STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1958

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Returning Officers Order 1972

Made - - - 12*th December* 1972

Coming into Operation 31*st December* 1972

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 3, and paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 5, to the Local Government Act 1972(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Returning Officers Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 31st December 1972.

2. In England and Wales, at the first elections of councillors for each new county specified in the first column of Part I or, as the case may be, Part II of Schedule 1 to this Order, the returning officer shall be an officer of the council appointed by the existing council specified in the second column of the said Parts I or II opposite the specification in the said first column of the new county in question.

3. In England, at the first elections of councillors for each new metropolitan district in the new metropolitan counties named in the first column of Schedule 2 to this Order, the returning officer shall be an officer of the council appointed by the existing council specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the specification in the said first column of the district in question (by reference to the designation used in column 2 of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 1972).

4. In Wales, at the first election of councillors for each new district in the new counties named in the first column of Schedule 3 to this Order, the returning officer shall be an officer of the council appointed by the existing council specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the specification in the said first column of the district in question (by reference to the reference number used in column 2 of Part II of Schedule 4 to the Local Government Act 1972).

5. In Wales, at the first election of councillors for a community, the returning officer shall be an officer of the council appointed by the borough or urban or rural district council the area of which is co-extensive with or includes the area of the community.

Robert Carr,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
12th December 1972.

(a) 1972 c. 70.

SCHEDULE 1

PART I

COUNTIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 New County	Column 2 Appointing Council
Avon	Bristol County Borough Council
Bedfordshire	Bedford County Council
Berkshire	Berkshire County Council
Buckinghamshire	Buckingham County Council
Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council
Cheshire	Cheshire County Council
Cleveland	Teesside County Borough Council
Cornwall	Cornwall County Council
Cumbria	Cumberland County Council
Derbyshire	Derbyshire County Council
Devon	Devon County Council
Dorset	Dorset County Council
Durham	Durham County Council
East Sussex	East Sussex County Council
Essex	Essex County Council
Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire County Council
Greater Manchester	Manchester County Borough Council
Hampshire	Hampshire County Council
Hereford and Worcester	Worcestershire County Council
Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire County Council
Humberside	Kingston upon Hull County Borough Council
Isle of Wight	Isle of Wight County Council
Kent	Kent County Council
Lancashire	Lancashire County Council
Leicestershire	Leicestershire County Council
Lincolnshire	Lincoln, Parts of Lindsey County Council
Merseyside	Liverpool County Borough Council
Norfolk	Norfolk County Council
North Yorkshire	Yorkshire, North Riding County Council
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire County Council
Northumberland	Northumberland County Council
Nottinghamshire	Nottinghamshire County Council
Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire County Council
Salop	Salop County Council
Somerset	Somerset County Council
South Yorkshire	Sheffield County Borough Council
Staffordshire	Staffordshire County Council
Suffolk	East Suffolk County Council
Surrey	Surrey County Council
Tyne and Wear	Newcastle upon Tyne County Borough Council
Warwickshire	Warwickshire County Council
West Midlands	Birmingham County Borough Council
West Sussex	West Sussex County Council
West Yorkshire	Yorkshire, West Riding County Council
Wiltshire	Wiltshire County Council

PART II

COUNTIES IN WALES

Column 1 New County	Column 2 Appointing Council
Clwyd	Denbigh County Council
Dyfed	Carmarthenshire County Council
Gwent	Monmouthshire County Council
Gwynedd	Caernavon County Council
Mid Glamorgan	Glamorgan County Council
Powys	Montgomeryshire County Council
South Glamorgan	Cardiff County Borough Council
West Glamorgan	Swansea County Borough Council

SCHEDULE 2

METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS

Column 1 New District	Column 2 Appointing Council
In the metropolitan county of Greater Manchester—	
District (*a*)	Wigan County Borough Council
District (*b*)	Bolton County Borough Council
District (*c*)	Bury County Borough Council
District (*d*)	Rochdale County Borough Council
District (*e*)	Salford County Borough Council
District (*f*)	Manchester County Borough Council
District (*g*)	Oldham County Borough Council
District (*h*)	Sale Borough Council
District (*j*)	Stockport County Borough Council
District (*k*)	Ashton-under-Lyne Borough Council
In the metropolitan county of Merseyside—	
District (*a*)	Southport County Borough Council
District (*b*)	Liverpool County Borough Council
District (*c*)	St. Helens County Borough Council
District (*d*)	Huyton-with-Robey Urban District Council
District (*e*)	Birkenhead County Borough Council
In the metropolitan county of South Yorkshire—	
District (*a*)	Barnsley County Borough Council
District (*b*)	Doncaster County Borough Council
District (*c*)	Sheffield County Borough Council
District (*d*)	Rotherham County Borough Council
In the metropolitan county of Tyne and Wear—	
District (*a*)	Newcastle upon Tyne County Borough Council
District (*b*)	Tynemouth County Borough Council
District (*c*)	Gateshead County Borough Council
District (*d*)	South Shields County Borough Council
District (*e*)	Sunderland County Borough Council
In the metropolitan county of West Midlands—	
District (*a*)	Wolverhampton County Borough Council
District (*b*)	Walsall County Borough Council
District (*c*)	Dudley County Borough Council
District (*d*)	Warley County Borough Council
District (*e*)	Birmingham County Borough Council
District (*f*)	Solihull County Borough Council
District (*g*)	Coventry County Borough Council
In the metropolitan county of West Yorkshire—	
District (*a*)	Bradford County Borough Council
District (*b*)	Leeds County Borough Council
District (*c*)	Halifax County Borough Council
District (*d*)	Huddersfield County Borough Council
District (*e*)	Wakefield County Borough Council

SCHEDULE 3

DISTRICTS IN WALES

Column 1 New District	Column 2 Appointing Council
In the county of Clwyd—	
District C.1	Colwyn Bay Borough Council
District C.2	Rhyl Urban District Council
District C.3	Holywell Rural District Council
District C.4	Hawarden Rural District Council
District C.5	Ruthin Rural District Council
District C.6	Wrexham Rural District Council
In the county of Dyfed—	
District D.1	Cardiganshire County Council
District D.2	Pembroke County Council
District D.3	Pembroke Borough Council
District D.4	Carmarthen Rural District Council
District D.5	Llanelli Rural District Council
District D.6	Llandeilo Rural District Council
In the county of Gwent—	
District GT.1	Newport County Borough Council
District GT.2	Abercarn Urban District Council
District GT.3	Ebbw Vale Urban District Council
District GT.4	Pontypool Urban District Council
District GT.5	Chepstow Rural District Council
In the county of Gwynedd—	
District GD.1	Anglesey County Council
District GD.2	Lleyn Rural District Council
District GD.3	Gwyrfai Rural District Council
District GD.4	Llandudno Urban District Council
District GD.5	Merioneth County Council
In the county of Mid-Glamorgan—	
District MG.1	Penybont Rural District Council
District MG.2	Rhondda Borough Council
District MG.3	Aberdare Urban District Council
District MG.4	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
District MG.5	Caerphilly Urban District Council
District MG.6	Pontypridd Urban District Council
In the county of Powys—	
District P.1	Llanfyllin Rural District Council
District P.2	Radnorshire County Council
District P.3	Brecon County Council
In the county of South Glamorgan—	
District SG.1	Cardiff County Borough Council
District SG.2	Barry Borough Council
In the county of West Glamorgan—	
District WG.1	Swansea County Borough Council
District WG.2	Pontardawe Rural District Council
District WG.3	Neath Rural District Council
District WG.4	Port Talbot Borough Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the appointment of returning officers to act at the first elections of councillors for new counties in England and Wales, new metropolitan districts in England, and new districts and communities in Wales.