

Mr Paul Walker
Chief Executive
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20 July 2010

Dear Mr Walker,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HARTLEPOOL

Following my letter of 15 June 2010, I am writing to formally announce the start of the electoral review of Hartlepool.

A copy of the Commission's press release, and posters about the review are being sent to your Council. It would be much appreciated if you could publicise the start of the review by placing copies on display at local information points, and by taking such other steps as you consider appropriate to bring the review to the attention of the public and other interested parties.

Review timetable

The first stage of the review starts today, 20 July 2010. The Commission will initially consult on the appropriate council size for the authority. All representations on council size should be submitted no later than **30 August 2010**.

In the light of the evidence available to it, the Commission will reach its conclusions on council size. It is intended that these conclusions will be publicised in September 2010 on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk, and be sent to your Council, to those organisations and individuals listed at the end of this letter, and to all those who submit representations during this stage.

There will then be a **twelve-week** period for representations to be made to the Commission on proposed electoral arrangements – the number, boundaries and names of wards. This is scheduled to run from 28 September 2010 to 20 December 2010. The Commission will consider all the responses to this consultation when formulating its draft recommendations. There will subsequently be a period of public consultation on these draft recommendations prior to the Commission formulating its final recommendations, which we expect to publish in the spring of 2011.

Correspondence and Enquiries

Your Council's main contacts at the Commission will be:

- Jessica Metheringham-Owlett, Review Officer, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review.
email: jess.metheringham-owlett@lgbce.org.uk; Tel: 020 7664 8525;
- Joan D'souza, Review Manager, who leads the team dealing with this and other reviews
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I am writing in similar terms to the organisations and individuals listed below.

Yours sincerely

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- Durham County Council
 - MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in Hartlepool
 - Headquarters of the main political parties
 - Cleveland Police Authority
 - North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
 - NHS Hartlepool
 - North East Strategic Health Authority
 - Association of North East Councils
 - Parish and town councils in Hartlepool