
S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

2000 No. 1725

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham
(Electoral Changes) Order 2000**

Made - - - - - 28th June 2000

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(a), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated August 1999 on its review of the borough(b) of Shrewsbury and Atcham together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect, subject to one modification, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(c) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham (Electoral Changes) Order 2000.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 2nd May 2002, on 10th October 2001;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 2nd May 2002.

(3) In this Order—

“borough” means the borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions marked “Map of the Shrewsbury and Atcham (Electoral Changes) Order 2000” and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(d).

(a) 1992 c. 19.

(b) The non-metropolitan district of Shrewsbury and Atcham has the status of a borough.

(c) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(d) S.I. 1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

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Wards of Shrewsbury and Atcham

2.—(1) The existing wards of the borough(a) shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into twenty-four wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes or parishes and parish wards or, where no area is so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Elections of the council of Shrewsbury and Atcham

3.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article, the election of councillors for wards of the borough shall be by thirds.

(2) Elections of all councillors for all wards of the borough shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2002(b).

(3) The councillors holding office for any ward of the borough immediately before 6th May 2002 shall retire on that date and the newly-elected councillors for those wards shall come into office on that date.

(4) The order of retirement of councillors shall be as set out in Schedule 2.

(5) Where the number of councillors elected in 2002 for any ward of the borough is two, the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), be the councillor elected by the smaller number of votes.

(6) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any year, the person to retire in that year shall be determined by lot.

(7) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each year shall be determined by lot.

(8) 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.

(9) Except as otherwise provided in the preceding 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 in the year of retirement and the newly-elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Parish elections

4.—(1) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2000 for the parishes of Atcham, Berrington and Bicton shall be three years.

(2) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Atcham, Berrington and Bicton shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2003 and every fourth year after 2003.

(3) The ordinary elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Minsterley and Pontesbury in 2003 shall not take place; and any such parish councillor holding office immediately before 5th May 2003 who would, but for this paragraph, have retired on that date shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004.

(a) See the Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/2107).

(b) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, see section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50).

(4) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Minsterley and Pontesbury shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004 and every fourth year after 2004.

(5) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Wroxeter and Uppington shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004, 2006 and every fourth year after 2006.

(6) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004 for the parish of Wroxeter and Uppington shall be two years; and each such councillor shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2006.

(7) Where any provision of an order made before the making of this Order requires an election of parish councillors for a parish mentioned in paragraph (2) or (5) to be held on a date other than that for which that paragraph provides, it shall cease to have effect to that extent.

(8) Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986(a) (filling of casual vacancies) shall have effect, in the case of a casual vacancy occurring before 8th May 2004 in the office of a parish councillor for the parishes of Minsterley and Pontesbury as if the references in paragraphs (1) and (4) of that rule to the day on which that councillor would regularly have retired were a reference to 8th May 2004.

Revocation

2. The Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

28th June 2000

Beverley Hughes
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions

(a) S.I. 1986/2215, to which there are amendments not relevant to the Order.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> Name of ward	<i>(2)</i> Area of ward	<i>(3)</i> Number of Councillors
Bagley		2
Battlefield and Heathgates		2
Bayston Hill	The parish of Bayston Hill	2
Belle Vue		2
Bowbrook		2
Castlefields and Quarry		2
Column		2
Condover	The parishes of Church Pulverbatch and Condover	1
Copthorne		2
Hanwood and Longden	The parishes of Great Hanwood and Longden	1
Harlescott		2
Haughmond and Attingham	The parishes of Astley, Atcham, Berrington, Uffington, Upton Magna and Withington	1
Lawley	The parishes of Acton Burnell, All Stretton, Cardington, Church Preen, Cound, Frodesley, Hughley, Kenley, Leebotwood, Longnor, Pitchford, Ruckley & Langley, Smethcott and Woolstaston	1
Meole Brace		2
Monkmoor		2
Montford	The parishes of Bicton, Great Ness, Little Ness and Montford	1
Pimhill	The parish of Pimhill	1
Porthill		2
Rea Valley	The parishes of Minsterley and Pontesbury and the Yockleton parish ward of Westbury parish	2
Rowton	The parishes of Alberbury with Cardeston, Ford and Wollaston, and the Westbury parish ward of Westbury parish	1
Severn Valley	The parishes of Buildwas, Cressage, Harley, Leighton & Eaton Constantine, Sheinton, and Wroxeter & Uppington	1
Sundorne		2
Sutton and Reabrook		2
Underdale		2

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(4)

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors to retire in 2003</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors to retire in 2004</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Number of councillors to retire in 2006</i>
Bagley	1		1
Battlefield and Heathgates		1	1
Bayston Hill	1	1	
Belle Vue	1		1
Bowbrook		1	1
Castlefields and Quarry	1	1	
Column	1	1	
Conover			1
Copthorne	1		1
Hanwood and Longden	1		
Harlescott		1	1
Haughmond and Attingham	1		
Lawley			1
Meole Brace	1	1	
Monkmoor		1	1
Montford	1		
Pimhill	1		
Porthill		1	1
Rea Valley		1	1
Rowton		1	
Severn Valley			1
Sundorne	1		1
Sutton and Reabrook		1	1
Underdale	1	1	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, subject to the modification detailed below, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham.

The modification is the inclusion of the Harlescott and Lancaster Road Industrial Estate in the Harlescott ward.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of twenty-four new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 3 makes provision for a whole council election in 2002 and for reversion to elections by thirds in subsequent years. Schedule 2 regulates the order of retirement of councillors.

Article 4 provides for elections of parish councils in the borough.

Article 5 revokes the Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975.

The areas of the new borough wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

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