

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE HERTFORDSHIRE (ELECTORAL CHANGES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2017
2017 No. 76

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the Commission) and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

- 2.1 The Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2015 gave effect to recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Hertfordshire as stated in the Local Government Boundary Commission's report of September 2015. This instrument amends the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward in the parish of Royston.

3. Matters of special interest to Parliament

Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

- 3.1 None

Other matters of interest to the House of Commons

- 3.2 As this instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and has not been prayed against, consideration as to whether there are other matters of interest to the House of Commons does not arise at this stage.

4. Legislative Context

- 4.1 The Commission has power under section 59 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act) to make an order giving effect to recommendations contained in a report, prepared under section 58(4) of the 2009 Act, after conducting an electoral review under section 56(1) of that Act. If a mistake occurs, section 59(6) gives the power to make an order to rectify the mistake. This instrument is being made to amend The Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2015 to correct the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward in the parish of Royston

5. Extent and Territorial Application

- 5.1 The extent of this instrument is England.
5.2 The territorial application of this instrument is England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

- 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

What is being done and why

- 7.1 The Hertfordshire (Electoral changes) Order 2015 gave effect to recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Hertfordshire. The Order contained an error in the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward in the parish of Royston. This Order amends this and provides the correct allocation of councillors for each parish ward in the parish of Royston.

8. Consultation outcome

- 8.1 The Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2015 gave effect to recommendations that were consulted on during the review of electoral arrangements from April 2014 until March 2015.

9. Guidance

- 9.1 The Commission does not intend to issue any guidance alongside this instrument.

10. Impact

- 10.1 There is no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.
- 10.2 The impact on the public sector will be limited to the area for which the Order makes provision. The one-off cost of amending the electoral register to reflect the new parish wards is to be funded by the relevant district council.
- 10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

- 11.1 The legislation does not apply to activities that are undertaken by small businesses.

12. Monitoring & review

- 12.1 The Commission will have no role in monitoring Hertfordshire's implementation of the Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2017. The Commission is not required to undertake such monitoring; that is a matter for the relevant officers of the district council concerned.

13. Contact

- 13.1 Marcus Bowell at the Commission telephone: 0330 500 1250 or email: marcus.bowell@lgbce.org.uk can answer any queries regarding the instrument.