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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1364**

**LAND DRAINAGE**

**The Wessex Regional Flood Defence Committee Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - *28th May 1997*

*Coming into force* - - *1st June 1997*

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food considers—

- (a) it is necessary or expedient to make an order under section 16(5) of the Environment Act 1995(1) in relation to the regional flood defence committee specified in Article 1 of this Order;
- (b) it is inappropriate that the council or any county in relation to which an entry “none” appears in column (2) of the Schedule to this Order should appoint a member of the committee;
- (c) that one member of the committee should be appointed jointly by the councils for the counties of Bournemouth and Poole; and
- (d) that two members of the committee should be appointed jointly by the councils for the counties of Bath and North East Somerset, North West Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Now, therefore, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on him(2) by section 16(5) and (8) of the Environment Act 1995 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:

**Title, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wessex Regional Flood Defence Committee Order 1997 and shall come into force on 1st June 1997.

(2) In this Order “the committee” means the Wessex Regional Flood Defence Committee, being the regional flood defence committee established by section 14 of the Environment Act 1995 for which the councils for the counties specified in the Schedule to this Order are the constituent councils.

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(1) 1995 c. 25.

(2) Section 15(7) defines “the relevant Minister” and section 56(1) defines “the Minister”.

### **Number of members of the committee to be appointed by each constituent council**

2.—(1) The number of members to be appointed to the committee by the council or councils of any county<sup>(3)</sup> specified in column (1) of the Schedule to this Order shall be the number specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of that Schedule.

(2) Any appointment made to the committee by the councils for the counties of

(a) Bournemouth and Poole; or

(b) Bath and North East Somerset, North West Somerset and South Gloucestershire, shall be made jointly.

### **Revocation**

3. The Wessex Regional Flood Defence Committee Order 1996<sup>(4)</sup> is revoked.

28th May 1997

*Elliot Morley*  
Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

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(3) In accordance with regulation 5(6) of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994 (S.I.1994/867), references to a county council include a district council to which county functions have been transferred pursuant to a structural change.

(4) S.I. 1996/1615.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED  
BY EACH CONSTITUENT COUNCIL OR GROUP OF COUNCILS

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Counties</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of Members(5)</i>
Bath and North East Somerset, North West Somerset, South Gloucestershire	Two jointly
Bournemouth, Poole	One jointly
Bristol	One
Devon	None
Dorset	One
Gloucestershire	None
Hampshire	None
Somerset	Two
Wiltshire	One

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order specifies the number of members of the regional flood defence committee known as the Wessex Regional Flood Defence Committee who are to be appointed by each constituent council or group of councils. The order takes account of changes in local government responsibilities which took effect on 1st April 1997. Regional flood defence committees of the Environment Agency were established by section 14 of the Environment Act 1995. The previous order is revoked.

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(5) In accordance with section 16(7) of the Environment Act 1995, this order has been so framed that the total number of members appointed under section 15(1)(a) and (b) of the Act is one less than the number of those appointed by or on behalf of constituent councils.