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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 648**

The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole  
(Structural Changes) Order 2018

PART 7

ELECTORAL MATTERS: DORSET

**Cancellation of parish council elections in Dorset, etc**

- 40.** Notwithstanding section 16(3) of the 1972 Act (election of parish councillors)—
- (a) elections are not to be held in 2023 or in 2027 for the return of councillors to the council of any parish within Dorset;
  - (b) the term of office of parish councillors elected in 2019 or at any subsequent by-election held before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024 ends on the fourth day after the ordinary day of elections in 2024<sup>(1)</sup>;
  - (c) elections of parish councillors for those parishes in which, but for paragraph (a), elections would have been held in 2023 are to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024;
  - (d) the term of office of parish councillors elected in 2024 or at any subsequent by-election held before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2029 ends on the fourth day after the ordinary day of elections in 2029; and
  - (e) elections of parish councillors for those parishes in which, but for paragraph (a), elections would have been held in 2027 are to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2029 and every fourth year thereafter.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Under section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, the term of office of parish councillors is four years and elections of councillors for parish councils within Dorset are due to be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2019.