

2007 No. 486

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The Stockton-on-Tees (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order
2007**

Made - - - - - *21st February 2007*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, under section 9(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) (“the 1997 Act”), have made to the Electoral Commission(c) proposals dated January 2007 for electoral arrangements in the proposed parish of Billingham(d) and the parishes of Grindon and Wolviston(e) in the borough(f) of Stockton-on-Tees:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals:

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(g) and 23(h) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Stockton-on-Tees (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2007.

(2) This Order comes into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes of Billingham, Grindon and Wolviston, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“borough” means the borough of Stockton-on-Tees;

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- (a) This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).
 - (b) 1997 c.29.
 - (c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13, 14 and 17(4) of the 1997 Act (c.29), to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).
 - (d) The parish of Billingham was created by the Stockton-on-Tees (Parishes) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/403).
 - (e) The areas of the parishes of Grindon and Wolviston were altered by S.I. 2007/403.
 - (f) The non-metropolitan district of Stockton-on-Tees has the status of a borough.
 - (g) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.
 - (h) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

“existing”, in relation to a parish ward, means the parish ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Stockton-on-Tees (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2007”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a); and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Elections for the parish of Billingham

3. Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Billingham shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007(c).

Wards of the parish of Billingham

4.—(1) The parish of Billingham shall be divided into five wards which shall be named Billingham Central, Billingham East, Billingham North, Billingham South and Billingham West.

(2) Each ward shall comprise the area of the borough ward(d) of the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be three.

Wards of the parish of Grindon

5.—(1) The existing wards(e) of the parish of Grindon shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two wards which shall be named Grindon East and Grindon West.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for Grindon East ward shall be four and for Grindon West ward shall be three.

Wards of the parish of Wolviston

6.—(1) The existing wards(f) of the parish of Wolviston shall be abolished.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Wolviston shall be seven.

Map

7. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

(a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29).

(b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

(c) Article 3 provides for parish elections in the new parish of Billingham in 2007. Section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70) provides for parish elections to take place every four years.

(d) See the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Changes) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2506).

(e) See S.I. 2003/2506.

(f) See S.I. 2003/2506.

Electoral register

8. The registration officer for the borough 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.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 21st day of February 2007



21st February 2007

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

21st February 2007

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for the electoral arrangements for the new parish of Billingham, created from an unparished area and parts of the existing parishes of Grindon and Wolviston within the borough of Stockton-on-Tees by the Stockton-on-Tees (Parishes) Order 2007, and for changes to the electoral arrangements for the parishes of Grindon and Wolviston.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

Article 3 provides for parish elections in the new parish of Billingham in 2007, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 4 establishes the names and areas of the wards of that parish and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 5 abolishes the existing wards of the altered parish of Grindon. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the wards of that parish and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 6 abolishes the wards of the altered parish of Wolviston and specifies the number of councillors for that parish.

Article 8 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new wards of the parish of Grindon. It is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.