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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 2462**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The District of South Somerset (Electoral Changes) Order 1998**

*Made - - - - 5th October 1998*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(1), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated November 1997 on its review of the district of South Somerset together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(2) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of South Somerset (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 6th May 1999, except that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that date this Order shall come into force on 10th October 1998.

(3) In this Order—

“the district” means the district of South Somerset;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

any reference to “the map” is a reference to the map prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions marked “Map of the District of South Somerset (Electoral Changes) Order 1998”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(3).

**Wards of South Somerset**

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(4) shall be abolished.

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(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(3) S.I.1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(4) *see* The District of South Somerset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/1692).

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty-nine wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes, or, where no area is so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of that ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, waterway or other similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

### **Chard parish**

3.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Chard shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Chard Avishayes, Chard Combe, Chard Crimchard, Chard Holyrood and Chard Jocelyn and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the ward of the district bearing the same name and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be three.

### **Yeovil parish**

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Yeovil shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be six.

### **Wards of the parish of East Coker**

5.—(1) The parish of East Coker shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3.

(2) The parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards of the district, and the numbers of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

### **Wards of the parish of Huish Episcopi**

6.—(1) The parish of Huish Episcopi shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 4.

(2) The parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards of the district, and the numbers of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

### **Wards of the parish of Mudford**

7.—(1) The parish of Mudford shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 5.

(2) The parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards of the district, and the numbers of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

### **Wards of the parish of Stoke sub Hamdon**

8.—(1) The parish of Stoke sub Hamdon shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 6.

(2) The parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards of the district, and the numbers of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

### **Wards of the parish of West Coker**

9.—(1) The parish of West Coker shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 7.

(2) The parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards of the district, and the numbers of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

### **Revocation**

10. The District of South Somerset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1988 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

5th October 1998

*Hilary Armstrong*  
Minister of State, Department of the  
Environment, Transport and the Regions

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## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

**NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Blackdown	The parishes of Buckland St Mary, Combe St Nicholas, Wambrook and Whitestaunton	1
Blackmoor Vale	The parishes of Abbas and Templecombe, Charlton Horethorne, Compton Pauncefoot, Corton Denham, Henstridge, Holton, Horsington, Maperton and North Cheriton	2
Bruton	The parish of Bruton	1
Brympton	The parish of Brympton	2
Burrow Hill	The parishes of Barrington, Kingsbury Episcopi, Muchelney, Puckington and Stocklinch	1
Camelot	The parishes of Marston Magna, Queen Camel, Rimpton, Sparkford and West Camel	1
Cary	The parishes of Alford, Ansford, Babcary, Castle Cary, Lovington, North Barrow, North Cadbury, South Barrow, South Cadbury and Yarlington	2
Chard Avishayes		1
Chard Combe		1
Chard Crimchard		1
Chard Holyrood		1
Chard Jocelyn		1
Coker		2
Crewkerne	The parishes of Crewkerne and Misterton	3
Curry Rivel	The parishes of Curry Rivel and Drayton	1
Eggwood	The parishes of Dinnington, Hinton St George and Merriott	1
Hamdon		1

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Ilminster	The parishes of Ilminster and Whitelackington	2
Islemoor	The parishes of Beercrocombe, Curry Mallet, Fivehead, Hambridge and Westport, Ilton, Isle Abbots and Isle Brewers	1
Ivelchester		1
Langport and Huish		1
Martock	The parishes of Ash, Long Load and Martock	2
Milborne Port	The parish of Milborne Port	1
Neroche	The parishes of Ashill, Broadway, Donyatt and Horton	1
Northstone	The parishes of Barton St David, Charlton Mackrell, Keinton Mandeville, Kingsdon and Kingweston	1
Parrett	The parishes of Chiselborough, East Chinnock, Haselbury Plucknett, North Perrott and West Chinnock	1
St Michael's		1
South Petherton	The parishes of Lopen, Seavington St Mary, Seavington St Michael, Shepton Beauchamp and South Petherton	2
Tatworth and Forton	The parish of Tatworth and Forton	1
Tower	The parishes of Bratton Seymour, Brewham, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington, Pen Selwood, Pitcombe, Shepton Montague and Stoke Trister	1
Turn Hill		1
Wessex	The parishes of Compton Dundon and Somerton	2
Wincanton	The parish of Wincanton	2
Windwhistle	The parishes of Chaffcombe, Chillington, Cricket St. Thomas, Cudworth,	1

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	Dowlish Wake, Kingstone, Knowle St Giles, Wayford, West Crewkerne and Winsham	
Yeovil Central		3
Yeovil East		3
Yeovil South		3
Yeovil West		3
Yeovil Without		3

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF YEOVIL NAMES AND AREAS**

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>
Yeovil Central	The Yeovil Central district ward
Yeovil East	The Yeovil East district ward
Yeovil West	The Yeovil West district ward
Yeovil South	Such part of the parish of Yeovil as is within the district ward of Yeovil South

SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF EAST COKER NAMES, AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
East Coker	Such part of the parish of East Coker as is within the district ward of Coker	11
Wraxhill	Such part of the parish of East Coker as is within the district ward of Yeovil South	2

## SCHEDULE 4

Article 6

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HUISH EPISCOPINAMES,  
AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILL**

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Huish Episcopi	Such part of the parish of Huish Episcopi as is within the district ward of Langport and Huish	8
Wearne and Combe	Such part of the parish of Huish Episcopi as is within the district ward of Turn Hill	1

## SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF MUDFORDNAMES,  
AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Mudford	Such part of the parish of Mudford as is within the district ward of Ivelchester	5
Mudford Urban	Such part of the parish of Mudford as is within the district ward of Yeovil Without	2

## SCHEDULE 6

Article 8

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF STOKE SUB HAMDONNAMES,  
AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Stanchester	Such part of the parish of Stoke sub Hamdon as is within the district ward of St Michael's	1
Stoke sub Hamdon	Such part of the parish of Stoke sub Hamdon as is within the district ward of Hamdon	10

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## SCHEDULE 7

Article 9

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF WEST COKER NAMES,  
AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Sampson's Wood	Such part of the parish of West Coker as is within the district ward of Yeovil South	3
West Coker	Such part of the parish of West Coker as is within the district ward of Coker	7

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of South Somerset.

Article 2 abolishes all of the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 39 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Chard and provided for the creation of five new wards each with 3 councillors.

Article 4 and Schedule 2 abolishes the existing wards of the parish of Yeovil and provides for the creation of four new parish wards each with 6 councillors, which are described in Schedule 2.

Articles 5 to 9 divide each of the parishes of East Coker, Huish Episcopi, Mudford, Stoke sub Hamdon and West Coker into two new parish wards; the attached Schedules 3 to 7 respectively describe the areas of the new wards and the number of councillors for each ward.

The areas of the new district and parish wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of South Somerset District Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions which are located at 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.