

2002 No. 2236

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The City of Plymouth (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - 28th August 2002

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(**a**), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated December 2001 on its review of the city(**b**) of Plymouth together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission(**c**) have decided to give effect to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks beginning with the submission of the report has expired:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(**d**) and 26(**e**) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the City of Plymouth (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.
- (2) This Order shall come into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 1st May 2003, on 15th October 2002;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“city” means the city of Plymouth;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

and

(a) 1992 c.19. This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(b) The non-metropolitan district of Plymouth has the status of a city.

(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992, to the extent that they relate to electoral changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962. There are amendments to this section made otherwise than by S.I. 2001/3962 that are not relevant to this Order.

(e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked “Map of the City of Plymouth (Electoral Changes) Order 2002”, of which prints are available for inspection at—

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
- (b) the offices of Plymouth City Council.

Wards of the City of Plymouth

3.—(1) The existing wards of the city(a) shall be abolished.

(2) The City shall be divided into twenty wards which shall bear the names set out in the Schedule.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas 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 (2) of the 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.

Maps

4. Plymouth City Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map of the City of Plymouth (Electoral Changes) Order 2002” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral Registers

5. The Electoral Registration Officer(b) for the city shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Revocation

6. The City of Plymouth (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978(c) is revoked, save for article 8.

(a) See the City of Plymouth (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1793) as amended by the Devon (City of Plymouth and Borough of Torbay) (Structural Change) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1865).

(b) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, see sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).

(c) S.I. 1978/1793.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

22nd August 2002

Pamela Gordon
Commissioner

21st August 2002

Glyn Mathias
Commissioner

28th August 2002

Neil McIntosh
Commissioner

15th August 2002

Karamjit Singh
Commissioner

28th August 2002

Sam Younger
Commissioner

15th August 2002

Graham Zellick
Commissioner

SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES OF WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

(1) <i>Name of Ward</i>	(2) <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Budshead	3
Compton	3
Devonport	3
Drake	2
Efford and Lipson	3
Eggbuckland	3
Ham	3
Honicknowle	3
Moor View	3
Peverell	3
Plympton Chaddlewood	2
Plympton Erle	2
Plympton St Mary	3
Plymstock Dunstone	3
Plymstock Radford	3
St Budeaux	3
St Peter and the Waterfront	3
Southway	3
Stoke	3
Sutton and Mount Gould	3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the city of Plymouth. The recommendations were submitted to the Secretary of State, but the functions of the Secretary of State under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 so far as they relate to electoral changes were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission under The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962), with effect from 1st April 2002. That Order provides that recommendations submitted to the Secretary of State before 1st April would have effect as if they had been submitted to the Electoral Commission.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the city and provides for the creation of 20 new wards. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 5 obliges the Electoral Registration officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 6 revokes the City of Plymouth (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1793), with the exception of article 8.

The areas of the new city wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Plymouth City Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission, Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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