
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 2058

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth
(Electoral Changes) Order 2000**

Made - - - - 28th July 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⁽¹⁾, has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated November 1999 on its review of the borough⁽²⁾ of Nuneaton and Bedworth 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⁽³⁾ 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 Nuneaton and Bedworth (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 Nuneaton and Bedworth;

“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 Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth

(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) The non-metropolitan district of Nuneaton and Bedworth has the status of a borough.

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

(Electoral Changes) Order 2000”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(4).

Wards of the borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth

2.—(1) The existing wards of the borough(5) shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into seventeen wards which shall bear the names set out in Schedule 1.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas 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 two.

(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 Nuneaton and Bedworth

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(6).

(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) Of the councillors elected in 2002 for any ward of the borough 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.

Revocation

4. The Borough of Nuneaton (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 is hereby revoked.

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

(5) See the Borough of Nuneaton (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/732).

(6) 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).

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

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

28th July 2000

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

NAMES OF WARDS

Abbey
 Arbury
 Attleborough
 Bar Pool
 Bede
 Bulkington
 Camp Hill
 Exhall
 Galley Common
 Heath
 Kingswood
 Poplar
 St Nicolas
 Slough
 Weddington
 Wem Brook
 Whitestone

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(4)

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> Name of ward	<i>(2)</i> Number of Councillors to retire in 2003	<i>(3)</i> Number of Councillors to retire in 2004	<i>(4)</i> Number of Councillors to retire in 2006
Abbey	1		1
Arbury		1	1
Attleborough	1	1	
Bar Pool	1		1
Bede		1	1
Bulkington	1	1	
Camp Hill	1		1
Exhall		1	1
Galley Common	1	1	
Heath	1		1

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Kingswood		1	1
Poplar	1	1	
St Nicolas	1		1
Slough		1	1
Weddington	1	1	
Wem Brook	1		1
Whitestone		1	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with one modification, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth. The modification is to revert to a system of elections by thirds, following the whole council election in 2002.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of seventeen new wards. That article and Schedule 1 make provision for the names of the new wards. Each ward is to be represented by two councillors.

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 revokes the Borough of Nuneaton (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977.

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 Nuneaton and Bedworth 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.