

---

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**1998 No. 2699**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The City of Bristol (Electoral Changes) Order 1998**

*Made - - - - 3rd November 1998*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup>, has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated March 1998 on its review of the City of Bristol together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17<sup>(2)</sup> and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the City of Bristol (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 6th May 1999, except that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that date this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

(3) In this Order—

“the city” means the City of Bristol;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and any reference to the map is a reference to the map prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions marked “Map of the City of Bristol (Electoral Changes) Order 1998”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994<sup>(3)</sup>.

---

(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(3) S.I.1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

## **Wards of Bristol**

2.—(1) The existing wards of the city<sup>(4)</sup> shall be abolished.

(2) The city shall be divided into 35 wards which shall bear the names set out in Schedule 1.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas designated on the map by reference to the names of the wards and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be two.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, waterway or other similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

## **Elections of the council of Bristol**

3.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article, the election of councillors for wards of the city shall be by thirds.

(2) Elections of all councillors for wards of the city shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1999<sup>(5)</sup>.

(3) The councillors holding office for any ward in the city immediately before 10th May 1999 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for any such ward shall come into office on that date.

(4) The order of retirement of councillors shall be as set out in Schedule 2.

(5) Where the number of councillors elected in 1999 for any ward of the city is two, the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (6) and (7) below, be the councillor elected by the smaller number of votes.

(6) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any year, the person to retire in that year shall be determined by lot.

(7) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each year shall be determined by lot.

(8) Where under this article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot shall be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen and the drawing shall be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

(9) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraphs of this article, the term of office of councillors shall be four years and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

## **Revocations**

4. The City of Bristol (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980<sup>(6)</sup> and article 8 of the Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995 are hereby revoked.

---

(4) See The Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/493) and The City of Bristol (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/297).

(5) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, see section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50).

(6) S.I. 1980/297.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

3rd November 1998

*Hilary Armstrong*  
Minister of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

### CITY OF BRISTOL: NAMES OF WARDS

*Name of New Ward*

Ashley  
Avonmouth  
Bedminster  
Bishopston  
Bishopsworth  
Brislington East  
Brislington West  
Cabot  
Clifton  
Clifton East  
Cotham  
Easton  
Eastville  
Filwood  
Frome Vale  
Hartcliffe  
Henbury  
Hengrove  
Henleaze  
Hillfields  
Horfield  
Kingsweston  
Knowle  
Lawrence Hill  
Lockleaze  
Redland  
St George East  
St George West  
Southmead  
Southville  
Stockwood  
Stoke Bishop  
Westbury-on-Trym  
Whitchurch Park  
Windmill Hill

**SCHEDULE 2****Article 3****ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS**

<i>Name of new ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2001</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2002</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2003</i>
Ashley	1	0	1
Avonmouth	1	1	0
Bedminster	0	1	1
Bishopston	1	1	0
Bishopsworth	0	1	1
Brislington East	0	1	1
Brislington West	0	1	1
Cabot	1	0	1
Clifton	1	0	1
Clifton East	1	0	1
Cotham	1	0	1
Easton	1	0	1
Eastville	1	0	1
Filwood	0	1	1
Frome Vale	1	0	1
Hartcliffe	0	1	1
Henbury	1	1	0
Hengrove	0	1	1
Henleaze	1	1	0
Hillfields	1	0	1
Horfield	1	1	0
Kingsweston	1	1	0
Knowle	0	1	1
Lawrence Hill	1	0	1
Lockleaze	1	1	0
Redland	1	1	0
St George East	1	0	1
St George West	1	0	1
Southmead	1	1	0
Southville	0	1	1

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

<i>Name of new ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2001</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2002</i>	<i>Number of councillors to retire in 2003</i>
Stockwood	0	1	1
Stoke Bishop	1	1	0
Westbury-on-Trym	1	1	0
Whitchurch Park	0	1	1
Windmill Hill	0	1	1

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order gives effect subject to a modification to the boundary between the wards of Easton and Lockleaze, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the city of Bristol.

Article 2 abolishes all of the existing wards of the city and provides for the creation of 35 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 3 makes provision for a whole council election in Bristol in 1999 and for reversion to elections by thirds in subsequent years. That article and Schedule 2 provide for the order of retirement of councillors.

Article 4 revokes the City of Bristol (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 and article 8 of the Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995.

The areas of the new city wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Bristol City Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions which are located at 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.