

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**ELECTORAL REVIEW OF RUSHCLIFFE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise Members of the draft recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission on the future electoral arrangements for Rushcliffe Borough Council and to consider providing a response to the recommendations.

Information and Advice

2. The Local Government Boundary Commission is currently undertaking an electoral review of Rushcliffe.
3. Having considered the representations they received during the initial stages of the review, the Commission has published its draft recommendations on the future arrangements for Rushcliffe Borough Council. A consultation is now being undertaken on the draft recommendations which will close of 12th November 2012.
4. Rushcliffe Members Forum considered the draft recommendations at their meeting on 26th September 2012 and made the following comments:-
 - a. Kneeton should be with East Bridgford
 - b. Langar and Barnstone should not be divided
 - c. Keyworth should be called Keyworth and the Wolds
 - d. There was concern regarding Keyworth being teamed up with Kinoulton
5. Full Council is asked to approve the comments from the Rushcliffe Members Forum as the Council's response to the consultation.

Other Options Considered

6. The Council is not legally required to provide a response to the consultation.

Reason for Recommendation

7. To enable the County Council to contribute to the consultation process

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That County Council approve the following comments to be sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission in response to the consultation on the Electoral Review of Rushcliffe:-
- a) Kneeton should be with East Bridgford
 - b) Langar and Barnstone should not be divided
 - c) Keyworth should be called Keyworth and the Wolds
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Report of the Chief Executive

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Constitutional Comments (SG 23/10/2012)

9. Full Council is the appropriate body to decide on the issues set out in this Report.

Financial Comments (MA 24/10/12)

10. There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

Background Papers

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.

Letter from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England on Electoral Review of Rushcliffe dated 18th September 2012.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Bingham – Councillor Martin Suthers OBE

Cotgrave – Councillor Richard Butler

Keyworth – Councillor John Cottee

Radcliffe-on-Trent – Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts

Ruddington – Councillor Reg Adair

Soar Valley – Councillor Lynn Sykes

West Bridgford Central & South – Councillors L B Cooper and Michael K Cox

West Bridgford West – Councillor Gordon Wheeler