STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 126

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND TRANSPORT, ENGLAND

The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017

Made - - - - *8th February 2017*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 103(1), 104(1)(a), 105(1) and (3), 105A(1)(a) and (b), (2) and (3)(b), 107A(1) and (2), 107D(1), (7)(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) and (8)(b), 113D(1), 114(1) and (3) and 117(5) of, paragraph 3 of Schedule 5A to, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 5B to, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(1)("the 2009 Act").

The Secretary of State, having had regard to a scheme prepared and published under section 109 of the 2009 Act(2), considers that—

- (a) the making of this Order is likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in the area to which this Order relates, and
- (b) any consultation required by section 110(2) of the 2009 Act has been carried out.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the area to which this Order relates meets the conditions set out in section 103(2) and (5) of the 2009 Act.

In making this Order, the Secretary of State has had regard to the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities, and to the need to secure effective and convenient local government(3).

In accordance with sections 104(10), 105(3A) and 105B(2)(4) of the 2009 Act, the councils for the local government areas of Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire have consented to the making of this Order.

^{(1) 2009} c. 20. Section 103 was amended by sections 12 and 14 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 ("the 2016 Act") (c. 1). Section 104 was amended by sections 8 and 14 of, and Schedule 5 to, the 2016 Act. Section 105 was amended by sections 6, 9 and 14 of the 2016 Act. Section 105A was inserted by section 7 of the 2016 Act. Section 107A was inserted by section 2 of the 2016 Act. Section 107D was inserted by section 4 of the 2016 Act. Section 114 was amended by Schedule 5 to the 2016 Act. Subsections (2), (2A) and (3) of section 117 were substituted by section 13 of the 2011 Act, and section 117(5) was inserted by paragraph 29 of Schedule 5 to the 2016 Act. Schedules 5A and 5B were inserted by Schedules 3 and 1 respectively to the 2016 Act.

⁽²⁾ Section 109 was amended by sections 6 and 12 of the 2016 Act.

⁽³⁾ Section 110(4) of the 2009 Act requires the Secretary of State when making an order to establish a combined authority to have regard to the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities, and to secure effective and convenient local government.

⁽⁴⁾ Section 105B was inserted by section 7 of the 2016 Act.

In accordance with section 105B(9) of the 2009 Act, the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament a report explaining the effect of this Order and why the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to make this Order.

A draft of this instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament pursuant to section 117(2) of the 2009 Act.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State makes the following Order: