

2003 No. 161

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The City of Peterborough (Electoral Changes) Order 2003

Made - - - - - 27th January 2003

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(**a**), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(**b**), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(**c**) a report dated July 2002 on its review of the city(**d**) of Peterborough, together with its recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with one modification, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(**e**) and 26(**f**) 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 Peterborough (Electoral Changes) Order 2003.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 6th May 2004(**g**), on 15th October 2003;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 6th May 2004.

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- (a) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.
 - (b) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.
 - (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 arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).
 - (d) The non-metropolitan district of Peterborough has the status of a city.
 - (e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.
 - (f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.
 - (g) See the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen and the City of Peterborough (Changes to Years of Elections) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2876). This provides in the case of Peterborough for the city elections and certain parish elections that would otherwise have taken place in 2003 to take place in 2004, and for the city elections that would otherwise have taken place in 2004 to take place in 2005.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“city” means the city of Peterborough;

“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 marked “Map referred to in the City of Peterborough (Electoral Changes) Order 2003” of which prints are available for inspection at—

(a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and

(b) the offices of Peterborough City Council; and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

Wards of the city of Peterborough

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

(2) The city shall be divided into twenty-four 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, or where an area is not 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 Peterborough

4.—(1) Elections of all councillors for all wards of the city shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004(b)(c).

(2) The councillors holding office for any ward of the city immediately before 10th May 2004 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for those wards shall come into office on that date.

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

(4) Where the number of councillors elected in 2004 for any ward of the city 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.

(5) 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.

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

(7) 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.

(a) See the City of Peterborough (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/777).

(b) Article 4 provides for a single election of all the councillors and for reversion to the system of elections by thirds, as established by article 4 of the City of Peterborough (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/777), as amended by S.I. 2002/2876.

(c) 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) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

Wards of the parish of Bretton

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Bretton shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Bretton North and Bretton South; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

(3) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish ward of Bretton North shall be fifteen, and for the parish ward of Bretton South shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Eye

6.—(1) The existing wards of Eye parish shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column 1 of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule, and the number of parish councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Orton Longueville

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Orton Longueville shall be abolished.

(2) The parish of Orton Longueville shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 4; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule, and the number of parish councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Orton Waterville

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Orton Waterville shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Orton Brimbles and Southgate, Orton Goldhay East, Orton Goldhay West, Orton Village and Orton Wistow; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 5 by reference to the names of the wards and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish wards of Orton Goldhay East and Orton Goldhay West shall be two, for the parish wards of Orton Brimbles and Southgate, Orton Village and Orton Wistow shall be three.

Parish Elections

9.—(1) The ordinary elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Deeping Gate, Maxey and Northborough in 2006 shall not take place, and any such parish councillor holding office immediately before 8th May 2006 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 2007.

(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004 for the parishes of Bretton and Etton 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 2007.

(3) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Bretton, Deeping Gate, Etton, Maxey and Northborough shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007 and every fourth year after 2007.

(4) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2002 for the parish of Wothorpe 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.

(5) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Wothorpe shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004 and every fourth year after 2004.

(6) The term of office of parish councillors elected in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (5) above shall be four years; and they 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.

(7) Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986(a) (filling of casual vacancies) shall have effect, in the case of a casual vacancy occurring before 7th May 2007 in the parishes of Deeping Gate, Maxey and Northborough 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 7th May 2007.

Maps

10. Peterborough City Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map referred to in the City of Peterborough (Electoral Changes) Order 2003” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral Registers

11. 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

12. The City of Peterborough (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 1997(c) is revoked, save for articles 2, 4(1) and 9.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

23rd January 2003

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Commissioner

23rd January 2003

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Commissioner

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23rd January 2003

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

(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. 1977/777, as amended by S.I. 2002/2876, which includes provisions for the term of office of city councillors.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

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>
Barnack	The parishes of Bainton, Barnack, Helpston, Southorpe, St Martin's Without, Ufford and Wothorpe	1
Bretton North		3
Bretton South		1
Central		3
Dogsthorpe		3
East		3
Eye and Thorney		2
Fletton		3
Glington and Wittering	The parishes of Ailsworth, Castor, Glington, Marholm, Sutton, Thornhaugh, Upton, Wansford and Wittering	2
Newborough		1
North		2
Northborough	The parishes of Deeping Gate, Etton, Maxey and Northborough	1
Orton Longueville		3
Orton Waterville		3
Orton with Hampton		3
Park		3
Paston		3
Ravensthorpe		2
Stanground Central		3
Stanground East		1
Walton		2
Werrington North		3
Werrington South		3
West		3

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4(3)

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of Councillors to retire in 2006</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors to retire in 2007</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Number of Councillors to retire in 2008</i>
Barnack	0	0	1
Bretton North	1	1	1
Bretton South	0	1	0
Central	1	1	1
Dogsthorpe	1	1	1
East	1	1	1
Eye and Thorney	1	0	1
Fletton	1	1	1
Glington and Wittering	1	0	1
Newborough	1	0	0
North	1	1	0
Northborough	0	1	0
Orton Longueville	1	1	1
Orton Waterville	1	1	1
Orton with Hampton	1	1	1
Park	1	1	1
Paston	1	1	1
Ravensthorpe	0	1	1
Stanground Central	1	1	1
Stanground East	0	1	0
Walton	1	0	1
Werrington North	1	1	1
Werrington South	1	1	1
West	1	1	1

SCHEDULE 3

Article 6

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF EYE
 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>
Eye	So much of the district ward of Eye and Thorney as comprises the parish of Eye	11
Eye Green	So much of the district ward of Newborough as comprises the parish of Eye	3
Finchfield	So much of the district ward of East as comprises the parish of Eye	1

SCHEDULE 4

Article 7

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF ORTON LONGUEVILLE
 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>
Botolph	So much of the district ward of Orton with Hampton as comprises the parish of Orton Longueville	3
Longueville	So much of the district ward of Orton Longueville as comprises the parish of Orton Longueville	8

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with one modification, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the city of Peterborough. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 6th May 2004.

The modification relates to Eye Green Parish ward of Eye Parish.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the city and provides for the creation of 24 new wards.

Article 4 makes provision for a whole council election in 2004 and for reversion to the established system of elections by thirds in subsequent years. Schedule 2 provides for the order of retirement of councillors.

Articles 5 to 8 make electoral changes in the parishes of Bretton, Eye, Orton Longueville and Orton Waterville.

Article 9 provides for elections of certain parish councils in the city.

Article 11 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 12 revokes the City of Peterborough (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/777), with the exception of articles 2, 4(1) and 9.

The areas of the new district and parish 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 Peterborough City Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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