STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 1963

DEVOLUTION, ENGLAND
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The Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums (Date of Referendums, Referendum Question and Explanatory Material) (North East Region) Order 2004

Made - - - -	*23rd July 2004*
Coming into force - -	*24th July 2004*

Whereas—

(a) the First Secretary of State has considered, in relation to the region specified in this Order, the level of interest in that region in the holding of a referendum in that region about the establishment of an elected assembly for that region;

(b) on 25th May 2004, pursuant to a direction given on 16th June 2003 under section 13(1) of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003(**1**), the Secretary of State received recommendations from the Boundary Committee for England in relation to that region;

(c) a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations(**2**); and

(d) the Secretary of State has no cause to think that the levels of interest referred to in paragraph (a) has changed materially since the date on which his direction was given:

Now, therefore, the First Secretary of State, in exercise of the functions conferred by sections 1(1), 2(2) and 3(6) and his powers under sections 2(9) and 5 of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003 and section 109(6) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**3**), and having consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 3(7) of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003 and section 156 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, hereby makes the following Order, of which a draft has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament:

(**1**)   2003 c. 10.
(**2**)   See section 2(7) of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003.
(**3**)   2000 c. 41.

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