EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES (ELECTORAL CHANGES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER

2023 No. [XXXX]

1. Introduction

1.1 This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and is laid before Parliament by Command of His Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 was made to give effect to recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the borough of Stockton-on-Tees at the borough elections in 2023 and thereafter. This instrument corrects that Order by amending the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward in the parish of Ingleby Barwick.

3. Matters of special interest to Parliament

Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 In light of these corrections, the Commission is adopting the free issue procedure in relation to this instrument. The Commission confirms that it has complied with the requirement stated in paragraph 4.7.1 of Statutory Instrument Practice to consult with the SI Registrar on the use of the free issue procedure in relation to this instrument.

4. Extent and Territorial Application

4.1 The territorial extent of this instrument is England and Wales.

4.2 The territorial application of this instrument is England.

5. European Convention on Human Rights

5.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

6. Legislative Context

6.1 The Commission has power under section 59 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act) to make an order giving effect to recommendations contained in a report, prepared under section 58(4) of the 2009 Act, after conducting an electoral review under section 56(1) of that Act. As the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 contained an error, it did not fully give effect to those recommendations. This instrument amends the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 to ensure those recommendations are given full effect.

7. Policy background

What is being done and why?

7.1 The Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 was made to give effect to recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the borough of Stockton-on-Tees. That Order contained an error in the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward in the parish of Ingleby Barwick. This Order amends the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 and provides the correct allocation of councillors for each parish ward in the parish of Ingleby Barwick.

8. European Union Withdrawal and Future Relationship

8.1 This instrument does not relate to withdrawal from the European Union.

9. Consolidation

9.1 This Instrument does not amend or revoke any legislation.

10. Consultation outcome

10.1 The Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 was made to give effect to recommendations that were consulted on during the review of electoral arrangements from October 2020 to March 2022.

11. Guidance

11.1 The Commission does not intend to issue any guidance alongside this instrument. This is not considered necessary as the Order is self-explanatory and gives effect to recommendations following consultation with interested parties as to the changes to electoral arrangements.

12. Impact

12.1 There is no, or no significant, impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

12.2 The impact on the public sector will be limited to the area for which the Order makes provision. The one-off cost of producing the map referred to by the instrument is to be funded by the Commission. The one-off cost of amending the electoral register to reflect the new parish wards is to be funded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

12.3 A full Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

13. Regulating small business

13.1 The legislation does not apply to activities that are undertaken by small businesses.

14. Monitoring & review

14.1 The Commission will have no role in monitoring the Council's implementation of the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2023. The Commission is not required to undertake such monitoring; that is a matter for the relevant officers of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. The Order will be reviewed insofar as the Commission continually monitors local authorities in England to identify any that meet its criteria for electoral reviews.

15. Contact

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