
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 1771

**The Dorset (Boroughs of Poole and
Bournemouth)(Structural Change) Order 1995**

PART III

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Elections of councillors in Bournemouth

9.—(1) The Borough of Bournemouth (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979(1) shall have effect subject to the provisions of this article.

(2) Elections of all councillors of the Bournemouth Council shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1996, 1999 and every fourth year after 1999(2).

(3) The term of office of any councillor so elected shall be, in the case of the councillors elected in 1996, three years and, in any other case, four years.

(4) On the fourth day after any such elections—

- (a) the persons who were councillors immediately before those elections shall retire; and
- (b) the newly elected councillors shall come into office.

Elections of councillors in Poole

10.—(1) The Borough of Poole (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979(3) shall have effect subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) to (4) of this article.

(2) Elections of all councillors of the Poole Council shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1996, 1999 and every fourth year after 1999.

(3) The term of office of any councillor so elected shall be, in the case of the councillors elected in 1996, three years and, in any other case, four years.

(4) On the fourth day after any such elections—

- (a) the persons who were councillors immediately before those elections shall retire; and
- (b) the newly elected councillors shall come into office.

(5) With effect from 1st May 1996—

- (a) the Borough of Poole (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 shall be amended by the substitution of the following article for article 6—

“**6.** The number of councillors to be elected for each ward constituted by this Order shall be three”; and

(1) S.I. 1978/1813.

(2) 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).

(3) S.I. 1979/1347.

- (b) column 2 of the table in the Schedule to that Order shall be deleted and the heading to that table amended to “Names of new wards”.

Retirement of councillors

11.—(1) The electoral divisions of Dorset comprised in Bournemouth and Poole shall cease to be electoral divisions on the reorganisation date; and any person holding office, immediately before that date, as a councillor for such a division shall retire on that date⁽⁴⁾.

(2) Section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) shall have effect—

- (a) in the case of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of councillor of a transferee authority during the period beginning with the date on which this article comes into force and ending with the relevant date, as if the reference in subsection (3) of that section to the day on which the councillor whose office is vacant would regularly have retired were a reference to the relevant date; and
- (b) in the case of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of councillor for any electoral division referred to in paragraph (1) above as if the reference in that subsection were a reference to the reorganisation date.

(4) The areas of the electoral divisions are as set out in the County of Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983 (S.I. 1983/830).