2002 No. 2370

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of West Dorset (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - - 11th September 2002

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 April 2002 on its review of the district of West Dorset together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those recommendations:

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

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(**d**) and 26(**e**) 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 District of West Dorset (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 1st May 2003, on 15th October 2002;

(b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"district" means the district of West Dorset;

"existing", in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

(**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 changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(**d**) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962. There are amendments to this section made otherwise than by S.I. 2001/3962 that are not relevant to this Order.

(**e**) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked "Map referred to in the District of West Dorset (Electoral Changes) Order 2002", of which prints are available for inspection at—

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

(b) the offices of West Dorset District Council.

Wards of the district of West Dorset

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

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty-three 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 parishes and parish wards 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.

Wards of the parish of Bradpole

4. The parish of Bradpole shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; 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 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 Bridport

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

(2) The parish of Bridport shall be divided into two 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 councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be nine.

Wards of the parish of Dorchester

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Dorchester(**b**) shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Dorchester East, Dorchester North, Dorchester South and Dorchester West; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Sherbourne

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Sherbourne East and Sherbourne West; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be six.

(**a**) *See* the District of West Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/643) as amended by the District of West Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1817) and the West Dorset (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/2159).

(**b**) *See* S.I. 2000/2159.

Maps

8. West Dorset District Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map referred to in the District of West Dorset (Electoral Changes) Order 2002" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral registers

9. The Electoral Registration Officer(**a**) for the district 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

10. The District of West Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980(**b**) is revoked.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

	Pamela Gordon
11th September 2002	Commissioner
	Glyn Mathias
11th September 2002	Commissioner
	Neil McIntosh
11th September 2002	Commissioner
	Karamjit Singh
11th September 2002	Commissioner
	Sam Younger
11th September 2002	Commissioner
	Graham Zellick
11th September 2002	Commissioner

(**a**) 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).

(**b**) S.I. 1980/643 as amended by S.I. 1985/1817 and S.I. 2000/2159. Articles 4 and 5(8) of S.I. 1980/643 made provision in respect of the district electoral cycle. Article 2 of S.I. 1985/1817 makes new provision in respect of the district electoral cycle. Article 6 of S.I. 1980/643 made provision in respect of elections in certain parishes. Article 3 of S.I. 1985/1817 makes new provision in respect of those parishes. S.I. 1985/1817 is not affected by this Order.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Beaminster	The parishes of Beaminster, Chedington, Mapperton, Mosterton and South Perrott	2
Bradford Abbas	The parishes of Beer Hackett, Bradford Abbas, Clifton Maybank and Thornford	1
Bradpole		1
Bridport North		2
Bridport South and Bothenhampton		3
Broadmayne	The parishes of Broadmayne, West Knighton and West Stafford	1
Broadwindsor	The parishes of Broadwindsor, Burstock, Pilsdon, Seaborough and Stoke Abbott	1
Burton Bradstock	The parishes of Burton Bradstock, Chilcombe, Puncknowle, Shipton Gorge and Swyre	1
Cam Vale	The parishes of Folke, Holnest, Holwell, Leigh, Leweston, Lillington, Longburton and North Wootton	1
Charminster and Cerne Valley	The parishes of Bradford Peverell, Cerne Abbas, Charminster, Godmanstone, Minterne Magna, Nether Cerne, Stinsford and Up Cerne	2
Charmouth	The parishes of Catherston Leweston, Charmouth and Wootton Fitzpaine	1
Chesil Bank	The parishes of Abbotsbury, Fleet, Kingston Russell, Langton Herring, Littlebredy, Litton Cheney, Long Bredy and Portesham	1
Chickerell	The parish of Chickerell	3
Chideock and Symondsbury	The parishes of Chideock, Stanton St Gabriel and Symondsbury	1
Dorchester East		2
Dorchester North		2
Dorchester South		2
Dorchester West		2
Frome Valley	The parishes of Cattistock, Chilfrome, Frampton, Frome St Quintin, Stratton and Sydling St Nicholas	1
Halstock	The parishes of Batcombe, Corscombe, East Chelborough, Evershot, Halstock, Hermitage, Hilfield, Melbury Bubb, Melbury Osmond, Melbury Sampford, and West Chelborough	1
Loders	The parishes of Askerwell, Loders, North Poorton and Powerstock and the parish ward of Walditch of the parish of Bothenhampton	1
Lyme Regis	The parish of Lyme Regis	2

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Maiden Newton	The parishes of Compton Vallance, Frome Vauchurch, Hooke, Maiden Newton, Rampisham, Toller Fratrum, Toller Porcorum, West Compton, Wraxall and Wynford Eagle	1
Marshwood Vale	The parishes of Bettiscombe, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Whitechurch Canonicorum	1
Netherbury	The parishes of Allington and Netherbury	1
Owermoigne	The parishes of Crossways, Osmington, Owermoigne, Poxwell, Tincleton, Warmwell and Woodsford	2
Piddle Valley	The parishes of Alton Pancras, Buckland Newton, Melcombe Horsey, Piddlehinton and Piddletrenthide	1
Puddletown	The parishes of Athelhampton, Burleston, Cheselbourne, Dewlish, Puddletown and Tolpuddle	1
Queen Thorne	The parishes of Bishop's Caundle, Castleton, Caundle Marsh, Goathill, Haydon, Nether Compton, Oborne, Over Compton, Poyntington, Purse Caundle, Sandford Orcas and Trent	1
Sherborne East		2
Sherborne West		2
Winterborne St Martin	The parishes of Bincombe, Whitcombe, Winterborne Came, Winterborne Herringston, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St Martin, Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton	1
Yetminster	The parishes of Chetnole, Ryme Intrinseca, Stockwood and Yetminster	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF BRADPOLE
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Bradpole Claremont	So much of the district ward of Bridport North as comprises part of the parish of Bradpole	1
Bradpole Village	The district ward of Bradpole	9

SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF BRIDPORT
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*
Bridport North	So much of the district ward of Bridport North as comprises part of the parish of Bridport
Bridport South	So much of the district ward of Bridport South and Bothenhampton as comprises part of the parish of Bridport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the district of West Dorset.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 33 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Articles 4 to 7 make electoral changes in the parishes of Bradpole, Bridport, Dorchester and Sherbourne.

Article 9 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 10 revokes the District of West Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/643).

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

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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