
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 2059

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The District of Stratford on Avon
(Electoral Changes) Order 2000**

Made - - - - 28th July 2000

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⁽¹⁾ has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated November 1999 on its review of the district of Stratford on Avon 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⁽²⁾ 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 District of Stratford on Avon (Electoral Changes) Order 2000.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of article 5(1) and proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 2nd May 2002, on 10th October 2001;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 2nd May 2002.

(3) In this Order—

“district” means the district of Stratford on Avon;

“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 District of Stratford on Avon (Electoral Changes) Order 2000”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994⁽³⁾.

(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 the district of Stratford on Avon

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(4) shall be abolished.

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty-one wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes, parish wards, parishes and parish wards or, where no area is so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

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

Elections of the council of Stratford on Avon

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

(2) Elections of all councillors for all wards of the district shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2002(5).

(3) The councillors holding office for any ward of the district immediately before 6th May 2002 shall retire on that date and the newly-elected councillors for those wards 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 2002 for any ward of the borough is two or more—

(a) the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and

(b) the second to retire shall, subject to those paragraphs, be the councillor elected by the next smallest 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 preceding 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.

Wards of the parish of Stratford-upon-Avon

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Stratford-upon-Avon shall be abolished.

(4) See the District of Stratford-on-Avon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/1393).

(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).

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards, which shall bear the names Stratford Alveston, Stratford Avenue and New Town, Stratford Guild and Hathaway, and Stratford Mount Pleasant; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Stratford Alveston, Stratford Avenue and New Town and Stratford Guild and Hathaway parish wards shall be five, and for the Stratford Mount Pleasant parish ward shall be three.

Parish elections

5.—(1) The ordinary elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Gaydon and Kineton in 2002 shall not take place; and any such parish councillor holding office immediately before 6th May 2002 who would, but for this paragraph, have retired on that date shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2003.

(2) The ordinary elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Bishops Itchington and Harbury in 2003 shall not take place; and any such parish councillor holding office immediately before 5th May 2003 who would, but for this paragraph, have retired on that date shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004.

(3) The term of office of any parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1999 for the parishes of Admington, Butlers Marston, Halford, Hampton Lucy, Long Itchington, Long Marston, Oxhill, Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors, Preston-on-Stour, Quinton, Ratley and Upton, Ufton, Shotteswell, Snitterfield, Tanworth-in-Arden, Tysoe and Warmington shall be three years.

(4) The term of office of any parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2000 for the parishes of Barton-on-the-Heath, Great Wolford, Ilmington, Little Compton, Long Compton, Napton-on-the-Hill, Priors Marston, Stretton-on-Fosse, Tredington and Whichford shall be three years.

(5) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Aston Cantlow, Alderminster, Binton, Burton Dassett, Claverdon, Ettington, Exhall, Halford, Haselor, Langley, Loxley, Luddington, Old Stratford and Drayton, Radway, Ratley and Upton, Temple Grafton, Shotteswell, and Warmington shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2002, 2004 and every fourth year after 2004.

(6) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Admington, Butlers Marston, Hampton Lucy, Long Itchington, Long Marston, Oxhill, Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors, Preston-on-Stour, Quinton, Snitterfield, Tanworth-in-Arden, Tysoe and Ufton shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2002 and every fourth year after 2002.

(7) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Barton-on-the-Heath, Brailes, Cherington, Coughton, Great Alne, Great Wolford, Kinwarton, Little Compton, Long Compton, Morton Bagot, Oldberrow, Sambourne, Sperrall, Stourton, Stretton-on-Fosse and Whichford shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2003, 2006 and every fourth year after 2006.

(8) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Gaydon, Ilmington, Kineton, Napton-on-the-Hill, Priors Marston and Tredington shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2003 and every fourth year after 2003.

(9) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Bishops Itchington and Harbury shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004 and every fourth year after 2004.

(10) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Coughton, Morton Bagot, Oldberrow, Sambourne and Spennall shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2006 and every fourth year after 2006.

(11) The term of office of every councillor elected, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (5), in 2002, shall be two years; and each such councillor shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004.

(12) The term of office of every councillor elected, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (7), in 2003, shall be three years; and each such councillor shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2006.

(13) The councillors elected, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (5) or (7), in 2002 or 2003 respectively, shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

(14) Where any provision of an order made before the making of this Order requires an election of parish councillors for a parish mentioned in any of paragraphs (5) to (10) to be held on a date other than that for which that paragraph provides, it shall cease to have effect to that extent.

(15) Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986⁽⁶⁾ (filling of casual vacancies) shall have effect, in the case of a casual vacancy occurring before 8th May 2004 in the office of a parish councillor for the parishes of Bishops Itchington, Gaydon, Harbury, Kineton and Tanworth as if the references in paragraphs (1) and (4) of that rule to the day on which that councillor would regularly have retired were a reference to 8th May 2004.

Revocation

6. The District of Stratford-on-Avon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Beverley Hughes
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport and
the Regions

28th July 2000

⁽⁶⁾ S.I. 1986/2215, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Alcester	The parishes of Arrow and Weethley, and the Alcester and Oversley parish wards of Alcester parish	3
Aston Cantlow	The parishes of Aston Cantlow, Billesley and Haselor	1
Bardon	The parishes of Binton, Exhall, Luddington, Old Stratford & Drayton and Temple Grafton	1
Bidford and Salford	The parishes of Bidford-on-Avon, Salford Priors and Wixford	3
Brailes	The parishes of Barcheston, Brailes, Burmington, Honington, Idlicote, Stretton-on-Fosse, Sutton-under-Brailes and Tidmington	1
Burton Dassett	The parishes of Burton Dassett, Radway, Ratley & Upton, Shotteswell and Warmington	1
Claverdon	The parishes of Bearley, Claverdon, Langley and Preston Bagot	1
Ettington	The parishes of Alderminster, Ettington, Halford and Loxley	1
Fenny Compton	The parishes of Avon Dassett, Chapel Ascote, Farnborough, Fenny Compton, Hodnell & Wills Pastures, Ladbroke, Priors Hardwick, Priors Marston, Radbourn, Stoneton, Watergall and Wormleighton	1
Harbury	The parishes of Bishops Itchington, Chesterton & Kingston, and Harbury	2
Henley	The parishes of Beaudesert, Henley-in-Arden and Wootton Wawen	2
Kineton	The parishes of Chadshunt, Combroom, Compton Verney,	2

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	Gaydon, Kineton and Lighthorne	
Kinwarton	The parishes of Great Alne and Kinwarton, and the Oversley Green parish ward of Alcester parish	1
Long Compton	The parishes of Barton-on-the-Heath, Cherington, Great Wolford, Little Compton, Little Wolford, Long Compton, Stourton and Whichford	1
Long Itchington	The parishes of Long Itchington and Ufton	1
Quinton	The parishes of Admington, Atherstone on Stour, Long Marston, Quinton and Preston on Stour	1
Sambourne	The parishes of Coughton, Moreton Bagot, Oldberrow, Sambourne and Sperrall, and the Mappleborough Green parish ward of Studley parish	1
Shipston	The parish of Shipston on Stour	2
Snitterfield	The parishes of Charlecote, Fulbrook, Hampton Lucy, Snitterfield and Wolverton	1
Southam	The parish of Southam	3
Stockton and Napton	The parishes of Napton-on-the-Hill, Stockton and Upper & Lower Shuckburgh	1
Stratford Alveston		3
Stratford Avenue and New Town		3
Stratford Guild and Hathaway		3
Stratford Mount Pleasant		2
Studley	The Studley parish ward of Studley parish	3
Tanworth	The parish of Ullenhall, and the Tanworth and Earlswood parish wards of Tanworth-in-Arden parish	2

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Tredington	The parishes of Ilmington, Tredington and Whitchurch	1
Vale of the Red Horse	The parishes of Butlers Marston, Compton Wynyates, Oxhill, Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors, Tysoe and Whatcote	1
Welford	The parishes of Clifford Chambers, Dorsington, Milcote, Welford-on-Avon and Weston-on-Avon	1
Wellesbourne	The parishes of Moreton Morrell, Newbold Pacey and Wellesbourne	3

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(4)

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors to retire in 2003</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors to retire in 2004</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Number of councillors to retire in 2006</i>
Alcester	1	1	1
Aston Cantlow		1	
Bardon		1	
Bidford and Salford	1	1	1
Brailes			1
Burton Dassett		1	
Claverdon		1	
Ettington		1	
Fenny Compton	1		
Harbury		1	1
Henley	1	1	
Kineton	1	1	
Kinwarton			1
Long Compton			1
Long Itchington			1

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Quinton			1
Sambourne			1
Shipston	1	1	
Snitterfield			1
Southam	1	1	1
Stockton and Napton	1		
Stratford Alveston	1	1	1
Stratford Avenue and New Town	1	1	1
Stratford Guild and Hathaway	1	1	1
Stratford Mount Pleasant	1	1	
Studley	1	1	1
Tanworth		1	1
Tredington	1		
Vale of the Red Horse			1
Welford	1		
Wellesbourne	1	1	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, subject to the modification detailed below, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Stratford on Avon.

The modification is that the parish of Lighthorne is not to be warded.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of thirty-one 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 2002 and for reversion to elections by thirds in subsequent years. Schedule 2 regulates the order of retirement of councillors.

Article 4 makes electoral changes in the parish of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Article 5 provides for elections of parish councils in the district.

Article 6 revokes the District of Stratford-on-Avon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977.

The areas of the new district 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 Stratford on Avon District Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.