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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The District of Huntingdon (Electoral Arrangements)
Order 1976**

Made - - - *10th March 1976*

Coming into Operation *6th May 1976*

Whereas in pursuance of section 51(1) of the Local Government Act 1972(a), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on 27th January 1976 submitted to me proposals for the future electoral arrangements for the District of Huntingdon:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Roy Jenkins, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in exercise of the power conferred upon me by sections 51(2) and 67 of the said Act, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the District of Huntingdon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976.

2. This Order shall come into operation on 6th May 1976 provided that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that day the said Order shall come into operation forthwith.

3. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

4.—(1) The existing wards of the District of Huntingdon shall be abolished and the said district shall be divided into thirty-four wards which shall bear the names set out in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order, and each such ward shall comprise the existing areas specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to the name of the ward as given in the said column 1.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for each such ward shall be the number specified in column 3 of the said Schedule 1 opposite to the name of the ward as given in column 1 of that Schedule.

5. Subject to the provisions of Article 6 below the election of councillors shall be by thirds.

6.—(1) The whole number of councillors shall be elected at the ordinary elections of councillors in 1976.

(2) The order of retirement of the councillors elected in 1976 shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(3) Where the number of councillors elected in 1976 for any ward of the district is two, the first to retire in that ward shall be, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6) below, the councillor elected by the smaller number of votes.

(a) 1972 c. 70.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(4) Where the number of councillors elected in 1976 for any ward of the district is three—

- (a) one-third shall retire in 1978 being, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6) below, the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes;
- (b) one-third shall retire in 1979 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes;
- (c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 1980.

(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) 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 of the district in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

7.—(1) The ordinary elections of parish councillors elected in 1976 for any parish or ward of a parish situated in the Buckden, Bury, Elton, Farcet, Hemingford Grey, Houghton and Wyton, The Offords and The Stukeleys wards of the district shall take place in 1978 and thereafter ordinary elections shall take place every fourth year.

(2) The ordinary elections of parish councillors elected in 1976 for any parish or ward of a parish situated in the Brampton, Godmanchester, Hemingford Abbots and Hilton, Kimbolton, Paxton, Sawtry, St. Ives North, St. Ives South and Warboys wards of the district shall take place in 1980 and thereafter ordinary elections shall take place every fourth year.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (1) above, the term of office of the parish councillors to whom the foregoing paragraphs of this Article apply shall be four years, and they shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of parish councillors in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

8. The registration officer shall make such re-arrangement or alteration of the register of local government electors as may be necessary on account of the coming into operation of this Order.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
10th March 1976.

SCHEDULE 1 Article 4.
 NAMES AND AREAS OF AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS FOR NEW WARDS

1 Name of New Ward	2 Area of New Ward	3 Number of Councillors
Brampton	The parish of Brampton	2
Buckden	The parish of Buckden	1
Bury	The parishes of Bury and Wistow	1
Earith	The parishes of Earith, Colne and Bluntisham	2
Eaton Ford	The Eaton Ford ward of the parish of St. Neots	2
Eaton Socon	The Eaton Socon ward of the parish of St. Neots	2
Ellington	The parishes of Barham and Woolley, Brinton and Molesworth, Buckworth, Leighton, Old Weston, Bythorn and Keyston, Spaldwick, Easton and Ellington	1
Elton	The parishes of Alwalton, Elton, Haddon, Morborne, Chesterton, Sibson cum Stibbington and Water Newton	1
Eynesbury	The Eynesbury ward of the parish of St. Neots	3
Farcet	The parish of Farcet	1
Fenstanton	The parish of Fenstanton	1
Godmanchester	The Godmanchester ward of the parish of Huntingdon and Godmanchester	2
Gransden	The parishes of Abbotsley, Eynesbury Hard- wicke, Great Gransden, St. Neots Rural, Tetworth and Waresley	1
Hemingford Abbots and Hilton	The parishes of Hemingford Abbots and Hilton	1
Hemingford Grey	The parish of Hemingford Grey	1
Houghton and Wyton	The parish of Houghton and Wyton	1
Huntingdon North	The North ward of the parish of Huntingdon and Godmanchester	3
Huntingdon West	The West No. 1 ward and the West No. 2 ward of the parish of Huntingdon and Godmanchester	3
Kimbolton	The parishes of Catworth, Covington, Kimbolton, Stow Longa and Tilbrock	1
Needingworth	The parish of Holywell-cum-Needingworth	1
Paxton	The parishes of Diddington, Little Paxton and Southoe and Midloe	1
Priory Park	The Priory Park ward of the parish of St. Neots	2
Ramsey	The parish of Ramsey	3
Sawtry	The parishes of Conington, Sawtry, Hamer- ton, Winwick, Great Gidding, Little Gidding and Steeple Gidding	2
Somersham	The parish of Somersham	1
Staughton	The parishes of Grafham, Great Staughton and Hail Weston	1
Stilton	The parishes of Denton and Caldecote, Folksworth and Washingley, Glatton, Holme and Stilton	1
St. Ives North	The St. Ives North ward of the parish of St. Ives	2
St. Ives South	The St. Ives South ward of the parish of St. Ives	2

1 Name of New Ward	2 Area of New Ward	3 Number of Councillors
The Offords	The parishes of Great Paxton, Offord Cluny, Offord Darcy, Toseland and Yelling	1
The Stukeleys	The parishes of The Stukeleys, Alconbury, Alconbury Weston and Upton and Coppingford	1
Upwood and the Raveleys	The parishes of Abbots Ripton, Kings Ripton, Upwood and the Raveleys, and Wood Walton	1
Warboys	The parishes of Warboys, Broughton, Old Hurst, Pidley cum Fenton and Woodhurst	2
Yaxley	The parish of Yaxley	2

SCHEDULE 2
ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

Article 6(2).

Name of Ward	Number of Councillors to retire in 1978	Number of Councillors to retire in 1979	Number of Councillors to retire in 1980
Brampton	1	0	1
Buckden	1	0	0
Bury	1	0	0
Earith	0	1	1
Eaton Ford	0	1	1
Eaton Socon	0	1	1
Ellington	0	1	0
Elton	1	0	0
Eynesbury	1	1	1
Farcet	1	0	0
Fenstanton	0	1	0
Godmanchester	1	0	1
Gransden	0	1	0
Hemingford Abbots and Hilton	0	0	1
Hemingford Grey	1	0	0
Houghton and Wyton	1	0	0
Huntingdon North	1	1	1
Huntingdon West	1	1	1
Kimbolton	0	0	1
Needingworth	0	1	0
Paxton	0	0	1
Priory Park	1	1	0
Ramsey	1	1	1
Sawtry	1	0	1
Somersham	0	1	0
Staughton	0	1	0
Stilton	0	1	0
St. Ives North	1	0	1
St. Ives South	0	1	1
The Offords	1	0	0
The Stukeleys	1	0	0
Upwood and the Raveleys	0	1	0
Warboys	1	0	1
Yaxley	0	1	1

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