
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 156

The Northamptonshire (Structural Changes) Order 2020

PART 4

ELECTORAL MATTERS

Election of councillors of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council in 2020 and subsequent years

20.—(1) Whole council elections of councillors of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council are to be held—

- (a) on the ordinary day of election of councillors in [^{F1}2021];
- (b) on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2025;
- (c) every fourth year thereafter.

(2) For the purposes of the elections of councillors of North Northamptonshire Council—

- (a) North Northamptonshire is to be divided into wards;
- (b) the names of the new wards are those indicated in column 1 of the table set out in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order;
- (c) the area of each new ward is to be the same as that of the county council electoral division, as that electoral division exists on 31st March 2020, and as indicated in column 2 of that Table;
- (d) each new ward is to return the number of councillors indicated in column 3 of that Table.

(3) For the purposes of the elections of councillors of West Northamptonshire Council—

- (a) West Northamptonshire is to be divided into wards;
- (b) the names of the new wards are those indicated in column 1 of the table set out in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order;
- (c) the area of each new ward is to be the same as that of the county council electoral division, as that electoral division exists on 31st March 2020, and as indicated in column 2 of that Table;
- (d) each new ward is to return the number of councillors indicated in column 3 of that Table.

[^{F2}(4) The shadow authority for North Northamptonshire must designate an officer of the county council or one of the North Northamptonshire councils to act at the 2021 election as the returning officer for North Northamptonshire (“the North Northamptonshire Council returning officer”).]

(5) The shadow authority for West Northamptonshire must designate an officer of the county council or one of the West Northamptonshire councils to act at the 2021 election as the returning officer for West Northamptonshire (“the West Northamptonshire Council returning officer”).]

(6) The North Northamptonshire Council returning officer and the West Northamptonshire Council returning officer must take such steps as are necessary or appropriate to prepare for the [^{F3}2021 elections], including the making of all necessary alterations in the electoral register.

(7) The total of the expenditure properly incurred by the North Northamptonshire Council returning officer and the West Northamptonshire Council returning officer in relation to the holding of the [F32021 elections] is to be divided among, and paid by, the county council, the North Northamptonshire councils and the West Northamptonshire councils in such proportion as may be agreed between them; but, where the North Northamptonshire Council returning officer or the West Northamptonshire Council returning officer notifies the Secretary of State that there is not such agreement, the Secretary of State may—

- (a) determine the proportion; or
- (b) appoint an arbitrator for that purpose.

(8) In relation to the [F32021 elections], “the appropriate officer” in Parts 1 and 2 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 ^{M1} does not have the meaning given by section 67(7) of that Act but means the North Northamptonshire Council returning officer or the West Northamptonshire Council returning officer.

(9) All councillors elected in [F42021] or any later year are to retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in the year of retirement and the newly-elected councillors are to come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

(10) In this article “the year of retirement” —

- (a) in relation to councillors elected in [F52021] means 2025;
- (b) in relation to councillors elected in 2025 or in any later year means the fourth year after the year of election of those councillors.

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- F6(18)
- F6(19)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in art. 20(1)(a) substituted (E.) (8.5.2020) by The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Structural Changes) (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/426), regs. 1(2), **14(b)**
- F2** Art. 20(4)(5) substituted (E.) (8.5.2020) by The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Structural Changes) (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/426), regs. 1(2), **14(c)**
- F3** Words in art. 20 substituted (E.) (8.5.2020) by The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Structural Changes) (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/426), regs. 1(2), **14(a)**
- F4** Word in art. 20(9) substituted (E.) (8.5.2020) by The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Structural Changes) (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/426), regs. 1(2), **14(b)**
- F5** Word in art. 20(10) substituted (E.) (8.5.2020) by The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Structural Changes) (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/426), regs. 1(2), **14(b)**
- F6** Art. 20(11)-(19) omitted (E.) (8.5.2020) by virtue of The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Structural Changes) (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/426), regs. 1(2), **14(d)**

Commencement Information

II Art. 20 in force at 14.2.2020, see art. 1

Marginal Citations

M1 1983 c. 2.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Northamptonshire (Structural Changes) Order 2020, Section 20.