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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 648**

The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole  
(Structural Changes) Order 2018

PART 3

ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE TIER LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN DORSET

**Abolition of districts and winding up of district councils**

**9.**—(1) On 1st April 2019—

- (a) the East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck and West Dorset districts and the borough of Weymouth and Portland are abolished as local government areas; and
- (b) the East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset District Councils and the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (“the District Councils”) are wound up and dissolved.

(2) The term of office of persons serving as councillors of the District Councils immediately before 1st April 2019 ends on that date.

(3) Nothing in section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) authorises the holding of an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of councillor of any of the District Councils where that vacancy arises after 30th September 2018 and before 1st April 2019.