

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COUNTY BOUNDARY REVIEW – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Council of the final recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (“the Commission”) on new electoral arrangements for the County Council.

Information and Advice

2. Both Full Council and Policy Committee have considered and commented on the Boundary Review process since its commencement in March 2014. This includes consideration of the draft recommendations made by the Boundary Commission in July 2015.
3. The Commission has now published its final recommendations and these were formally issued to the Council on 17 November. The Commission’s report detailing their recommendations and a summary document are attached as **Appendix A & B** respectively – these are also available via the following link to the Commission’s website:-

www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/nottinghamshire/nottinghamshire-county-council

4. The Commission’s draft recommendations have been amended in response to various issues raised within the consultation process. Such amendments are detailed within the final recommendations report and are specifically highlighted within the Commission’s press release (see **Appendix C**).
5. The Council currently has 67 Councillors representing 44 single member divisions, 10 two member divisions and 1 three member division. The Commission’s draft recommendations proposed that the Council should have 66 Councillors representing 48 single member divisions and 9 two member Divisions. The final recommendations propose that the Council should have 66 Councillors representing 46 single member divisions and 10 two member divisions.
6. There is no further consultation on these final recommendations and the changes proposed will now require implementation by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft Order (the legal document which brings into force the recommendations) will be laid in Parliament and will provide for the new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the County Council elections in 2017.

7. Maps are being produced to show the current electoral divisions and the finalised divisions recommended by the Commission. Copies of these will be produced and made available for each Group and for non-aligned Members and will be published on the Council's website.

Other Options Considered

8. None – these are the final recommendations of the Commission.

Reasons for Recommendation

9. To update Council on this final stage in the boundary review process.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

11. The Commission's proposals will result in modest savings in the Members' Allowances and the Councillors' Divisional Fund budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Commission's final recommendations on new electoral arrangements for the County be noted.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB – 17/11/15)

13. Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (SES – 17/11/15)

14. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Report to Full Council – 18 September 2014 (previously published)
[Boundary Review - Report to Full Council - 18 September 2014](#)
- Report to Policy Committee – 11 February 2015 (previously published)
[Boundary Review - Report to Policy Committee - 11 February 2015](#)
- Report to Full Council – 9 July 2015 (previously published)
[Boundary Review - Report to Full Council - 9 July 2015](#)

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All