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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 648**

**The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole  
(Structural Changes) Order 2018**

**PART 2**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE TIER LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
IN BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE**

**Single tier local government in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole**

**3.—**(1) A new non-metropolitan county and a new non-metropolitan district, each to be known as Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, are constituted comprising (in each case) the areas of the districts of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

(2) In relation to the county of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, section 2(1) of the 1972 Act (which provides that every county shall have a council) does not apply.

(3) A new district council, to be known as Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, is established as the sole principal authority for the non-metropolitan district of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

(4) Except for the purposes of Part 5 of this Order (electoral matters: Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council), until 1st April 2019—

- (a) Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council is not a local authority for the purposes of the 1972 Act or for any other enactment relating to local government; and
- (b) subsection (2) of section 2 of the 1972 Act (constitution of principal councils in England) has effect in relation to that council, as if the words from “and the council” to the end of that subsection were omitted.

**County and Borough of Bournemouth, Bournemouth Borough Council and councillors of that Council**

**4.—**(1) On 1st April 2019—

- (a) the county and borough of Bournemouth are abolished as local government areas; and
- (b) Bournemouth Borough Council is wound up and dissolved.

(2) The term of office of persons serving as councillors of the Borough Council immediately before 1st April 2019 ends on that date.

(3) Nothing in section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) authorises the holding of an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of councillor of the Borough Council where that vacancy arises after 30th September 2018 and before 1st April 2019.

**County and Borough of Poole, Poole Borough Council and councillors of that Council**

**5.—**(1) On 1st April 2019—

- (a) the county and borough of Poole are abolished as local government areas; and
  - (b) Poole Borough Council is wound up and dissolved.
- (2) The term of office of persons serving as councillors of the Borough Council immediately before 1st April 2019 ends on that date.
- (3) Nothing in section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) authorises the holding of an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of councillor of the Borough Council where that vacancy arises after 30th September 2018 and before 1st April 2019.

**Borough of Christchurch, Christchurch Borough Council and councillors of that Council**

- 6.—(1) On 1st April 2019—
- (a) the borough of Christchurch is abolished as a local government area; and
  - (b) Christchurch Borough Council is wound up and dissolved.
- (2) The term of office of persons serving as councillors of the Borough Council immediately before 1st April 2019 ends on that date.
- (3) Nothing in section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) authorises the holding of an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of councillor of the Borough Council where that vacancy arises after 30th September 2018 and before 1st April 2019.