
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order alters the structure of local government in the Isle of Wight so that the county council for the Island will exercise both county council and district council functions. The Medina Borough Council and the South Wight Borough Council are abolished on 1st April 1995.

On that date, the Isle of Wight County Council is renamed the Isle of Wight Council, and takes on the functions of the two abolished councils as well as continuing with its existing county council functions (other than structure plan and local plan functions under Chapter II of Part II of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990). New elections for the Isle of Wight Council will be held on 4th May 1995, and 48 new county electoral divisions are created for the purposes of those and future elections, each division being represented by one councillor.

With regard to town and country planning, the Island council is to prepare a unitary development plan for its area.

The maps showing the new county electoral divisions may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of the council for the county of Isle of Wight, at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, 2, Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB, and, before 1st April 1995, at the offices of each Island borough.

The Local Government Changes for England Regulations ([S.I. 1994 No. 867](#)) make incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision for the purposes of, and in consequence of orders such as this one.