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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of elections in 2005.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of twenty-six new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Articles 4 to 8 make electoral changes in the parishes of Grindon, Ingleby Barwick, Thornaby, Wolviston and Yarm.

Article 10 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 11 revokes the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976, with the exception of article 8.

The areas of the new borough and parish wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected 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.