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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1990 No. 291**

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Petty Sessional Divisions (Avon) Order 1990**

*Made - - - - 19th February 1990*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

Whereas the magistrates' courts committee for the county of Avon has, in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 23 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979<sup>(1)</sup>, submitted to the Secretary of State a draft order making provision about the division of part of the said county into petty sessional divisions;

And whereas by subsections (3)(a) and (5) of the said section it is provided that the Secretary of State may by statutory instrument make the Order either in the terms of the said draft or with such modifications as he thinks fit and that the said Order may contain transitional and other consequential provisions;

And whereas the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section 24 of the Act of 1979 have been complied with;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by subsections (3) and (5) of the said section 23, I hereby make the following Order:

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Petty Sessional Divisions (Avon) Order 1990 and shall come into force on 1st April 1990 except that for the purposes of paragraph 2 of the Schedule thereto this Order shall come into force forthwith.

**2.** In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the expression "division" means petty sessional division and any reference to a justice for a division shall be construed as a reference to a justice of the peace who ordinarily acts, or, as the case may be, will on or after 1st April 1990, ordinarily act, in and for that division.

**3.—(1)** The divisions of Avon North and Thornbury shall be combined to form a new division which shall be known as the North Avon division.

**(2)** The divisions of Bath and Wansdyke shall be combined to form a new division which shall be known as the Bath and Wansdyke division.

**4.** The transitional and other consequential provisions set out in the Schedule to this Order shall have effect in connection with the provisions of article 3 of this Order.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1979 c. 55; sections 23 and 24 were amended by section 12 of the Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51).

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Home Office  
19th February 1990

*David Waddington*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

## SCHEDULE

Article 4

### TRANSITIONAL AND OTHER CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS

**1.** In this Schedule—

“existing division” means a division combined by article 3 of this Order;

“new division” means a division constituted by article 3 of this Order;

“respective new division” means—

- (a) in relation to the existing divisions of Avon North and Thornbury, the new North Avon division;
- (b) in relation to the existing divisions of Bath and Wansdyke, the new Bath and Wansdyke division;

“community service order” means an order made under section 14 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973(2);

“probation order” means a probation order made, or having effect as if made, under section 2 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973;

“supervision order” means any of the following orders, that is to say—

- (a) a supervision order within the meaning of section 11 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969(3);
- (b) an order under section 2(1)f) of the Matrimonial Proceedings (Magistrates' Courts) Act 1960(4) or section 9 of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978(5);
- (c) an order under section 2(2)(a) of the Guardianship Act 1973(6);
- (d) a supervision order within the meaning of section 26 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973;
- (e) an order under section 17(1)(a) or section 36(3) of the Children Act 1975(7).

**2.—(1)** The justices for a new division shall appoint, in the prescribed manner, so far as may be applicable and for the prescribed term, to take office on 1st April 1990—

- (a) a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen;
- (b) one or more probation liaison committees;
- (c) a justice or justices to serve as a member or as members of the magistrates' courts committee for the county of Avon;
- (d) a divisional licensing committee;
- (e) a betting licensing committee;
- (f) a domestic court panel;
- (g) a juvenile court panel.

(2) In the foregoing sub-paragraph, the expressions “the prescribed manner” and “the prescribed term” mean respectively—

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(2) 1973 c. 62.  
(3) 1969 c. 54.  
(4) 1960 c. 48.  
(5) 1978 c. 22.  
(6) 1973 c. 29.  
(7) 1975 c. 72.

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- (a) in relation to the election of a chairman or deputy chairman, the manner prescribed by rules made, or having effect as if made, under section 18 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 and a term ending at the expiration of the month of December 1990;
  - (b) in relation to the appointment of a probation liaison committee, the manner prescribed by rules made, or having effect as if made, under Schedule 3 to the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 and a term ending at the expiration of the month of December 1990;
  - (c) in relation to the appointment of a member of the magistrates' courts committee, the manner prescribed by regulations made, or having effect as if made, under section 21 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 and a term ending at the expiration of the month of November 1990;
  - (d) in relation to the appointment of the divisional licensing committee, the manner prescribed in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Licensing Act 1964<sup>(8)</sup> and a term ending at the expiration of the month of December 1990;
  - (e) in relation to the appointment of the betting licensing committee, the manner prescribed by the Betting (Licensing) Regulations 1960<sup>(9)</sup> and a term ending at the expiration of the month of December 1990;
  - (f) in relation to the appointment of a domestic court panel, the manner prescribed by rules made, or having effect as if made, under section 144 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980<sup>(10)</sup>, as extended by section 67 of that Act, and a term ending at the expiration of the month of December 1990;
  - (g) in relation to the appointment of a juvenile court panel, the manner prescribed by rules made, or having effect as if made, under section 144 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 as extended by section 146 of that Act and a term ending at the expiration of the month of December 1991.
- (3) In relation to the appointment of a justices' clerk for the new division, any consultation with the justices for that division required by section 25(3) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 may take place before 1st April 1990.
- 3.** The permitted hours under Part III of the Licensing Act 1964<sup>(11)</sup> in force immediately before 1st April 1990 in an existing division shall continue in force there until the coming into operation of an order under the said Part III, fixing permitted hours, made in the year 1991 at the general annual licensing meeting of the justices for the respective new division.
- 4.** Anything required by virtue of the foregoing provision of this Schedule to be done on or after 1st April 1990 by, or in relation to, the clerk to the justices for an existing division shall be done by, or in relation to, the clerk to the justices for the respective new division.
- 5.** Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, any process issued, order made, sentence passed, appeal brought, case stated, licence granted, recognisance entered into, proceedings begun, appointment made or other thing done before 1st April 1990 by, from, to or before any justices for an existing division or their clerk shall, on and after that date, be deemed to have been issued, made, passed, brought, stated, granted, entered into, begun or done by, from, to or before those justices as justices for the respective new division or their clerk, as the case may be.
- 6.** Any order made by a magistrates' court directing the payment of money to the clerk or any other officer of a magistrates' court acting for an existing division shall have effect as if it had directed payment to be made to the clerk to the justices for the respective new division.

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<sup>(8)</sup> 1964 c. 26.

<sup>(9)</sup> S.I.1960/1701.

<sup>(10)</sup> 1980 c. 43.

<sup>(11)</sup> As amended by the Licensing Act 1988 (c. 17).

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7.—(1) Any process, records or other documents in the custody, by virtue of his office as such, of the clerk to the justices for an existing division shall be retained by that clerk in his capacity as clerk to the justices for the respective new division or, if he does not hold that clerkship, be transferred to the custody of the clerk to the justices for the respective new division.

(2) Copies of, and extracts from, any such record or other document as aforesaid made or certified by the clerk to the justices for the respective new division shall be of the same effect as if they had been made or certified by the clerk to the justices for an existing division.

8. Where an existing division is named in a community service order, probation order or supervision order, the powers and functions of the justices for that division in relation to the order shall vest in and be discharged by the justices for the respective new division and the order, unless amended in regard to the division named, shall have effect in all respects as if the respective new division were named therein.

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to a draft order submitted by the magistrates' courts committee for the county of Avon and provides for the petty sessional divisions of Avon North and Thornbury to be combined to form a new petty sessional division of North Avon, and for the petty sessional divisions of Bath and Wansdyke to be combined to form a new petty sessional division of Bath and Wansdyke.