EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE LEEDS (ELECTORAL CHANGES) AMENDMENT ORDER 2018

2018 No. 1273

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 Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The Leeds (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1077) gave effect to recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the city of Leeds as outlined in the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's report of March 2017. This instrument amends a part of the boundary between the wards Beeston & Holbeck and Farnley & Wortley to correctly reflect the Commission's final recommendations.

3. Matters of special interest to Parliament

Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None.

Matters relevant to Standing Orders Nos. 83P and 83T of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons relating to Public Business (English Votes for English Laws)

3.2 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure there are no matters relevant to Standing Orders Nos. 83P and 83T of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons relating to Public Business at this stage.

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. If a mistake occurs, section 59(6) gives the power to make an order to rectify the mistake. This instrument is being made to amend the map referred to in the Leeds (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 to ensure the correct boundary is shown between the wards of Beeston & Holbeck and Farnley & Wortley.

7. Policy background

What is being done and why?

7.1 The Leeds (Electoral changes) Order 2017 gave effect to recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the city of Leeds. The map referred to in the Order showed an incorrect ward boundary between the wards of Beeston & Holbeck and Farnley & Wortley. This Order amends this by providing a map showing the correct ward boundary.

8. European Union (Withdrawal) Act/Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union

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 Leeds (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 gave effect to recommendations that were consulted on during the review of electoral arrangements which ran from July 2016 until March 2017. A detailed analysis of the outcome of the review is set out in the report 'Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Leeds City Council' which is available at http://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/32526/LeedsFinalRecommendations_edited.pdf

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 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 correct wards is to be funded by Leeds City Council.

12.3 An 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 Leeds (Electoral Changes) Amendment Order 2018. The Commission is not required to undertake such monitoring; that is a matter for the relevant officers of Leeds City

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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