
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1878

**The Cambridgeshire (City of Peterborough) (Structural,
Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996**

PART IV

ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Electoral areas in Peterborough

8.—(1) For the purposes of an election held on or after 1st May 1997, the existing wards of Peterborough shall be abolished and Peterborough shall be divided into eighteen wards as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be three.

Election of councillors in Peterborough in 1997 and subsequent years

9.—(1) Elections of all councillors for the Peterborough Council shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1997.⁽¹⁾

(2) The councillors holding office for any ward in the city immediately before 5th May 1997 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for any such ward shall come into office on that date.

(3) Subject to the provisions in this article, the election of councillors shall be by thirds.

(4) Of the councillors elected at the ordinary election of councillors in 1997 for any ward of the city —

- (a) one-third shall retire in 1999 being, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6) below, the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes;
- (b) one-third shall retire in 2000 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes;
- (c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 2001.

(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 such 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 such 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.

(8) In each year in which a councillor for a ward in the city retires in accordance with paragraphs (4) to (7) above an election of a councillor for that ward shall be held on the ordinary day of election

(1) 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).

of councillors in that year; and the term of office of councillors elected at such an election shall be three years.

(9) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraphs of this article, the term of office of councillors shall be four years, and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors for the city in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Elections in 1997

10.—(1) For the purposes of the election of councillors for the Fletton ward of Peterborough on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1997, and the filling of any casual vacancy occurring in the office of councillor for that ward after those elections and before the reorganisation date, the areas marked B1, B2 and B3 on the map shall be treated as if they had been transferred to that ward on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(2) For the purposes of the election of councillors for the Norman Cross electoral division at the ordinary elections in 1997, and the filling of any casual vacancy occurring in the office of councillor for that division after those elections and before the reorganisation date, the areas marked A1 and C1 on the map shall be treated as if they had been transferred to that electoral division on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

Suspension of elections and retirement of councillors

11.—(1) The ordinary election of councillors in 1997 for the electoral divisions comprised in Peterborough shall not take place; and any councillor for such a division holding office immediately before the relevant date 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 reorganisation date.

(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 the Peterborough Council before 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 that reference in that subsection were a reference to the reorganisation date.

(3) The electoral divisions comprised in Peterborough shall cease to be electoral divisions on the reorganisation date.