Road, thence due westwards to said junction and thence generally southwestwards and northwestwards along Tangier Road to Milton Road thence southwards along said road to Copnor Bridge thence northwestwards along said bridge to Copnor Road thence northwestwards along said road to Powerscourt Road, thence westwards along said road to Paulsgrove Road thence northwards along said road to Chichester Road thence eastwards along said road to Lyndhurst Road, thence northwards along said road to Stubbington Avenue thence westwards along said avenue to Randolph Road thence northwards along said road to Battenburg Avenue thence generally eastwards along said avenue to Copnor Road thence northwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Sports Ground thence eastwards to and along said boundary to the Havant-Portsmouth railway line thence northeastwards along said railway to the southwestern boundary of Drayton and Farlington Ward thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### MILTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Copnor Ward meets the eastern boundary of the City thence southwards along said City boundary to a point in Langstone Channel being due northeastwards of NG Reference SZ 6785699943 thence southwestwards in a straight line to said reference and continuing along the path leading to Locksway Road, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the path to the west of No 204 Locksway Road thence southwestwards to and along said path to and crossing Milton Road, to Goldsmith Avenue thence northwestwards along said avenue to Victoria Road North thence northeastwards along said road and Fratton Bridge to the Havant-Portsmouth railway thence northeastwards along said railway to the southern boundary of Copnor Ward thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## HIGHLAND WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Milton Ward meets the eastern boundary of the City thence southwards along said City boundary and southwestwards along the southern boundary of the City to a point due south of the junction of the road known as Southsea Esplanade and the bus terminus road (local authority description) thence due north to said junction and along the bus terminus road to the road known as St Helen's Parade, thence northeastwards along said road to Festing Road thence northwestwards along said road to Festing Grove thence southeastwards along said grove to Bristol Road thence northwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 61 Bristol Road, thence eastwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property thence northwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 59-1 Bristol Road to the northern boundary of the last mentioned property thence westwards along said boundary to Bristol Road thence northwards along said road to Highland Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Winter Road thence northeastwards along said road to the southern boundary of Milton Ward thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## HAVELOCK WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Milton Ward meets the western boundary of Highland Ward, thence southwestwards along said western boundary to Highland Road thence northwestwards along said road and Albert Road to Lawrence Road thence northwards along said road to Campbell Road thence southwestwards along said road to Outram Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Victoria Road North thence northwards along said road to St David's Road thence northwards along said road to Bailey's Road thence southeastwards along said road to Victoria Road North thence northeastwards along said road to the southern boundary of Milton Ward thence southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## ST JUDE WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Havelock Ward meets the western boundary of Highland Ward thence generally southwestwards along said western boundary to the southern boundary of the City thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said City boundary to a point being the prolongation southwestwards of Pier Road, thence northeastwards along said prolongation and Pier Road to Gordon Road thence southeastwards along said road to Osborne Road, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said road to Palmerston Road thence northeastwards along said road to Marmion Road thence southeastwards along said road to Victoria Road South thence northwards along said road and Victoria Road North to the western boundary of Havelock Ward thence northeastwards and southwards along said boundary and southeastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement. Spit Sand Fort and Horse Sand Fort to be included within this ward.

## ST THOMAS WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Havelock Ward meets the northern boundary of St Jude Ward thence generally southwards and westwards along said northern boundary to the southern boundary of the City thence northwestwards and /southwestwards along said City boundary and northeastwards and northwestwards along the western boundary of the City to a point due west of Portsmouth Harbour Station, thence due eastwards to said station and thence northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along the railway line from said station to Anglesea Road thence southwards along said road and St Michael's Road to the road known as Lord Montgomery Way thence northeastwards along said road to Winston Churchill Avenue thence southeastwards along said avenue and Bradford Road to the western boundary of Havelock Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## CHARLES DICKENS WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Havelock Ward meets the northern boundary of St Thomas Ward thence generally eastwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of the City thence northwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Paulsgrove Ward thence northeastwards along said boundary to a point due west of Fountain Lake thence due eastwards to and through said lake to a point being the prolongation north westwards of the junction of Flathouse Road and Prospect Road thence southeastwards along said prolongation and Prospect Road to Mile End Road thence southwards along said road to the underpass to Sultan Road thence eastwards and southeastwards along said underpass and northwards and eastwards along said road, crossing Hanway Road and continuing along the access road to Kingston Road thence southwards along said road and Fratton Road to the western boundary of Milton Ward thence southeastwards along said boundary and the western boundary of Havelock Ward to the point of commencement.

## FRATTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Copnor Ward meets the western boundary of Milton Ward, thence southwestwards along said western boundary to the eastern boundary of Charles Dickens Ward thence northwards along said boundary and continuing along Kingston Road to Powerscourt Road thence generally eastwards along said road to the western boundary of Copnor Ward thence eastwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## NELSON WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Copnor Ward meets the northern boundary of Fratton Ward thence westwards along said northern boundary and southeastwards along the western boundary of Fratton Ward to the northern

boundary of Charles Dickens Ward thence northwestwards and westwards along said northern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Paulsgrove Ward thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the M275 motorway thence southeastwards in a straight line to the northern end of Twyford Avenue thence southeastwards along said avenue to Stamshaw Road thence southeastwards along said road to Angerstein Road thence eastwards along said road, crossing London Road, and continuing along Stubbington Avenue to the western boundary of Copnor Ward thence eastwards and southwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### HILSEA WARD

Commencing at a point where the southwestern boundary of Cosham Ward meets the western boundary of Drayton and Farlington Ward, thence southwestwards along said <sup>western</sup> boundary and generally southwestwards along the western boundary of Copnor Ward to the eastern boundary of Nelson Ward thence westwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Paulsgrove Ward thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Cosham Ward thence southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

