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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 957**

**The Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Order 2019**

**PART 4**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS**

**Cancellation of parish council elections in Buckinghamshire, etc**

- 19.** Notwithstanding section 16(3) of the 1972 Act (election of parish councillors)—
- (a) elections are not to be held in 2023 or in 2027 for the return of councillors to the council of any parish within Buckinghamshire;
  - (b) the term of office of parish councillors elected in 2020 or at any subsequent by-election held before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2025 ends on the fourth day after the ordinary day of elections in 2025<sup>(1)</sup>;
  - (c) elections of parish councillors for those parishes in which, but for paragraph (a), elections would have been held in 2023 are to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2025;
  - (d) the term of office of parish councillors elected in 2025 or at any subsequent by-election held before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2029 ends on the fourth day after the ordinary day of elections in 2029; and
  - (e) elections of parish councillors for those parishes in which, but for paragraph (a), elections would have been held in 2027 are to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2029 and every fourth year thereafter.

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(1) Under section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, the term of office of parish councillors is four years and elections of councillors for parish councils within Buckinghamshire were due to be held on the ordinary day of election in 2019. The Districts of Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe (Changes to Years of Elections) Order 2018 [S.I. 2018/1355](#) changed the year of elections of the district and parish councils within Buckinghamshire from 2019 to 2020.