

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Swindon Borough Council (Alterations of Years of Ordinary Elections of Parish Councillors) Order 2024

Made: 21st February 2024

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Background

On 12 October 2023 Swindon Borough Council ("the Borough Council") resolved to change to whole-council elections every 4 years, with effect from 2026. It was further resolved to commence a consultation process with a view to determining whether the electoral cycle for the parish councils within the Borough should be harmonised with the whole council elections every 4 years from 2026.

Pursuant to the abovementioned consultation process, on 18 January 2024 the Borough Council resolved:

(1) That the outcome of the consultation, where all Parish Councils with elections in 2024 (and then 2028) or 2027 have opted to harmonise with the borough elections scheduled for 2026 be noted.

(2) The Chief Executive and Chief Legal Officer be authorised to make the order to harmonise all town and parish council elections with the Borough Council's electoral cycle, as permitted by Section 53, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The Act).

The Borough Council therefore makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 53 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to alter the ordinary years of elections of parish councillors.

Citation and Commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Swindon Borough Council (Alterations of Years of Ordinary Elections of Parish Councillors) Order 2024.

(2) This Order comes into force with immediate effect.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "Borough" means the Borough of Swindon;

"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.

Elections for all Parish Councils within the Borough

3. The election of all parish councillors for all parishes within the Borough shall be next held in 2026 simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors for the Borough Council, and subsequently every four years simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors for the Borough Council.
4. The term of office of parish councillors elected for the parishes of Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Central Swindon North, Covingham, Liddington, Nythe Eldene & Liden, St Andrews and Wanborough on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2021, or elected or co-opted to fill a casual vacancy since arising, shall be extended so that it ends on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election for councillors in 2026.
5. The term of office of parish councillors elected for the parishes of South Swindon, Chiseldon, Haydon Wick, Highworth, Stratton St Margaret, West Swindon and Wroughton on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023, or elected or co-opted to fill a casual vacancy since arising, shall be reduced so that it ends on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election for councillors in 2026.

Electoral Register

6. The registration officer 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.

THE COMMON SEAL of

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed in the presence of:



AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

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BHAVANA PATEL

Authorised Signatory -
Swindon Borough Council