

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

Change of District Name (North Down and Ards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

2016 SR No. 10

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of the Environment to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under section 51 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the draft Order is to change the name of North Down and Ards local government district to Ards and North Down.

3. Background

- 3.1. The name of each local government district is set out in Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Boundaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012.
- 3.2. Section 51 of the 1972 Act provides that the Department may by order made on the application of a council, change the name of the district of the council.
- 3.3. This provides the legislative authority to make the Order.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The Order is made at the request of the council for the district and consultation has taken place directly with it.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. An Equality Assessment has not been produced for this Order. The Order has been made at the request of the council for the local government district and the decision to change the name of the district has been taken by North Down and Ards Borough Council and not by the Department. The Council is a statutory authority in its own right and has its own equality duties.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced for this Order, because the Order imposes no costs or savings on businesses, charities, social economy enterprises or the voluntary sector.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no additional costs implications associated with the introduction of this Order.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. The Order is considered compliant with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9.1. There are no EU implications associated with the draft Order.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. None.