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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1844**

**The West Mercia (Police Area and Authority) Order 1997**

- 2.—(1) The functions to which this article applies are—
- (a) all functions of the West Mercia police authority on or after 1st April 1998; and
  - (b) before that date (but on or after 1st October 1997), the functions of that police authority in respect of the financial year beginning on 1st April 1998 under—
    - (i) Chapter IV of Part I of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (precepts,<sup>(1)</sup> and
    - (ii) sections 7 (local policing objectives) and 8 (local policing plans) of the 1996 Act.
- (2) For the purposes of the functions to which this article applies—
- (a) paragraph 26(1) of Schedule 2 to the 1996 Act (meaning of “relevant council”) shall have effect from 1st October 1997 as if on that date—
    - (i) Hereford and Worcester County Council had been wound up and dissolved; and
    - (ii) the District of the Wrekin had ceased to form part of the County of Shropshire; and
  - (b) accordingly, the appointments which are required to be made to the West Mercia police authority by paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule (appointments of members of police authority by joint committee appointed by relevant councils) shall be made, as soon as practicable after that date, by a joint committee appointed by the County Councils of Shropshire and Worcestershire and the Councils of the Districts of Herefordshire and The Wrekin (as relevant councils) in accordance with that provision.
- (3) For the purposes of the functions referred to in paragraph (1)(b) above—
- (a) section 19(2)(b) of the 1996 Act (approval of decisions about precepts) shall have effect as though the reference to the members of the police authority appointed under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to that Act was a reference to the members so appointed by virtue of paragraph (2) above; and
  - (b) the members of the West Mercia police authority appointed under paragraph 2 of that Schedule otherwise than under paragraph (2) above shall not participate in the discharge of those functions.
- (4) In the exercise of its powers, the joint committee referred to in paragraph (2)(b) above—
- (a) shall, for the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(b) of Schedule 2 to the 1996 Act, ignore any member of Shropshire County Council elected for an electoral division in the District of The Wrekin, and
  - (b) shall not appoint any such member to the West Mercia police authority under paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule.
- (5) A member of the West Mercia police authority who was appointed under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the 1996 Act otherwise than by virtue of paragraph (2) above and who is not subsequently so appointed shall cease to hold office as a member of that Authority on 1st April 1998.

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(1) 1992 c. 14; section 39(1)(b) of that Act was amended by section 27(1) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29) and paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 7 to the 1996 Act.

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(6) In determining the period of a term of years for the purpose of paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to the 1996 Act (term of appointment of members of a police authority), any period as a member of the West Mercia police authority prior to 1st April 1998 under an appointment made by virtue of paragraph (2) above shall be disregarded except where the person in question had been a member of that authority by virtue of an appointment under paragraph 2 of that Schedule prior to his appointment by virtue of paragraph (2) above.