

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AGENDA



**Monday 7 November 2011**

**at 2.00 pm**

**in Committee Room C, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:**

Councillors Aiken, C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Cook, James, Lawton, Simmons, Thomas and Wells.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
  - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2011 (*to follow*).
- 4. ITEMS REQUIRING CONSIDERATION**
  - 4.1 Parliamentary Constituencies Review – *Chief Solicitor*
- 5. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

## MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

25 October 2011

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor: Rob Cook (In the Chair)

Councillors: Marjorie James and Patricia Lawton

Officers: Peter Devlin, Chief Solicitor  
Lorraine Bennison, Principal Registration and Members' Services Officer  
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **28. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christopher Akers-Belcher, Stephen Akers-Belcher, Chris Simmons, Stephen Thomas and Ray Wells.

### **29. Declarations of interest by Members**

None.

### **30. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2011**

Confirmed.

### **31. Partnership with Darlington Borough Council for the Joint Head of Human Resources** *(Chief Solicitor)*

The Chief Solicitor presented a report which provided the background and proposed legal agreement between Hartlepool Borough Council and Darlington Borough Council in relation to the Joint Head of Human Resources role. Members' attention was drawn to Cabinet's proposed inclusion of the provision to review the arrangements and include a suitable 'break clause'. The report that was submitted to Cabinet along with the Deed of Agreement, contract particulars and terms and conditions were attached by way of Appendix.

A discussion ensued on the following areas within the terms and conditions of the contract:

- (i) D1 – Termination – In response to concerns raised by Members, the Chief Solicitor indicated that an additional clause could be incorporated to ensure that should any changes to the operation of Darlington Borough Council and Hartlepool Borough Council be addressed through a 'successor body' reference within the Agreement.
- (ii) F1 – Intellectual Property – Members had concerns in relation to the rights of intellectual property and suggested that any arrangements should be reciprocal between Darlington Borough Council and Hartlepool Borough Council. The Chief Solicitor indicated he would pursue the inclusion of reciprocal arrangements between both local authorities in relation to intellectual property.
- (iii) H5 – Assignment, Sub-Contracting and Responsibility – It was suggested that again there should be some reference to reciprocal arrangements being in place..
- (iv) H10 – Non Solicitation and Offers of Employment – In relation to paragraph 10.1.1, Members were of the view that this paragraph should be amended to ensure that any arrangements were reciprocal.
- (v) Clarification was sought on the level of savings to be achieved through the partnership arrangement. The Acting Chief Executive confirmed that from 1 November 2011 to 31 March 2012 approximately £23k would be saved with an approximate £52k identified as a saving for a full year. It was confirmed that the cost of the partnership arrangement was divided 50:50 between Darlington Borough Council and Hartlepool Borough Council and included 'on costs'.
- (vi) Members sought clarification on how the partnership arrangements would work on a practical level. The Acting Chief Executive confirmed that the practical arrangements for day to day working would be flexible, therefore allowing for the changing operational priorities of each authority. Should any conflicting priorities arise, these would be discussed between the Authorised Officers of the Contract and a way forward agreed.
- (vii) A Member questioned how the management of the Head of HR would be undertaken. The Acting Chief Executive confirmed that throughout the partnership arrangement, the Head of HR would continue to be an employee of Hartlepool Borough Council and as such would continue to be managed by Hartlepool Borough Council in accordance with the approved policies and procedures.

The Chief Solicitor indicated he would contact Darlington Borough Council to progress the amendments to the terms and conditions of the contract detailed above and report back the outcome to Members.

### **Decision**

The Chief Solicitor do progress the outlined amendments to the terms and conditions of the contract for the partnership arrangement between Darlington Borough Council and Hartlepool Borough Council for the Head of HR role and subject to those amendments enter into the proposed agreement with Darlington Borough Council.

### **32. Electoral Review of Hartlepool Borough Council – Final Recommendations** *(Chief Solicitor)*

The Chief Solicitor formally reported the final recommendations of the electoral review conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. It was noted that the recommendations were broadly based on the proposals submitted through Hartlepool Borough Council with two minor amendments as detailed in the report.

### **Decision**

The report was noted.

### **33. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent**

None.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 am

CHAIR

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

7 November 2011



**Report of:** Chief Solicitor

**Subject:** PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES REVIEW

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Members regarding the Parliamentary Constituencies review being undertaken by the four UK Boundary Commissions in their respective parts of the UK.

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Parliamentary Voting System & Constituencies Act 2011 ("the Act") required the four UK Boundary Commissions to conduct a review of the parliamentary constituencies in their part of the UK and to submit final reports to Government before 1 October 2013.

2.2 The Act requires there to be a fixed number of 600 constituencies for the whole of the UK (as opposed to the current 650). The number of constituencies allocated to England is 502 (including the two reserved for the Isle of Wight).

2.3 The Boundary Commission for England ("BCE") has subdivided the 500 England constituencies between the regions used for European Parliamentary elections.

2.4 The North East has been allocated 26 constituencies (currently it has 29). The BCE's initial proposals will ensure that each of these constituencies are wholly contained in the North East region.

2.5 The BCE is also required by the Act to ensure that each constituency has an electorate that is no less than 95% and no more than 105% of the UK electoral quota. This quota has been calculated at 76,641. Accordingly, each constituency must have an electorate that is no smaller than 72,810 and no larger than 80,473.

### 3. INITIAL PROPOSALS

- 3.1 In taking the requirements into account, the BCE published its initial proposals for England, including the North East on 13 September 2011.
- 3.2 Details of the North East proposals (a report booklet and Map (A0 size)) have been received and are available for inspection in Hartlepool Connect, located at the entrance to the Civic Centre,
- 3.3 The BCE has also produced a summary of its initial proposals, a copy of extracts relevant to the Borough of Hartlepool area (Point 46) is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.4 Copies of all the initial proposals for the UK, related reports and accompanying maps can be accessed at [www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland](http://www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland)

### 4. THE NORTH EAST PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The current North East constituencies (29) are listed at **Appendix 2**. The BCE's initial proposals for the North East comprise 26 constituencies. These are detailed at **Appendix 3** (Point 10). Members should note that the review refers to the existing Ward configuration.

### 5. THE PROPOSALS FOR THE HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH AREA

- 5.1 The existing Hartlepool constituency, unlike many other constituencies, remains untouched, however, the Billingham North Ward from the Stockton Constituency has been added. The proposed Constituency name is Hartlepool (no reference to Billingham).
- 5.2 The addition of the Billingham North Ward to the existing Hartlepool Constituency provides for an electorate of 77,334.
- 5.3 A map showing the proposed Hartlepool Constituency boundary is illustrated at **Appendix 4**.
- 5.4 The Billingham North Ward is currently served by four polling stations, details of which are included at **Appendix 5** (BN1-BN4).
- 5.5 A more detailed map showing the area of the Billingham North Ward is shown at **Appendix 6**.

## 6. CONSULTATION

### Initial Consultation Period

- 6.1 A 12 week period of consultation by the BCE on its initial proposals began on 13 September 2011. This consultation will end on 5 December 2011.
- 6.2 Written representations about the BCE's proposals can be submitted by visiting the website at [www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk](http://www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk) or by writing to Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BQ; or by email to [northeast@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:northeast@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk)
- 6.3 The BCE will also be taking oral representations at public hearings within each region of the UK. There are two proposed hearings in the North East, as follows:-
- Monday 14 to Tuesday 15 November in Newcastle at the Civic Centre, Barras Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 8QH
  - Thursday 17 to Friday 18 November in Darlington at the St George Hotel, Durham Tees Valley Airport, Darlington, County Durham, DL2 1RH
- 6.4 The hearings are not inquiries, public meetings or debates, but are intended to provide an opportunity both for the BCE to explain its initial proposals and for people to give their views.

### Secondary Consultation Period

- 6.5 As soon as possible after the initial 12 week consultation period, the BCE will publish on its website, all of the representations it has received for each region, including verbatim transcripts of each public hearing. Hard copies will also be deposited in at least one location in each proposed constituency.
- 6.6 Once the representations have been published in this way, there will be a further statutory four week period, during which people can submit to the BCE, written comments on the published representations.

### Revised Proposals

- 6.7 At the end of the secondary consultation period, all of the representations received from the outset of the initial consultation will be considered and reports will be prepared by the BCE for each region. The reports will summarise and consider each of the representations, and recommend whether and if so, how the BCE's initial proposals should be revised in light of the representations.
- 6.8 The BCE will then consider each such report and decide whether and to what extent revisions should be made to its initial proposals.

- 6.9 Following this, the BCE will publish a notice in each region, stating whether or not revisions have been made to its initial proposals for that region. All written representations submitted during the 4 week secondary consultation period be published at the same time as the notice.

#### **Final Consultation Period**

- 6.10 If the initial proposals are revised, there is then a further final period of 8 weeks for written representations to be made to the BCE on the revised proposals for that area.

#### **Post Consultation**

- 6.11 The BCE will consider any representations made during the final consultation period about the revised proposals and will make its decision about whether further revisions are required in light of these representations
- 6.12 Once the BCE has decided on its final recommendations for the whole of England, it will then submit a formal report to Government. The report, which will be published, will contain a description of the review in each region, a textual description of all of the final recommendations, together with a set of maps illustrating the existing constituency boundaries and those proposed by the final recommendations.
- 6.13 The submission of the report will conclude the review process.

### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 That Members note the content of the report.

### **8. CONTACT OFFICER**

Lorraine Bennison, Principal Registration & Members' Services Officer



### 3. Initial proposals for the North East region

19. The North East region comprises the counties of Durham and Northumberland, the boroughs of the former Metropolitan County of Tyne and Wear, and the unitary authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees. The region currently has 29 constituencies. Of these constituencies, only five (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, North Tyneside, Stockton South, Sunderland Central, and Tynemouth) have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota. The electorates of the remaining 24 constituencies fall below the 5% limit and, in many cases, are significantly smaller.

20. As discussed in chapter 2, following our consultation on using the regions as the basis of our initial proposals, we have taken an initial decision that the North East region is to be allocated 26 constituencies – a reduction of three on the current number.

21. In seeking to produce initial proposals for the region that would result in 26 constituencies, each with an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota, we first considered whether, and how, local government authorities could be usefully grouped into sub-regions. We were mindful of seeking to respect, where we could, the external boundaries of local authorities and natural boundaries, such as the River Tyne. Our approach in attempting to group local authorities together in sub-regions was based on both trying to respect natural boundaries, and achieving, where we could, obvious practical groupings.

22. Tyne and Wear, with an electorate of just over 828,000, could be allocated 11 constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota that would be wholly contained within its boundary. However, this would necessitate crossing the River Tyne, which we considered to be undesirable. Darlington, with an electorate of 78,463, is the only other area of

the North East that could be allocated a whole number of constituencies within its boundary. The electorates of all the other counties and unitary authorities in the North East are such that it is necessary to group them with a neighbouring county or unitary authority. Therefore we decided that we would review the whole of the North East region as one unit in order to allow for a greater range of options.

23. Our initial proposals for the North East region contain two constituencies that are wholly contained within the County of Northumberland, four constituencies that are wholly contained within the County of Durham, and nine constituencies that are wholly contained within the metropolitan boroughs of Tyne and Wear.

24. In addition, we have proposed three constituencies that cross the county boundary between Northumberland and Tyne and Wear, and one constituency that crosses the county boundary between Northumberland and Durham. In the boroughs of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees we have proposed six constituencies. We propose a further constituency that contains parts of Darlington, Stockton-on-Tees, and Durham.

25. In reference to the county unitary authorities of Durham and Northumberland, the use of the term 'ward' throughout this document should be taken to mean electoral division.

26. We considered whether it would be possible to leave unchanged any of the existing constituencies that had an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota. However, in developing proposals in which the electorates of all constituencies are within 5% of the electoral quota, we have altered all the constituencies in the region.



27. Our proposed changes to Tyne and Wear have been fairly widespread. This is largely due to the small constituency electorates across the former metropolitan county, particularly in Newcastle upon Tyne, and the relatively large electorates of the urban wards. Currently the Borough of North Tyneside and the City of Newcastle upon Tyne have five constituencies that are wholly contained within the Tyne and Wear boundary. The electorates of these two boroughs do not allow for the allocation of a whole number of constituencies without having to cross the River Tyne or the county boundary with Northumberland.

28. Our proposals create two constituencies, Newcastle upon Tyne North and Cramlington, and Whitley Bay, which contain wards of the County of Northumberland. Our proposed Whitley Bay constituency includes seven wards from the existing Tynemouth constituency, the two wards of Battle Hill and Killingworth of the Borough of North Tyneside, and the ward of Holywell of the County of Northumberland, from the existing Blyth Valley constituency. We consider that there are good communication links in this area. We propose that the town of Tynemouth not be included in the same constituency as Whitley Bay but in a new constituency called Newcastle upon Tyne East and Tynemouth.

29. Our proposed Newcastle upon Tyne North and Cramlington constituency comprises four wards of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne, three wards of the Borough of North Tyneside, and six wards of the County of Northumberland, which contain the town of Cramlington. In proposing these constituencies we are attempting to ensure that the town of Cramlington is not divided between constituencies.

30. Our proposals create two constituencies – Newcastle upon Tyne East and Tynemouth,

and Newcastle upon Tyne South – based on an east/west axis along the River Tyne from the Northumberland county boundary to the North Sea coast. This arrangement ensures that a constituency is not divided by the River Tyne. The Newcastle upon Tyne East and Tynemouth constituency includes three wards from the existing Tynemouth constituency, three wards from the existing North Tyneside constituency and four wards from the existing Newcastle upon Tyne East constituency. Our proposed Newcastle upon Tyne South constituency includes the two wards of Ouseburn and South Jesmond from the existing Newcastle upon Tyne East constituency, four wards from the existing Newcastle upon Tyne Central constituency and four wards from the existing Newcastle upon Tyne North constituency. We propose a new Newcastle upon Tyne Central constituency that, in contrast with the existing Newcastle upon Tyne Central constituency, does not extend to the River Tyne due to the creation of our proposed Newcastle upon Tyne South constituency. This new constituency comprises eight wards of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne and two wards, Benton and Northumberland, of the Borough of North Tyneside.

31. Currently the combined metropolitan boroughs of Gateshead, South Tyneside, and Sunderland have seven constituencies. Due to the combined electorate of these boroughs we propose six constituencies that are wholly contained within this area. The existing Jarrow, Gateshead, and South Shields constituencies all have electorates that are significantly below the 5% limit. Having decided not to create a constituency that crosses the River Tyne, we propose to include the wards of Boldon Colliery, and Cleadon and East Boldon of the Borough of South Tyneside, which are in the existing Jarrow constituency, in our proposed South Shields constituency. Consequently, our Jarrow and Gateshead East constituency



includes all the wards in the existing Jarrow constituency, except for the two mentioned above, and also includes four wards from the existing Gateshead constituency. We did consider whether there were other Gateshead wards that we could include in the constituency, but decided that the inclusion of the four we have proposed would be the most suitable.

32. We also propose a Gateshead West constituency, which includes six wards from the existing Gateshead constituency and five wards from the existing Blaydon constituency, which, due to the changes that we have proposed elsewhere in the region, would no longer exist.

33. Our proposed Washington constituency includes all the wards from the existing Washington and Sunderland West constituency, except for the Redhill ward of the City of Sunderland. It also includes the two wards of Lamesley and Birtley of the Borough of Gateshead, from the existing Blaydon constituency.

34. The existing constituency of Sunderland Central remains largely unchanged. The constituency gains the Redhill ward from the existing Washington and Sunderland West constituency but, as a consequence, the Ryhope ward of the City of Sunderland is transferred to our proposed Houghton-le-Spring constituency, the name of which has been changed from Houghton and Sunderland South. The Ryhope ward has been in a previous constituency with Houghton. We propose that Sunderland Central constituency be renamed Sunderland.

35. The County of Northumberland currently has four constituencies, all of which have very small electorates. We propose having two constituencies that are wholly within the county boundary. We considered whether a

constituency comprising large areas of the existing Berwick-upon-Tweed constituency could be extended south and westwards to Hexham, and whether the town of Morpeth could be included in a constituency with either Berwick-upon-Tweed or with Hexham. However, electoral figures and the shape of the Ulgham ward, which almost surrounds the town of Morpeth and extends to the North Sea coast, led us to include the town of Morpeth in a constituency with the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed. Consequently, our proposals result in a Berwick and Morpeth constituency that extends down the North Sea coast. Furthermore, as a result of our proposal to include the whole of the town of Cramlington within a constituency that includes wards from the City of Newcastle upon Tyne, we propose a new Blyth and Ashington constituency which includes the town of Bedlington, and extends to the coastal communities of Seaton Sluice in the south and Newbiggin-by-the-Sea in the north.

36. We propose a Hexham constituency that extends from the newly created Rothbury ward to just south of the A69, but not extending as far as the Durham county boundary. This proposed constituency, in order to have an electorate that is within 5% of the electoral quota, crosses the county boundary between the County of Northumberland and the Borough of Gateshead, and includes the following three wards from the existing Blaydon constituency: Ryton, Crookhill and Stella; Crawcrook and Greenside; and Chopwell and Rowlands Gill, of the Borough of Gateshead. This arrangement results in the proposed Hexham constituency being the largest in England in terms of area, at 2,603.85 square kilometres. (Legislation states that no constituency can be larger than 13,000 square kilometres.)

37. The County of Durham currently has six constituencies. Our proposals create four



constituencies wholly contained within the county, one constituency that contains two wards from the County of Northumberland, and one constituency that contains wards from the County of Durham, the Borough of Darlington, and the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

38. We propose a Consett and Barnard Castle constituency that crosses the county boundary between Northumberland and County Durham by including the wards of Haltwhistle and South Tynedale. The constituency also includes a number of wards from the existing North West Durham and Bishop Auckland constituencies. Although this constituency is very rural in nature, there are a number of roads across the county boundary that link the north and south of the constituency.

39. We propose a significantly altered Bishop Auckland constituency which includes the towns of Crook and Spennymoor. Our proposed constituency no longer extends westwards to the boundary with Cumbria. Our proposed Chester-le-Street constituency is similar to the existing North Durham constituency and includes all the wards from that constituency as well as the Burnopfield and Dipton ward from the existing North West Durham constituency. We propose the change of name as we consider that it suitably reflects the community in this part of County Durham.

40. Our proposed Durham constituency now includes the Ferryhill and Trimdon wards but does not extend beyond the west of Brandon, as the existing constituency does. Our proposed Easington constituency remains largely unchanged, but with the inclusion of the Thornley and Wingate wards from the existing Sedgefield constituency; this has been done to increase its electorate.

41. In the Borough of Darlington we propose a Darlington constituency that includes all the

wards in the existing Darlington constituency and the wards of Heighington and Coniscliffe, and Hurworth, which are currently in the Sedgefield constituency.

42. We propose a Sedgefield and Yarm constituency that crosses the county boundaries between the County of Durham and the Borough of Darlington, and the County of Durham and the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. It includes the Middleton St George, and Sadberge and Whessoe wards of the Borough of Darlington. To compensate for the transfer of the Heighington and Coniscliffe, and Hurworth wards to our proposed Darlington constituency, we have extended our proposed Sedgefield and Yarm constituency to include wards to the west and south of the town of Stockton-on-Tees, including the towns of Yarm and Ingleby Barwick from the existing Stockton South constituency. This proposed constituency is served by major roads that link the parts of the two boroughs and county that are included in the constituency.

43. As a result of the changes we have made, four wards from the existing Stockton South constituency have been included in a new Stockton and Billingham constituency. This enables almost all of the town of Stockton-on-Tees to be included in a single constituency. The three wards of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, which cover the Thornaby-on-Tees area, are now included in our proposed Middlesbrough constituency.

44. Eleven wards from the existing Middlesbrough constituency are included in our proposed Middlesbrough constituency. In addition, our proposed Middlesbrough constituency includes the two wards of Ladgate and Marton of the Borough of Middlesbrough, from the existing Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland constituency, and three wards of the Borough

of Stockton-on-Tees, which are in the existing Stockton South constituency. Four wards from the existing Middlesbrough constituency are included in our proposed Redcar constituency.

45. As a consequence of our changes, our proposed Redcar constituency also contains the Park End ward of the Borough of Middlesbrough, from the existing Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland constituency. The three wards of Normanby, Ormesby, and St Germain's of the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland are included in our proposed Middlesbrough South and Guisborough constituency which, apart from these additions and the transfer of the Park End ward, is unaltered. We propose that this new constituency's name be changed from Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland.

46. Our proposed Hartlepool constituency has just one change from the existing constituency – the addition of the Billingham North ward of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

## A to Z list of current constituencies in the North East region

Berwick-upon-Tweed CC
Bishop Auckland CC
Blaydon BC
Blyth Valley BC
City of Durham CC
Darlington BC
Easington CC
Gateshead BC
Hartlepool BC
Hexham CC
Houghton and Sunderland South BC
Jarrow BC
Middlesbrough BC
Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland CC
Newcastle upon Tyne Central BC
Newcastle upon Tyne East BC
Newcastle upon Tyne North BC
North Durham CC
North Tyneside BC
North West Durham CC
Redcar BC

Sedgefield CC
South Shields BC
Stockton North BC
Stockton South BC
Sunderland Central BC
Tynemouth BC
Wansbeck CC
Washington and Sunderland West BC



# Annex: Initial proposals for constituencies, including wards and electorates

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
<b>1. Berwick and Morpeth CC</b>			<b>76,351</b>
	Ainwick	Northumberland	3,197
	Amble	Northumberland	3,222
	Amble West with Warkworth	Northumberland	3,363
	Bamburgh	Northumberland	3,671
	Berwick East	Northumberland	3,229
	Berwick North	Northumberland	3,162
	Berwick West with Ord	Northumberland	2,985
	Bothal	Northumberland	3,576
	Chevington with Longhorseley	Northumberland	3,431
	Choppington	Northumberland	3,631
	Lesbury	Northumberland	4,152
	Longhoughton	Northumberland	3,047
	Lynemouth	Northumberland	3,410
	Morpeth Kirkehill	Northumberland	4,157
	Morpeth North	Northumberland	3,391
	Morpeth Stobhill	Northumberland	3,096
	Norham and Islandshires	Northumberland	3,512
	Pegswood	Northumberland	3,038
	Ponteland East	Northumberland	3,687
	Shilbottle	Northumberland	3,912
	Ulgham	Northumberland	4,135
	Wooler	Northumberland	3,347
<b>2. Bishop Auckland CC</b>			<b>79,163</b>
	Bishop Auckland Town	Durham	6,230
	Chilton	Durham	7,105
	Coundon	Durham	5,342
	Crook North and Tow Law	Durham	5,922
	Crook South	Durham	6,666
	Deerness Valley	Durham	7,494
	Sildon West	Durham	5,615
	Spennymoor and Middlestone	Durham	7,631
	Tudhoe	Durham	7,224
	West Auckland	Durham	6,498
	Willington	Durham	7,140
	Woodhouse Close	Durham	6,296
<b>3. Blyth and Ashington BC</b>			<b>75,939</b>
	Ashington Central	Northumberland	3,717
	Bedlington Central	Northumberland	3,383
	Bedlington East	Northumberland	3,446
	Bedlington West	Northumberland	4,359
	College	Northumberland	3,741
	Cowpen	Northumberland	3,383
	Croft	Northumberland	3,310
	Hartley	Northumberland	4,043
	Haydon	Northumberland	3,711
	Hirst	Northumberland	3,540
	Isabella	Northumberland	3,378
	Kitty Brewster	Northumberland	3,980
	Newbiggin Central and East	Northumberland	3,765

## Initial proposals

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Newsham	Northumberland	3,396
	Plessey	Northumberland	3,496
	Seaton with Newbiggin West	Northumberland	3,531
	Seghill with Seaton Delaval	Northumberland	4,211
	Sleekburn	Northumberland	3,040
	South Blyth	Northumberland	3,381
	Stakeford	Northumberland	3,766
	Wensleydale	Northumberland	3,362
<b>4. Chester-le-Street CC</b>			<b>75,337</b>
	Annfield Plain	Durham	6,102
	Burnopfield and Dipton	Durham	6,378
	Chester-le-Street North and East	Durham	6,747
	Chester-le-Street South	Durham	6,683
	Chester-le-Street West Central	Durham	6,066
	Craghead and South Moor	Durham	5,790
	Lumley	Durham	5,961
	Ouston and Urpeth	Durham	6,190
	Pelton	Durham	6,616
	Sacrison	Durham	5,329
	Stanley	Durham	6,646
	Tanfield	Durham	6,829
<b>5. Consett and Barnard Castle CC</b>			<b>74,583</b>
	Barnard Castle East	Durham	6,929
	Barnard Castle West	Durham	6,553
	Benfieldside	Durham	5,203
	Consett North	Durham	6,787
	Delves Lane and Consett South	Durham	8,788
	Esh	Durham	5,186
	Evenwood	Durham	6,623
	Lanchester	Durham	6,154
	Leadgate and Medomsley	Durham	7,694
	Weardale	Durham	6,842
	Haltwhistle	Northumberland	3,868
	South Tynedale	Northumberland	3,956
<b>6. Darlington BC</b>			<b>73,324</b>
	Bank Top	Darlington	2,695
	Central	Darlington	2,772
	Cockerton East	Darlington	4,126
	Cockerton West	Darlington	2,937
	College	Darlington	3,256
	Eastbourne	Darlington	4,567
	Faverdale	Darlington	2,116
	Harrowgate Hill	Darlington	4,666
	Haughton East	Darlington	3,106
	Haughton North	Darlington	2,740
	Haughton West	Darlington	4,167
	Heighington and Coniscliffe	Darlington	2,967
	Hummersknott	Darlington	2,936
	Hurworth	Darlington	2,881
	Lascelles	Darlington	2,917
	Lingfield	Darlington	2,904
	Mowden	Darlington	3,134
	Northgate	Darlington	2,796
	North Road	Darlington	4,363
	Park East	Darlington	4,266
	Park West	Darlington	2,978
	Pierremont	Darlington	4,034



Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
<b>7. Durham CC</b>			<b>78,549</b>
	Belmont	Durham	5,074
	Brandon	Durham	7,453
	Coxhoe	Durham	5,444
	Durham South	Durham	5,183
	Elvet	Durham	7,685
	Ferryhill	Durham	7,424
	Framwellgate Moor	Durham	7,860
	Gilesgate	Durham	5,964
	Neville's Cross	Durham	7,035
	Newton Hall	Durham	6,175
	Sherburn	Durham	7,292
	Trimdon	Durham	5,960
<b>8. Easington CC</b>			<b>75,599</b>
	Blackhalls	Durham	6,203
	Dawdon	Durham	5,340
	Deneside	Durham	5,553
	Easington	Durham	6,150
	Hornden	Durham	6,478
	Murton	Durham	6,087
	Peterlee East	Durham	5,897
	Peterlee West	Durham	5,669
	Seaham	Durham	6,949
	Shotton	Durham	7,172
	Thornley	Durham	5,740
	Wingate	Durham	8,361
<b>9. Gateshead West BC</b>			<b>73,466</b>
	Blaydon	Gateshead	7,357
	Bridges	Gateshead	5,702
	Deckham	Gateshead	6,758
	Dunston and Teams	Gateshead	6,258
	Dunston Hill and Whickham East	Gateshead	6,863
	Lobley Hill and Bensham	Gateshead	7,251
	Low Fell	Gateshead	7,160
	Saltwell	Gateshead	5,783
	Whickham North	Gateshead	6,625
	Whickham South and Sunnyside	Gateshead	6,850
	Winlaton and High Spen	Gateshead	6,859
<b>10. Hartlepool BC</b>			<b>77,334</b>
	Brus	Hartlepool	4,895
	Burn Valley	Hartlepool	4,120
	Dyke House	Hartlepool	3,523
	Elwick	Hartlepool	1,700
	Fens	Hartlepool	4,068
	Foggy Furze	Hartlepool	3,845
	Grange	Hartlepool	4,127
	Greatham	Hartlepool	1,690
	Hart	Hartlepool	5,262
	Owton	Hartlepool	4,116
	Park	Hartlepool	4,672
	Rift House	Hartlepool	4,742
	Rossmere	Hartlepool	4,871
	St Hilda	Hartlepool	4,353
	Seaton	Hartlepool	5,323
	Stranton	Hartlepool	3,998
	Throston	Hartlepool	4,705
	Billingham North	Stockton-on-Tees	7,324

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<b>11. Hexham CC</b>			<b>74,937</b>
	Chopwell and Rowlands Gill	Gateshead	7,269
	Crawcrook and Greenside	Gateshead	6,764
	Ryton, Crookhill and Stella	Gateshead	6,399
	Bellingham	Northumberland	3,277
	Bywell	Northumberland	3,558
	Corbridge	Northumberland	3,477
	Haydon and Hadrian	Northumberland	3,517
	Hexham Central with Acomb	Northumberland	3,237
	Hexham East	Northumberland	3,435
	Hexham West	Northumberland	3,539
	Humshaugh	Northumberland	3,772
	Ponteland North	Northumberland	3,488
	Ponteland South with Heddon	Northumberland	3,560
	Ponteland West	Northumberland	3,359
	Prudhoe East	Northumberland	4,454
	Prudhoe West	Northumberland	3,760
	Rothbury	Northumberland	4,157
	Stocksfield and Broomhaugh	Northumberland	3,915
<b>12. Houghton-le-Spring BC</b>			<b>78,342</b>
	Copt Hill	Sunderland	8,977
	Doxford	Sunderland	7,992
	Hetton	Sunderland	8,902
	Houghton	Sunderland	9,150
	Ryhope	Sunderland	8,227
	St Chad's	Sunderland	7,965
	Sandhill	Sunderland	8,514
	Shiney Row	Sunderland	10,082
	Silksworth	Sunderland	8,533
<b>13. Jarrow and Gateshead East BC</b>			<b>77,865</b>
	Chowdene	Gateshead	7,214
	Felling	Gateshead	5,741
	High Fell	Gateshead	6,580
	Pelaw and Heworth	Gateshead	6,755
	Wardley and Leam Lane	Gateshead	6,369
	Windy Nook and Whitehills	Gateshead	7,619
	Bede	South Tyneside	6,097
	Fellgate and Hedworth	South Tyneside	6,031
	Hebburn North	South Tyneside	6,502
	Hebburn South	South Tyneside	6,147
	Monkton	South Tyneside	6,487
	Primrose	South Tyneside	6,323
<b>14. Middlesbrough BC</b>			<b>74,770</b>
	Acklam	Middlesbrough	4,802
	Ayresome	Middlesbrough	4,455
	Beechwood	Middlesbrough	3,865
	Brookfield	Middlesbrough	4,745
	Clairville	Middlesbrough	3,861
	Gresham	Middlesbrough	5,389
	Kader	Middlesbrough	4,079
	Ladgate	Middlesbrough	4,229
	Linthorpe	Middlesbrough	7,031
	Marton	Middlesbrough	3,837
	Middlehaven	Middlesbrough	2,693
	Park	Middlesbrough	4,294
	University	Middlesbrough	3,866
	Mandale and Victoria	Stockton-on-Tees	7,557
	Stainsby Hill	Stockton-on-Tees	4,835
	Village	Stockton-on-Tees	5,232

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<b>15. Middlesbrough South and Guisborough CC</b>			<b>75,711</b>
	Coulby Newham	Middlesbrough	7,046
	Hemlington	Middlesbrough	4,290
	Marton West	Middlesbrough	4,276
	Nunthorpe	Middlesbrough	4,081
	Stainton and Thornton	Middlesbrough	2,356
	Brotton	Redcar and Cleveland	5,374
	Guisborough	Redcar and Cleveland	6,023
	Hutton	Redcar and Cleveland	5,916
	Lockwood	Redcar and Cleveland	1,570
	Loftus	Redcar and Cleveland	5,022
	Normanby	Redcar and Cleveland	5,643
	Ormesby	Redcar and Cleveland	4,744
	St Germain's	Redcar and Cleveland	5,076
	Saltburn	Redcar and Cleveland	4,801
	Skelton	Redcar and Cleveland	5,765
	Westworth	Redcar and Cleveland	3,728
<b>16. Newcastle upon Tyne Central BC</b>			<b>76,006</b>
	Blakelaw	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,928
	Dene	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,507
	East Gosforth	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,297
	Kenton	Newcastle upon Tyne	8,032
	North Heaton	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,698
	North Jesmond	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,337
	West Gosforth	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,437
	Wingrove	Newcastle upon Tyne	8,047
	Benton	North Tyneside	7,863
	Northumberland	North Tyneside	6,860
<b>17. Newcastle upon Tyne East and Tynemouth BC</b>			<b>76,167</b>
	Byker	Newcastle upon Tyne	6,953
	South Heaton	Newcastle upon Tyne	6,943
	Walker	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,527
	Walkergate	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,077
	Chirton	North Tyneside	8,267
	Howdon	North Tyneside	8,257
	Preston	North Tyneside	7,040
	Riverside	North Tyneside	7,930
	Tynemouth	North Tyneside	8,407
	Wallsend	North Tyneside	7,766
<b>18. Newcastle upon Tyne North and Cramlington BC</b>			<b>77,038</b>
	Castle	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,497
	Fawdon	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,169
	Parklands	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,670
	Woolsington	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,837
	Camperdown	North Tyneside	7,882
	Longbenton	North Tyneside	8,147
	Weetslade	North Tyneside	7,646
	Cramlington East	Northumberland	4,164
	Cramlington Eastfield	Northumberland	3,885
	Cramlington North	Northumberland	4,220
	Cramlington South East	Northumberland	3,284
	Cramlington Village	Northumberland	3,715
	Cramlington West	Northumberland	3,922
<b>19. Newcastle upon Tyne South BC</b>			<b>73,443</b>
	Benwell and Scotswood	Newcastle upon Tyne	8,473
	Denton	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,805
	Elswick	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,231
	Fenham	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,908
	Lemington	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,461

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	Newburn	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,065
	Ouseburn	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,158
	South Jesmond	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,003
	Westerhope	Newcastle upon Tyne	7,600
	Westgate	Newcastle upon Tyne	5,739
<b>20. Redcar BC</b>			<b>73,065</b>
	Beckfield	Middlesbrough	3,771
	North Ormesby and Brambles Farm	Middlesbrough	4,381
	Pallister	Middlesbrough	4,331
	Park End	Middlesbrough	4,562
	Thorntree	Middlesbrough	4,288
	Coatham	Redcar and Cleveland	3,910
	Dormanstown	Redcar and Cleveland	5,212
	Eston	Redcar and Cleveland	5,557
	Grangetown	Redcar and Cleveland	3,223
	Kirkleatham	Redcar and Cleveland	5,130
	Longbeck	Redcar and Cleveland	5,480
	Newcomen	Redcar and Cleveland	3,360
	South Bank	Redcar and Cleveland	5,012
	Teesville	Redcar and Cleveland	5,279
	West Dyke	Redcar and Cleveland	5,940
	Zetland	Redcar and Cleveland	3,629
<b>21. Sedgfield and Yarm CC</b>			<b>73,210</b>
	Middleton St George	Darlington	3,514
	Sadberge and Whesoe	Darlington	1,625
	Aycliffe East	Durham	5,042
	Aycliffe North	Durham	6,338
	Aycliffe West	Durham	5,666
	Sedgfield	Durham	5,644
	Shildon East	Durham	6,799
	Eaglescliffe	Stockton-on-Tees	8,288
	Ingleby Barwick East	Stockton-on-Tees	7,498
	Ingleby Barwick West	Stockton-on-Tees	7,457
	Parkfield and Oxbridge	Stockton-on-Tees	4,953
	Western Parishes	Stockton-on-Tees	2,630
	Yarm	Stockton-on-Tees	7,756
<b>22. South Shields BC</b>			<b>78,101</b>
	Beacon and Bents	South Tyneside	6,862
	Biddick and All Saints	South Tyneside	6,336
	Boldon Colliery	South Tyneside	7,340
	Cleadon and East Boldon	South Tyneside	6,996
	Cleadon Park	South Tyneside	5,287
	Harton	South Tyneside	6,828
	Horsley Hill	South Tyneside	7,024
	Simonside and Rekendyke	South Tyneside	6,426
	Westoe	South Tyneside	6,616
	West Park	South Tyneside	5,869
	Whitburn and Marsden	South Tyneside	5,833
	Whiteleas	South Tyneside	6,684
<b>23. Stockton and Billingham BC</b>			<b>78,324</b>
	Billingham Central	Stockton-on-Tees	5,267
	Billingham East	Stockton-on-Tees	5,321
	Billingham South	Stockton-on-Tees	4,972
	Billingham West	Stockton-on-Tees	4,828
	Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree	Stockton-on-Tees	5,304
	Fairfield	Stockton-on-Tees	4,837
	Grangefield	Stockton-on-Tees	5,324



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	Hardwick	Stockton-on-Tees	4,842
	Hartburn	Stockton-on-Tees	5,480
	Newtown	Stockton-on-Tees	4,954
	Northern Parishes	Stockton-on-Tees	2,695
	Norton North	Stockton-on-Tees	5,036
	Norton South	Stockton-on-Tees	4,896
	Norton West	Stockton-on-Tees	5,206
	Roseworth	Stockton-on-Tees	5,156
	Stockton Town Centre	Stockton-on-Tees	4,206
<b>24. Sunderland BC</b>			<b>76,770</b>
	Barnes	Sunderland	8,959
	Fulwell	Sunderland	9,211
	Hendon	Sunderland	8,744
	Millfield	Sunderland	7,656
	Pallion	Sunderland	7,602
	Redhill	Sunderland	8,705
	St Michael's	Sunderland	9,031
	St Peter's	Sunderland	8,566
	Southwick	Sunderland	8,296
<b>25. Washington BC</b>			<b>74,642</b>
	Birtley	Gateshead	6,321
	Lamesley	Gateshead	6,849
	Castle	Sunderland	8,668
	St Anne's	Sunderland	8,661
	Washington Central	Sunderland	8,998
	Washington East	Sunderland	8,856
	Washington North	Sunderland	8,824
	Washington South	Sunderland	8,275
	Washington West	Sunderland	9,190
<b>26. Whitley Bay BC</b>			<b>73,213</b>
	Battle Hill	North Tyneside	8,331
	Collingwood	North Tyneside	8,578
	Cullercoats	North Tyneside	7,513
	Killingworth	North Tyneside	7,935
	Monkseaton North	North Tyneside	6,996
	Monkseaton South	North Tyneside	7,686
	St Mary's	North Tyneside	6,909
	Valley	North Tyneside	8,054
	Whitley Bay	North Tyneside	7,168
	Holywell	Northumberland	4,043

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Polling Station List**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Districts</b>
8	High Grange Community Centre, Casson Way, Billingham, TS23 3TX	BN1
9	Mobile Polling Station, Low Grange Avenue, Grass Verge Between, Springwell Close & Elvington Close, Billingham	BN2
10	Mobile Poling Station, Junction of Tunstall Avenue and Satley Road, Billingham	BN3
11	North Billingham Methodist Church, Front Door, Marsh House Avenue, Billingham, TS23 3TG	BN4

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