This Statutory Instrument has been printed in substitution of the S.I. bearing the number S.I. 2022/966 and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument. This draft Statutory Instrument also supersedes the draft entitled the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2023 which was laid before Parliament and published on 11th July 2023 (ISBN 978-0-34-824984-2). It is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that draft Statutory Instrument.

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; draft to lie for forty days pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

D R A F T S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

2023 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2023

Made - - - -

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) ("the Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) ("the Commission") published a report dated March 2022, as amended in May 2022, July 2023, and further reissued in September 2023(**c**), stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the borough of Stockton-on-Tees. The May 2022 Recommendations were given effect to by way of the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022(**d**). In light of the publication of the revised September 2023 recommendations, the Commission is giving effect to those revised recommendations by way of this Order.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 59(1), 59(4) and 59(5)(c) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2023.

(2) This article, article 2 and article 3 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(**a**) 2009 c. 20.

(**b**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

(**c**) Both the original and amended reports are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. They are also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/stockton-tees.

(**d**) S.I. 2022/966.

(3) The remainder of this Order comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on the day after the day on which this Order is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England(**a**) in 2027.

(4) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

Revocation and saving provision

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 ("the 2022 Order") is revoked.

(2) Notwithstanding the revocation in paragraph (1), any person elected as a councillor for any ward or parish ward further to provision made in the 2022 Order is to remain in post as a councillor as if the 2022 Order were still in force.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In this Order, "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2023", held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**).

(2) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Wards of the borough of Stockton-on-Tees and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing wards of the borough of Stockton-on-Tees are abolished.

(2) The borough of Stockton-on-Tees is divided into the 27 wards listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.

(3) Each ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the table in Schedule 1.

Parish wards of the parishes of Billingham, Egglescliffe, Grindon & Thorpe Thewles, Ingleby Barwick, Kirklevington and Thornaby, and number of councillors

5.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Billingham, Egglescliffe, Grindon & Thorpe Thewles, Ingleby Barwick, Kirklevington and Thornaby are abolished.

(2) The parish of Billingham is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Egglescliffe is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Grindon & Thorpe Thewles is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) The parish of Ingleby Barwick is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of the table 4 in Schedule 2.

(**a**) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

(**b**) Prints of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-east/stockton-on-tees/stockton-on-tees.

(6) The parish of Kirklevington is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 5 in Schedule 2.

(7) The parish of Thornaby is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 6 in Schedule 2.

(8) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(9) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Name
Chief Executive
Date Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULE 1

Article 4

Wards of the borough of Stockton-on-Tees and numbers of councillors

(1) *Name of ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Billingham Central	2
Billingham East	2
Billingham North	2
Billingham South	2
Billingham West & Wolviston	2
Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree	2
Eaglescliffe East	2
Eaglescliffe West	2
Fairfield	3
Grangefield	1
Hardwick & Salters Lane	2
Hartburn	3
Ingleby Barwick North	3
Ingleby Barwick South	3
Mandale & Victoria	2
Newtown	1
Northern Parishes	2
Norton Central	2
Norton North	2
Norton South	2
Ropner	2
Roseworth	2
Southern Villages	1
Stainsby Hill	2
Stockton Town Centre	2
Village	2
Yarm	3

SCHEDULE 2

Article 5

Names of parish wards and numbers of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Billingham

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Billingham Central	3
Billingham East	3
Billingham North	3
Billingham South	4
Billingham West	2

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Egglescliffe

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Egglescliffe East	6
Egglescliffe West	7

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Grindon & Thorpe Thewles

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Grindon & Thorpe Thewles	4
White House Plantation	2

Table 4

Parish wards of the parish of Ingleby Barwick

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Ingleby Barwick North	6
Ingleby Barwick South	6

Table 5

Parish wards of the parish of Kirklevington

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Kirklevington Village	3
Kirklevington Green Lane	3

Table 6

Parish wards of the parish of Thornaby

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Mandale & Victoria	5
Stainsby Hill	5
Village	4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the borough of Stockton-on-Tees following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the borough remains unchanged. This Order gives effect to recommendations published by the Commission in September 2023, and revokes the Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/966), which gave effect to recommendations published by the Commission in March 2022, and subsequently amended in May 2022 and July 2023.

Article 2 revokes S.I. 2022/966, but this is subject to provision stating that the tenure of any person elected as a councillor further to that Order is unaffected by its revocation.

Article 4 abolishes the existing electoral wards of the borough of Stockton-on-Tees and replaces them with 27 new ones for the purpose of elections held on or after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2027. It establishes the names and areas of the new electoral wards and the number of councillors for each.

Article 5 makes changes to parish wards that are consequential on the changes made by article 4.

The area covered by each ward created by this Order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL.

The map may also be accessed at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-east/stockton-on-tees/stockton-on-tees.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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