
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision amending the date of the election of the mayor of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (“the Mayor”), and providing for the transfer of police and crime commissioner (“PCC”) functions from the police and crime commissioner for South Yorkshire to the Mayor.

Article 3 amends article 3 of the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority (Election of Mayor) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/800) to change the date of the next mayoral election from 7th May 2026 to 2nd May 2024, to reduce the term of office of the mayor accordingly and to provide for mayoral elections every four years thereafter. The change of date of the next mayoral election to 2024 is to coincide with the transfer of PCC functions to the Mayor and to provide for the election of a Mayor with PCC functions on the same election date and cycle as PCCs elsewhere in England and Wales.

Article 4 provides for the transfer of functions to the Mayor, and the abolition of the PCC for South Yorkshire.

Article 5 provides that, in relation to the Mayor’s PCC functions, the Mayor is to be treated as a PCC for the purposes of all legislation affecting PCCs. Schedule 1 sets out modifications of such legislation in its application to the Mayor and Schedule 2 lists certain legislation that does not apply.

Articles 6 to 10 make provision in relation to the transfer of property, rights and liabilities from the PCC for South Yorkshire to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. The Mayor is to exercise all functions and make all decisions in relation to such property, rights and liabilities.

Article 11 extends the period under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (c. 2) in which a statement of accounts must be prepared. Article 12 applies and modifies section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) to provide for circumstances where the Mayor is unable to act as Mayor for more than six months. Article 13 makes amendments to legislation consequential on this Order, and article 14 makes a minor amendment to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/1432).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.