

1979 No. 473

WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order
1979***Laid before Parliament in draft*

Made - - - - 10th April 1979

Coming into Operation 11th April 1979

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, acting jointly in the exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 2(4), 3(1) and (9), and 36(2) of the Water Act 1973(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows, in the terms of a draft approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

Amendment of Wessex Water Authority Constitution Order 1973

2. The Wessex Water Authority Constitution Order 1973(b) is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) for article 4 (which specifies the numbers of members to be appointed to the Wessex Water Authority) there shall be substituted the following article:—

“Members of water authority

4.—(1) The water authority shall consist of seventeen members.

(2) The number of members specified for the purposes of paragraph (b) of section 3(1) of the Act as the number to be appointed by the Minister is two.

(3) The number of members specified for the purposes of paragraph (c) of section 3(1) of the Act as the number to be appointed by the Secretary of State is four.

(4)(a) The number of members to be appointed by each of the councils of counties specified in column (1) of Schedule 2, or by the council of the district so specified individually, or by the councils of each group of districts so specified, shall be the number specified in relation to that county, district, or group in column (2) of that schedule.

(b) Where in the said schedule the number to be appointed is specified in relation to a group of districts, the councils of the districts comprised in the group shall between them appoint that number.

(a) 1973 c. 37.

(b) S.I. 1973/1306.

(c) The year specified for the purposes at paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Act (which provided that the first members to whom that paragraph applied should hold office until the end of May in such year as might be specified for the purposes of that paragraph) is the year 1975 in the case of a member appointed by the councils of a group of districts and the year 1977 in the case of a member appointed by the council of a county."

(b) for Schedule 2 (which specifies the numbers of members to be appointed by local authorities) there shall be substituted the following schedule:—

"SCHEDULE 2 Article 4.

NUMBERS OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

(1) <i>County</i>	(2) <i>Number of Members</i>
Avon	One
Dorset	One
Somerset	One
Wiltshire	One
 <i>District</i>	
Bath, Bristol, Kingswood, Northavon, Wansdyke, Woodspring	One between them
Bristol	One
Bournemouth, Christchurch, North Dorset, Poole, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, Wimborne	Two between them
Mendip, Sedgemoor, Taunton Deane, West Somerset, Yeovil	One between them
Kennet, North Wiltshire, Salisbury, Thamesdown, West Wiltshire	One between them"

Transitional provisions

3. Any person who is a member of the Wessex Water Authority on the day on which this order comes into operation shall hold office for the term for which he would have held office if this order had not been made.

9th April 1979.

Peter Shore,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th April 1979.

(L.S.)

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Wessex Water Authority Constitution Order 1973 defined the constitution of the Wessex Water Authority, one of the ten regional water authorities established in England and Wales under the Water Act 1973, and provided that the Authority should consist of fifteen members, of whom four were to be appointed by county councils specified in the order and four by groups of district councils so specified.

This order amends the 1973 order so as to provide that the Wessex Water Authority shall consist of seventeen members, of whom four are to be appointed by specified county councils and six by specified groups of district councils or by one district council individually specified.

The terms of office of existing members of the Authority are not affected by this order. Members appointed to fill places newly created by the order will come into office (subject to paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973) on 1st June 1979 and will hold office for a term of four years.

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