

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting8th January 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Parish Boundary Review

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that outlined action required to complete the Parish Boundary Review undertaken in 2004.

Members were reminded that a Parish Boundary Review had been undertaken in 2004, by the Council, in consultation with all of the Parish Councils within its administrative area. This was to bring the Parish boundaries in line with new warding arrangements for 2005, following a Periodic Electoral Review and the establishment of Billingham Town Council. The proposed changes relating to parish boundaries had been approved by Council in October 2004.

It was explained, however, that it had not been possible for the Secretary of State to introduce all of the changes in time for the 2007 elections and the outstanding proposals were scheduled for introduction in April 2008. In the meantime the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act) had devolved the power to take decisions about matters such as the creation of parishes and their electoral arrangements from the Secretary of State and the Electoral Commission to local government and local communities in England.

Members noted that the outstanding amendments to parish boundaries from the 2004 Review related to Egglecliffe, Preston-on-Tees, Hilton, Yarm, Stillington & Whitton and Redmarshall (in part). Members considered recommendations, including detailed plans, in line with requirements of the 2007 Act and related guidance, as follows;

Egglecliffe

It was proposed to amend the boundary to place all of the houses in Railway Terrace in Egglecliffe Parish. Currently numbers 24 and 25 Railway Terrace were in Preston on Tees Parish and the remainder of Railway Terrace was in Egglecliffe Parish

Preston-on-Tees

It was proposed to change the boundary in 3 areas:

- (i) To take account of the border of the Cemetery
- (ii) To include the areas of Preston Park and the associated Lodge premises (Polling district EG9) to make the border coterminous with the new ward boundary for Eaglescliffe.
- (iii) This change would place the last 2 houses in Railway Terrace in Egglecliffe Parish

Hilton

There were two proposed changes to the parish boundary:

- (i) To amend slightly the boundary at the South East corner to make the boundary coterminous with the Ingleby Barwick East/Yarm Ward boundary.
- (ii) To delete the "finger" of land in the North East corner to align the boundary.

Yarm

There are two proposed changes to the parish boundary:

- (i) To amend slightly the boundary at the South East corner to make the boundary coterminous with the Ingleby Barwick East/Yarm Ward boundary
- (ii) Minor changes were proposed along the parish boundary to align the boundary with Green Lane.

Stillington and Whitton

A change was proposed at Whitton Bridge, to align the boundary with the river

Redmarshall

A change was proposed at Whitton Bridge, to align the boundary with the river (mirror image of Stillington and Whitton)

If Council agreed with the review recommendations then a decision would be published to ensure that anyone interested in the review were informed of the decision and the reasons for it.

The Council would then make an order and, as soon as practicable after making the order, would deposit it at its principal office together with a map for public inspection.

As soon as practicable after making the order, the Council would inform the following that the order had been made—

- (a) the Secretary of State;
- (b) the Electoral Commission;
- (c) the Office of National Statistics;
- (d) the Director General of the Ordnance Survey;
- (e) any other principal council whose area the order relates to.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

1. no further new parishes be established as a result of the review.
2. none of the parishes under review should be abolished, but that the area of the parish should be altered in each case to reflect the outstanding changes to the parish areas identified within the report, detailed in paragraphs 6 to 11 and shown on the plans at Appendices 1 to 5.
- 3 all of the parishes under review should continue to have a council and none of the names of the parishes should be altered.
4. that no alterations to any of the related electoral arrangements should be made;
5. an order is made and deposited at the principal office for public inspection as required by the 2007 Act; and that
6. as soon as practicable after making the order, the council inform the relevant parties (as detailed in section 96 of the 2007 Act) that the order has been made.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To conclude the outstanding elements of the 2004 Boundary Review.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Beaumont declared a person/non prejudicial interest in this matter as she was a member of Castle Levington and Kirklevington Parish Council.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable.

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not applicable

Proper Officer
12 January 2009