STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Cleveland (Structural Change) Order 1995

PART IV

ELECTORAL MATTERS

Elections in Hartlepool

- **13.** The Borough of Hartlepool (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975(1) shall be amended by the substitution of the following article for article 9—
 - "9.—(1) The whole number of councillors shall be elected at the ordinary elections of councillors in 1995.
 - (2) The councillors holding office for any ward in the borough immediately before 8th May 1995 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for any such ward shall come into office on that date.
 - (3) Of the councillors elected at the ordinary election of councillors in 1995 for any ward of the borough, other than Elwick or Greatham—
 - (a) one shall retire in 1996 being, subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) below, the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes;
 - (b) one shall retire in 1998 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes; and
 - (c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 1999.
 - (4) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any such year, the person to retire in that year shall be determined by lot.
 - (5) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each such year shall be determined by lot.
 - (6) Where under this article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot shall be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after 8th May 1995, and the drawing shall be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.
 - (7) The councillor elected at the ordinary election of councillors in 1995 for the Elwick ward of the borough shall retire in 1998.
 - (8) The councillor elected at that election for the Greatham ward of the borough shall retire in 1999.
 - (9) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraphs of this article, the term of office of councillors shall be four years and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors of the borough in the year of retirement, and

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the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.".