## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order implements the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales ("the Commission"), which reported in June 2020 on its review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Flintshire. The Commission's Report proposed a decrease in the number of electoral wards, from 57 to 42, and a decrease in the number of councillors from 70 to 66.

This Order implements the Commission's recommendations with modifications.

Article 3 of this Order abolishes the existing electoral arrangements for the County of Flintshire and introduces the Schedule, which sets out the new electoral arrangements for the County of Flintshire.

This Order also implements recommendations for changes to community wards and changes to the electoral arrangements for some communities within the County of Flintshire.

Article 4 makes changes to the boundaries between the community wards of Pentrobin, Bistre East and Mountain within the town of Buckley. Article 5 sets out the number of members to be elected for the Mountain and Pentrobin wards of the town of Buckley.

Article 6 makes changes to the boundaries between the community wards of Oakenholt, Castle and Trelawny within the town of Flint. Article 7 sets out the number of members to be elected for the Oakenholt and Trelawny wards of the town of Flint.

Article 8 makes changes to the boundaries between the community wards of South, Central and Golftyn within the town of Connah's Quay. Article 9 sets out the number of members to be elected for the Central and South wards of the town of Connah's Quay.

Article 10 makes changes to the boundaries between the community wards of West, East, Broncoed and South within the community of Mold.

Article 11 abolishes the community ward of Hawarden in the community of Hawarden and transfers parts of that ward to the Mancot and Aston wards of the community of Hawarden. Article 12 sets out the number of members to be elected for the Aston and Mancot wards of the community of Hawarden.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to this Order. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with this Order.

Prints of the maps labelled "1" to "10" to which this Order relates are deposited in the office of the Welsh Government at Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ (Local Government Democracy Division), and with Flintshire County Council. Prints deposited with Flintshire County Council are open to inspection by anyone affected by the provisions of this Order.