

## 1979 No. 472

## WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment)  
Order 1979*Laid before Parliament in draft*

Made - - - - 10th April 1979

Coming into Operation 11th April 1979

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, acting jointly in the exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 2(4), 3(1) and (9), and 36(2) of the Water Act 1973(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows, in the terms of a draft approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

*Amendment of Thames Water Authority Constitution Order 1973*

2. The Thames Water Authority Constitution Order 1973(b) is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) for article 4 (which specifies the numbers of members to be appointed to the Thames Water Authority) there shall be substituted the following article:—

*“Members of water authority*

4.—(1) The water authority shall consist of sixty-two members.

(2) The number of members specified for the purposes of paragraph (b) of section 3(1) of the Act as the number to be appointed by the Minister is four.

(3) The number of members specified for the purposes of paragraph (c) of section 3(1) of the Act as the number to be appointed by the Secretary of State is seventeen.

(4) The Greater London Council shall appoint ten members.

(5) The London borough councils and the Common Council of the City of London shall between them appoint twelve members.

(6)(a) The number of members to be appointed by each of the councils of counties specified in column (1) of Schedule 2, or by the councils of each group of districts so specified, shall be the number specified in relation to that county or to that group in column (2) of that schedule.

(a) 1973 c. 37.

(b) S.I. 1973/1360; a relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1974/2077.

(b) Where in the said schedule the number to be appointed is specified in relation to a group of districts, the councils of the districts comprised in the group shall between them appoint that number.

(7) The year specified for the purposes of paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Act (which provided that the first members to whom that paragraph applied should hold office until the end of May in such year as might be specified for the purposes of that paragraph) is the year 1975 in the case of a member appointed by the councils of a group of districts, or by the London borough councils and the Common Council of the City of London, and the year 1977 in the case of a member appointed by any other council”.

(b) for Schedule 2 (which specifies the numbers of members to be appointed by local authorities outside London) there shall be substituted the following schedule:—

## Article 4

## “SCHEDULE 2

NUMBERS OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
OUTSIDE LONDON

(1) <i>County</i>	(2) <i>Number of Members</i>
Bedfordshire	One
Berkshire	One
Buckinghamshire	One
Essex	One
Hampshire	One
Hertfordshire	One
Oxfordshire	One
Surrey	One
Wiltshire	One
 <i>District</i>	
Luton, Mid Bedfordshire, North Bedfordshire, South Bedfordshire	One between them
Bracknell, Newbury, Reading, Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham	One between them
Aylesbury Vale, Beaconsfield, Chiltern, Milton Keynes, Wycombe	One between them
Broxbourne, Dacorum, East Hertfordshire, Hertsmere, North Hertfordshire, St Albans, Stevenage, Three Rivers, Watford, Welwyn Hatfield	Two between them
Cherwell, Oxford, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse, West Oxfordshire	One between them
Elmbridge, Epsom and Ewell, Guildford, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Tandridge, Waverley, Woking	Two between them
Kennet, North Wiltshire, Salisbury, Thamesdown, West Wiltshire	One between them”

*Transitional provision*

3. Any person who is a member of the Thames Water Authority on the day on which this order comes into operation shall hold office for the term for which he would have held office if this order had not been made.

9th April 1979.

*Peter Shore,*  
Secretary of State for the Environment.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th April 1979.

(L.S.)

*John Silkin,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

The Thames Water Authority Constitution Order 1973, as amended in 1974, defined the constitution of the Thames Water Authority, one of the ten regional water authorities established for England and Wales under the Water Act 1973, and provided that the Authority should consist of fifty-eight members, of whom ten were to be appointed by the Greater London Council, ten by the London Boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London, nine by county councils specified in the order and seven by groups of district councils so specified.

This order further amends the 1973 order so as to provide that the Thames Water Authority shall consist of sixty-two members, of whom ten are to be appointed by the Greater London Council, twelve by the London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London, nine by specified county councils and nine by specified groups of district councils.

The terms of office of existing members of the Authority are not affected by this order. Members appointed to fill places newly created by the order will come into office (subject to paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973) on 1st June 1979 and will hold office for a term of four years.

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