1998 No. 361

CORONERS

The Nottinghamshire (Coroners) Order 1998

| Made | 19th February 1998 |
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| Coming into force | lst April 1998 |

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17 and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992(1) hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Nottinghamshire (Coroners) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st April 1998.

(2) In this Order "the 1988 Act" means the Coroners Act 1988(2).

2.—(1) There shall be a single coroner's district for the counties of Nottingham (which county comes into existence on 1st April 1998 by virtue of article 6 of the Nottinghamshire (City of Nottingham) (Structural Change) Order 1996(**3**)) and Nottinghamshire.

(2) The council of the city of Nottingham shall be the relevant council for the purposes of the 1988 Act for the coroner's district constituted by paragraph (1) above.

(3) The person who, on 31st March 1998, is the coroner for the county of Nottinghamshire shall be deemed to have been appointed coroner for the coroner's district constituted by paragraph (1) above by the council of the city of Nottingham.

(4) Any agreement between the person to whom paragraph (3) above applies and the council of the county of Nottinghamshire (as the relevant council for the purposes of the 1988 Act prior to 1st April 1998) as to his salary and pension as a coroner shall have effect as if made between him and the council of the city of Nottingham.

(5) Any person who, on 31st March 1998, is a deputy or assistant deputy coroner for the county of Nottinghamshire shall be deemed to have been appointed deputy or, as the case may be, assistant deputy coroner for the coroner's district constituted by paragraph (1) above with the approval of the chairman of the council of the city of Nottingham.

⁽**1**) 1992 c. 19.

^{(2) 1988} c. 13.

⁽**3**) S.I. 1996/1877.

3.—(1) Any process issued, order made, direction given, inquest begun or other thing done by or to the coroner for the county of Nottinghamshire shall be deemed to have been issued, made, given, begun or done by or to the coroner for the coroner's district constituted by article 2(1) above.

(2) All documents, exhibits, registers and other things in the custody of the coroner for the county of Nottinghamshire in connection with inquests or post-mortem investigations shall be transferred to the coroner for the coroner's district constituted by article 2(1) above.

(3) In this article "coroner" includes any deputy or assistant deputy coroner.

Home Office 19th February 1998 *Gareth Williams* Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision about coroners in consequence of the provisions of the Nottinghamshire (City of Nottingham) (Structural Change) Order 1996 (S.I.1996/1877) which creates a new county of Nottingham on 1st April 1998.

Article 2(1) of this Order constitutes a single coroner's district for the counties of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Article 2(2) makes the council of the city of Nottingham the relevant council for the purposes of the Coroners Act 1988. The relevant council is responsible for the appointment of coroners and has other functions in connection with coroners under that Act. Article 2(3) provides for the person who, on 31st March 1998, holds the office of coroner for the county of Nottinghamshire to continue as coroner for the new coroner's district.

Article 3 makes transitional arrangements to ensure continuity as respects the coroner for the new coroner's district.