STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1506

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Local Justice Areas Order 2015

Made - - - - *9th July 2015*

Laid before Parliament *13th July 2015*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 8(4) and 108(6) of the Courts Act 2003(**1**) and after consulting in accordance with section 8(5A) and 8(6) of that Act, makes the following Order.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Justice Areas Order 2015.

(2) This Order comes into force on 3rd August 2015 for the purposes of Part 1 of the Schedule.

(3) For all other purposes, this Order comes into force on 1st January 2016.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"existing area" means a local justice area as it exists immediately before 1st January 2016;

"new area" means a local justice area constituted by this Order.

(2) Any reference to a justice for an area is to be construed as a reference to a justice of the peace who ordinarily acts, or as the case may be, will on or after 1st January 2016, ordinarily act, in and for that area.

New Areas

3.—(1) The existing areas of—

(a) Berwick-upon-Tweed,

(b) Mid and South East Northumberland,

(**1**) 2003 c. 39. Section 8(5A) was inserted by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, paragraph 312. Section 108(6) was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, paragraph 348.

(c) Newcastle and Tynedale, and

(d) North Tyneside District,

are combined to become a new area named North Northumbria.

(2) The existing areas of—

(a) Gateshead District,

(b) City of Sunderland, and

(c) South Tyneside District,

are combined to become a new area named South Northumbria.

(3) The existing areas of—

(a) Harrogate and Skipton,

(b) Northallerton and Richmond,

(c) Scarborough, and

(d) York and Selby,

are combined to become a new area named North Yorkshire.

Amendments to the Local Justice Areas Order 2005

4. The Schedule to the Local Justice Areas Order 2005(**2**) is amended as follows—

(a) omit "Berwick upon Tweed";

(b) omit "Mid and South East Northumberland";

(c) omit "Newcastle and Tynedale";

(d) omit "North Tyneside District";

(e) omit "Gateshead District";

(f) omit "City of Sunderland";

(g) omit "South Tyneside District";

(h) omit "Harrogate and Skipton";

(i) omit "Northallerton and Richmond";

(j) omit "Scarborough";

(k) omit "York and Selby";

(l) after "North London" insert "North Northumbria";

(m) after "South London" insert "South Northumbria";

(n) after "North and West Cumbria" insert "North Yorkshire".

The Schedule

5. The Schedule to this Order has effect.

(**2**) S.I. 2005/554. The Schedule was substituted by S.I. 2011/1168 and amended by S.I. 2011/1708, S.I. 2012/1277, S.I. 2012/1555, S.I. 2012/3128, S.I. 2013/1777, S.I. 2013/1878, S.I. 2014/322, S.I. 2014/1899 and S.I. 2014/2867.