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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England in respect of the structure of local government in the district of The Wrekin (“The Wrekin”).

Article 3 effects the structural change by providing for the transfer, on 1st April 1998, of the functions of Shropshire County Council in relation to The Wrekin to the council of that district.

Article 4 makes provision for the purposes of subordinate legislation which may be made under the Fire Services Act 1947 in respect of fire services.

Article 5 makes provision in relation to the Shropshire structure plan and to enable the local plan prepared by the council of The Wrekin under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to contain minerals and waste policies.

Article 6 provides for The Wrekin to cease to form part of Shropshire on 1st April 1998 and for a new county of The Wrekin to be constituted on that date (but without a county council).

Article 7 makes provision for a whole council election in The Wrekin in 1997, 2000 and 2003 and every fourth year after 2003.

Article 8 provides for the suspension of county council elections in 1997 in electoral divisions in The Wrekin and extends the term of office of councillors for such divisions until 1st April 1998. It also makes provision in respect of casual vacancies in the office of councillor of the local authorities affected by this Order.