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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The Borough of Milton Keynes (Electoral Changes) Order
2001**

Made - - - - 20th December 2001

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), (3)
and (4)*

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 2001 on its review of the borough(b) of Milton Keynes together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect 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 Milton Keynes (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

(2) This article and articles 2, 3 and 8 shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 2nd May 2002, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 2nd May 2002.

(3) Articles 6 and 7 shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Bradwell Abbey, Woughton on the Green and Shenley Church End to be held on 1st May 2003, on 15th October 2002;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

(4) Articles 4 and 5 shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Newport Pagnell and West Bletchley to be held on 6th May 2004, on 15th October 2003;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 16th May 2004.

(5) In this Order—

“borough” means the borough of Milton Keynes;

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

(a) 1992 c.19.

(b) The non-metropolitan district of Milton Keynes 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).

any reference to “the map” is a reference to the map prepared by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions marked “Map of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Electoral Changes) Order 2001”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(a); and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

Wards of the borough of Milton Keynes

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

(2) The borough shall be divided into twenty-three 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, parish wards and parishes and parish wards or, where an area is not 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 Milton Keynes

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(c).

(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 or more—

(a) the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and

(b) the second to retire shall, subject to those paragraphs, be the councillor elected by the next smallest 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 had 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.

Wards of the parish of Newport Pagnell

4. The parish of Newport Pagnell shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Newport Pagnell North and Newport Pagnell South; and each parish ward shall comprise

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

(b) See the Buckinghamshire (Borough of Milton Keynes) (Structural Changes) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1769).

(c) 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) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29).

the area of the borough ward bearing the same name, and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be eight.

Wards of the parish of West Bletchley

5.—(1) The existing ward of the parish of West Bletchley shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into ten parish wards which shall bear the names Castles, Church Green, Denbigh North East, Denbigh North West, Denbigh West, Fairways, Poets, Racecourses, Rivers and Saints and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 4 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Castles, Church Green, Denbigh West, Fairways, Poets, Racecourses and Saints parish wards shall be two, and for the Denbigh North East, Denbigh North West and Rivers parish wards shall be three.

Wards of the parish of Woughton on the Green

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Woughton on the Green shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into eight parish wards which shall bear the names Beanhill and Redmoor, Coffee Hall and Bleak Hall, Eaglestone, Leadenhall, Netherfield, Peartree Bridge, Tinkers Bridge, and Woughton Village and Woughton Park and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 5 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Beanhill and Redmoor, Coffee Hall and Bleak Hall, Eaglestone and Netherfield parish wards shall be three, for the Peartree Bridge, Tinkers Bridge, and Woughton Village and Woughton Park parish wards shall be two and for the Leadenhall parish ward shall be one.

Numbers of parish councillors

7.—(1) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Bradwell Abbey shall be seven.

(2) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Shenley Church End shall be seven.

Parish Elections

8.—(1) The ordinary elections of parish councillors for the parish of Bradwell Abbey in 2002 shall not take place; and any such parish councillor holding office immediately before 6th May 2002 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 2003.

(2) The ordinary elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Clifton Reynes, Lavendon and Newton Blossomville 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.

(3) The term of office of any parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2000 for the parish of Stoke Goldington shall be three years.

(4) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Bradwell Abbey and Stoke Goldington shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2003 and every fourth year after 2003.

(5) Elections of all parish councillors for the parishes of Clifton Reynes, Lavendon and Newton Blossomville shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004 and every fourth year after 2004.

(6) The term of office of parish councillors elected in accordance with any of paragraphs 4 and 5 above shall be four years; and they 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.

(7) 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 5th May 2003 in the

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

office of a parish councillor for the parish of Bradwell Abbey 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 5th May 2003.

(8) Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986 (filling of casual vacancies) shall have effect, in the case of a casual vacancy occurring before 10th May 2004 in the office of a parish councillor for the parishes of Clifton Reynes, Lavendon and Newton Blossomville 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 10th May 2004.

Revocation

9. Article 9 of the Buckinghamshire (Borough of Milton Keynes) (Structural Changes) Order 1995 is hereby revoked.

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

20th December 2001

Alan Whitehead
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department for Transport,
Local Government and the Regions

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Bletchley and Fenny Stratford		3
Bradwell	The parish of Bradwell and the Conniburrow parish ward of Great Linford parish	3
Campbell Park	The parish wards of Fishermead, Oldbrook, Springfield and Woolstone of Campbell Park parish and the parish of Central Milton Keynes	3
Danesborough	The parishes of Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Wavendon and Woburn Sands	1
Denbigh		2
Eaton Manor	The parish wards of Eaton North, Eaton South and Manor South of the parish of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford	2
Emerson Valley	The Emerson Valley parish ward of the Shenley Brook End parish	3
Furzton	The Furzton parish ward of the parish of Shenley Brook End	2
Hanslope Park	The parishes of Castlethorpe, Hanslope and Haversham-cum-Little Linford	1
Linford North	The Blakelands, Giffard Park and Tongwell, Linford Village and Pennyland and Bolbeck Park wards of Great Linford parish	2
Linford South	The Campbell Park and Newlands, and Willen parish wards of Campbell Park parish and the Downhead Park and Willen Park, and Downs Barn and Neath Hill parish wards of Great Linford parish	2

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Loughton Park	The parishes of Loughton and Shenley Church End	3
Middleton		2
Newport Pagnell North		2
Newport Pagnell South		2
Olney	The parishes of Clifton Reynes, Cold Brayfield, Lavendon, Newton Blossomville, Olney, Ravenstone, Warrington and Weston Underwood	2
Sherington	The parishes of Astwood, Chicheley, Emberton, Gayhurst, Hardmead, Lathbury, Moulsoe, North Crawley, Sherington, Stoke Goldington, and Tyringham and Filgrave	1
Stantonbury	The parish of Stantonbury	2
Stony Stratford	The parishes of Calverton and Stony Stratford and the Two Mile Ash parish ward of the Bradwell Abbey parish	3
Walton Park	The parish of Walton and the Kents Hill, Kents Hill Park and Brinklow parish ward of the parish of Kents Hill, Monkston and Brinklow	3
Whaddon		2
Wolverton	The parishes of New Bradwell, and Wolverton and Greenleys and the Hodge Lea and Stacey Bushes parish ward of Bradwell Abbey parish	3
Woughton		2

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
Bradwell	1	1	1
Bletchley and Fenny Stratford	1	1	1
Campbell Park	1	1	1
Danesborough	1	0	0
Denbigh	0	1	1
Eaton Manor	0	1	1
Emerson Valley	1	1	1
Furzton	1	0	1
Hanslope Park	1	0	0
Linford North	1	0	1
Linford South	1	0	1
Loughton Park	1	1	1
Middleton	1	1	0
Newport Pagnell North	0	1	1
Newport Pagnell South	0	1	1
Olney	0	1	1
Sherington	1	0	0
Stantonbury	1	1	0
Stony Stratford	1	1	1
Walton Park	1	1	1
Whaddon	0	1	1
Wolverton	1	1	1
Woughton	1	1	0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the borough of Milton Keynes. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 2nd May 2002.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of 23 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.

Articles 4 to 7 make electoral changes in the parishes of Bradwell Abbey, Newport Pagnell, West Bletchley, Woughton on the Green and Shenley Church End.

Article 8 provides for elections of parish councillors for parishes of the borough.

Article 9 revokes Article 9 of the Buckinghamshire (Borough of Milton Keynes) (Structural Changes) Order 1995.

The areas of the new borough and parish 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 Milton Keynes Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

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