

Boundary Review - Civic Affairs Labour Composite Amendment

1. AMEND PARA 2, RECOMMENDATIONS, TO READ

- i) To convey to the County Council and the Boundary Commission the updated estimates about the numbers of electors in the City in the extra paragraphs (below) added to the Committee report.
- ii) Recognising that this data may not affect the Boundary Commission's proposals for city ward numbers, to support the County Labour Group's submission in case Cambridge District will be allocated twelve county councillors, while continuing to investigate the accuracy of the elector numbers and the potential impact on the number of county councillors allocated to each District and the city's total share of overall county councillors
- ii) To agree that co-terminosity between County Council divisions and City Council wards is very desirable for good governance and any period when this is not the case should be as short as possible.
- iii) To agree to respond to the next phase of the Boundary Commission's consultation after consideration by the Civic Affairs Committee.

ADD PARAGRAPHS 3.8 AND 3.9 TO COMMITTEE REPORT

REVISED ESTIMATES ON CAMBRIDGE ELECTORS

3.8 The County Council's submission to the Boundary Commission was based on numbers taken from the Electoral Register of February 2014 and the projections for new housing made in December 2013.

3.9 These numbers understate the figures for the City in two principle ways

i) They overlooked new student accommodation projected to house 2,410 students. As University records show that approximately 16% of students are not citizens of the UK, EU or a Commonwealth country, it is reasonable to assume that 84% (ie 2,025) are expected to be eligible to vote in UK elections.

ii) The most recent projections for new housing in the City, published in December 2014, updates information about housing that should be considered as part of the review period. Some sites should be included as they will be brought forward quicker than previously expected eg. in Queen Edith's division. It also shows that some new build has been wrongly allocated to the present wards. Much of the new build on the Darwin Green site will not be in the present Castle ward as previously expected, but in Arbury and the new build on the CB1 site will be in the present Trumpington ward rather than Petersfield. These errors of placement have now been accepted by the Boundary Commission which reissued its data last week.

iii) The December 2014 projections for housing, and the consequent calculations for numbers of electors, are not yet available for the other Districts. The overall numbers for the County are therefore uncertain.