

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

## The Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.2] (Blandford Forum) 2023

Made 6 April 2023

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

DORSET COUNCIL (“the council”), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 14 July 2022:

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(6) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

### **Citation and commencement**

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.2] (Blandford Forum) 2023.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below this Order shall come into force on 1 April 2024.

(3) Articles 5 and 6 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

(4) For the purposes of:

(a) this article; and

(b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parish of Blandford Forum to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024,

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“district” means the district of Dorset;

“existing” means existing on the date this Order is made;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.2] (Blandford Forum) 2023” and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

### **Effect of Order**

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

### **Parish elections**

4. In accordance with section 40 of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018:

(1) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Blandford Forum shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024 shall be five years, and thereafter from the ordinary day of election in 2029 shall be four years.

### **Wards of the parish of Blandford Forum and numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Blandford Forum**

5. (1) The number of councillors to be elected for Badbury Heights ward of the parish of Blandford Forum shall be two.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for Blandford Central ward of the parish of Blandford Forum shall be six.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for Hilltop ward of the parish of Blandford Forum shall be two.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for Langton St Leonards ward of the parish of Blandford Forum shall be three.

(5) The number of councillors to be elected for Old Town ward of the parish of Blandford Forum shall be three.

### **Alteration of parish areas and the areas of parish wards**

6. Each area coloured and designated by a letter on the map and specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 shall cease to be part of the parish and parish ward area specified in relation to that area in columns (2) and (3) of the Schedule and shall become part of the parish and parish ward specified in relation to that area in columns (4) and (5) of the Schedule.

### **Electoral register**

7. The registration officer for the district 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.

**Order date**

8. 1st April 2024 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

The Common SEAL of DORSET COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

In the presence of

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Mai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Authorised Signatory

Dated



# SCHEDULE 1

## Article 6

### ALTERATION OF AREAS OF PARISHES AND PARISH WARDS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>	<i>Column (4)</i>	<i>Column (5)</i>
<i>Area</i>	<i>Parish from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish ward from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish to which added</i>	<i>Parish ward to which added</i>
"A" (Sheet 1)	Blandford Forum	Blandford Hilltop	Blandford Forum	Badbury Heights
"B" (Sheet 1)	Blandford Forum	Blandford Central	Blandford Forum	Badbury Heights
"C" (Sheet 1)	Blandford Forum	Blandford Central	Blandford Forum	Blandford Hilltop
"D" (Sheet 1)	Blandford Forum	Blandford Old Town	Blandford Forum	Blandford Central

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Dorset Council for the number of councillors to be elected and alteration of the areas of parish wards of the parish of Blandford Forum, within the district of Dorset.

The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

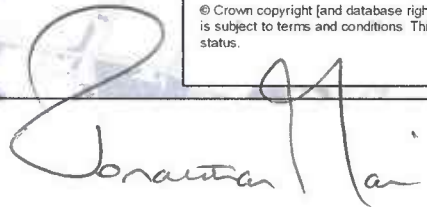
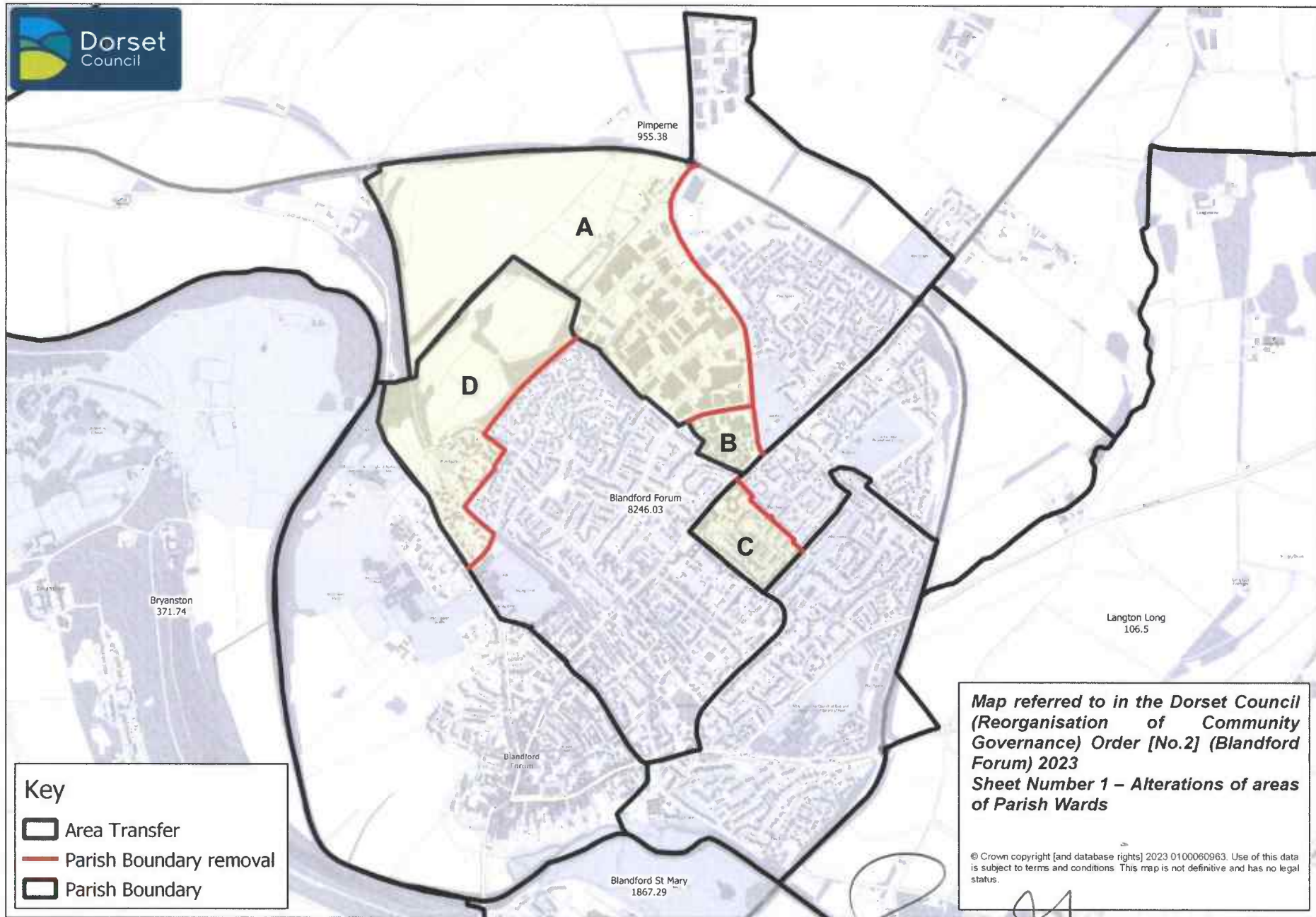
Article 4 provides for parish elections in the parish of Blandford Forum in 2024 for a term of five years and then from 2029 to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 5 specifies the numbers of parish councillors to be elected for the wards of the parish of Blandford Forum.

Article 6 and the map establish the names and areas of the wards of the parish of Blandford Forum.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The maps defined in article 2 show the revised wards of the parish of Blandford Forum. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Dorset Council.



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