

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO  
THE BEDE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, BILLINGHAM (DISSOLUTION) ORDER  
2008**

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1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by The Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.
  
2. **Description**
  - 2.1 This instrument dissolves the Corporation of the Bede Sixth Form College, Billingham and transfers its property, rights and liabilities to the Corporation of Stockton Riverside College on 30 April 2008. This follows a proposal made to the Secretary of State by the Learning and Skills Council for England.
  
3. **Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**
  - 3.1 None.
  
4. **Legislative Background**
  - 4.1 Section 27 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 gives the Secretary of State the power to dissolve further education corporations and to transfer the property, rights and liabilities of a corporation to any person or body corporate established to provide educational facilities or services.
  - 4.2 In accordance with section 51 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 and Statutory Instrument 2001 No 782 (The Education (Publication of Draft Proposals and Orders)(Further Education Corporations)(England) Regulations 2001), there has been a local public consultation prior to the proposal being made to the Secretary of State by the Learning and Skills Council for England.
  
5. **Extent**
  - 5.1 This instrument applies to England.
  
6. **European Convention on Human Rights**
  - 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.
  
7. **Policy background**
  - 7.1 Section 27 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 gives the Secretary of State the power to dissolve further education corporations and to transfer the property, rights and liabilities of a corporation to any person or body corporate established to

provide educational facilities or services with the consent of the person or body in question.

- 7.2 The Corporations of the Bede Sixth Form College, Billingham and Stockton Riverside College have proposed the merger of the two colleges. This will be achieved by the dissolution of the Bede Sixth Form College and the transfer of its property, rights, and liabilities to the Corporation of Stockton Riverside College. In accordance with section 27 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992, the Corporation of Stockton Riverside College has given its consent to accept the property, rights and liabilities of the Bede Sixth Form College.
- 7.3 In accordance with the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 and The Education (Publication of Draft Proposals and Orders) (Further Education Corporations) (England) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/782) there has been a full public consultation, which identified broad support for the proposal.

## **8. Impact**

- 8.1 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no wider impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies. The impact on the public sector is minimal.

## **9. Contact**

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