



Leicester
City Council

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ALL WARDS – CITY WIDE**

**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:
Council**

30 January 2003

PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LEICESTER CITY

Report of the Town Clerk

1. Purpose of Report

To inform Council of the outcome of the Periodic Electoral Review of Leicester City and to seek Council approval to the Polling Districts within these new Wards.

2. Summary

- 2.1. The Local Government Commission for England (LGCE) and, since 1 April 2002, the Boundary Committee for England (a committee of the Electoral Commission) are required by law to review the electoral arrangements of every principal local authority in England. The aim is to ensure that the number of electors represented by each Councillor in an area is as nearly as possible the same, taking into account local circumstances. Changes can be recommended to Ward boundaries, the number of Councillors and Ward names
- 2.2. Shortly after the outset of the process, at the Council Meeting held on 12 July 2001, there was all party agreement to:
 - the size of Council – 54 members
 - all out elections every four years.
- 2.3. The LGCE published its draft recommendations for electoral arrangements on 15 January 2002, after which it undertook an eight week period of consultation.
- 2.4. The Boundary Committee for England published their final recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Leicester City on 6 June 2002

In summary, these final recommendations were that:-

- Leicester City Council should have 54 Councillors, two fewer than at present;
- there should be 22 wards, instead of 28 as at present;
- the boundaries of 27 of the existing Wards should be modified, resulting in a net reduction of six, and one Ward should retain its existing boundaries;

- ten of the proposed Wards should each be represented by three Councillors, with the remaining 12 Wards each represented by two Councillors.
- 2.5. Any further representations on these final recommendations were required to be sent to the Electoral Commission by 18 July 2002.
 - 2.6. Statutory Instrument 2002 No. 2988, Local Government, England, The City of Leicester (Electoral Changes) Order 2002, a copy of which is attached, was made on 2 December 2002.
 - 2.7. The electoral changes contained within this Order have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1 May 2003.
 - 2.8. The changed Ward boundaries necessitate an associated review of Polling Districts within each Ward. Such a whole scale change of Polling Districts is undoubtedly a matter of substance and, therefore, by local determination (as approved at the November 2002 Council Meeting) is a matter reserved to Council.
 - 2.9. Following consultation on initial officer proposals, the proposed Polling Districts are set out on Ward maps, copies of which will be supplied to each of the Political Group Rooms and will be displayed in the Tea Room prior to the Council Meeting.
 - 2.10. For the purposes of electoral legislation and regulations, the Polling Districts are also being regarded as the Polling Places, although in an extremely small number of cases a Polling Station may be located outside the Polling District.
 - 2.11. It is for the Returning Officer to decide on polling stations (the physical location at which polling takes place) within the designated polling places.
 - 2.12. It is proposed that the new Electoral Register, reflecting the new Wards and Polling Districts, will be published on 3 February 2003. This will then provide sufficient time for members of the political parties to prepare their material for the all out City Council elections to be held on 1 May 2003.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. Members note the changes to Ward boundaries and numbers of Members representing each of these New Wards, as formalised in Statutory Instrument 2002 no. 2988.
- 3.2. Members agree the proposed Polling Districts within each of the new Wards, as detailed on the maps published and displayed within the political group rooms and Tea Room.

4. Financial and legal Implications

The Cost of City Council officer input into the Periodic Electoral Review, along with the production costs of the new Register are all being contained within the approved revenue budget for Electoral Services.

The legal implications are as contained within the report (Peter Nicholls, Head of Legal Services).

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2002 No. 2988

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The City of Leicester (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made 2nd December 2002

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(a), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(b), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(c) recommendations dated June 2002 on its review of the city(d) of Leicester:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(e) and 26(f) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the City of Leicester (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.
- (2) This Order shall come into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 1st May 2003, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—
 - “city” means the city of Leicester;
 - “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 marked “Map referred to in the City of Leicester (Electoral Changes) Order 2002”, of which prints are available for inspection at—

(a) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.

(b) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992, to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) The non-metropolitan district of Leicester has the status of a city.

(e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962. There are amendments to this section made otherwise than by S.I. 2001/3962 that are not relevant to this Order.

(f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
- (b) the offices of Leicester City Council.

Wards of the city of Leicester

- 3.—(1) The existing wards of the city(a) shall be abolished.
- (2) The city shall be divided into twenty-two wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.
- (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 the number specified in respect of the ward in column (2) of the 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.

Maps

4. Leicester City Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map referred to in the City of Leicester (Electoral Changes) Order 2002" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral registers

5. The Electoral Registration Officer(b) for the city shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Revocation

6. The City of Leicester (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979(c) is revoked.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

2nd December 2002	<i>Pamela Gordon</i> Commissioner
2nd December 2002	<i>Glyn Mathias</i> Commissioner
2nd December 2002	<i>Neil McIntosh</i> Commissioner
2nd December 2002	<i>Karamjit Singh</i> Commissioner
2nd December 2002	<i>Sam Younger</i> Commissioner
2nd December 2002	<i>Graham Zellick</i> Commissioner

(a) See the City of Leicester (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1474) as amended by the City of Leicester (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/924).

(b) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, see sections 8 to (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

(c) S.I. 1979/1474 as amended by S.I. 1984/924. Articles 8 and 9(7) of S.I. 1979/1474 make provision in respect of the district electoral cycle. Article 3 of S.I. 1984/924 makes new provision in respect of the district electoral cycle. S.I. 1984/924 is not affected by this Order.

SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) Name of Ward	(2) Number of Councillors
Abbey	3
Aylestone	2
Beaumont Leys	3
Belgrave	2
Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields	3
Castle	3
Charnwood	2
Coleman	2
Evington	2
Eyres Mossell	2
Fosse	2
Freemen	2
Humberstone and Hamilton	3
Knighton	3
Latimer	2
New Parks	3
Rushey Mead	3
Spinney Hills	3
Stoneygate	3
Thurcroft	2
Westcotes	2
Western Park	2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order gives effect, with modifications, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the city of Leicester.

The modifications concern the name of the Freeman city ward and the boundary between the New Parks city ward and the Western Park city ward.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the city and provides for the creation of 22 new wards. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 5 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 6 revokes the City of Leicester (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1474).

The areas of the new city wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Leicester City Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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