



Item

NEW WARDING PROPOSALS-SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

To:

Civic Affairs Committee 11/07/2018

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Wards affected:

None directly affected

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report details the conclusions of a member working group tasked with considering new warding proposals for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The committee is requested to recommend to Council the proposed city council submission (to follow) to the Local Government Boundary Commission, noting that any final amendments, if necessary and prior to Council, will be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders.

3. Background

- 3.1. Following agreement to the city council submission on council size agreed at Full Council on 19 April, the LGBCE published its proposal for

Council Size (42 councillors) and opened its public consultation on warding arrangements which runs 29 May to 6 August 2018.

- 1.2 The working group of six members (Herbert in the Chair, Benstead, Bick, Cantrill, Hipkin and Price) is tasked with the following:

To make recommendations (as appropriate) to the Civic Affairs Committee on:

- (i) Council Size (completed April 2018)
- (ii) new ward boundaries and
- (iii) the LGBCE draft recommendations for ward boundaries

- 1.3 It has met four times since the consultation opened on 29 May and is due to meet again on 5 and 11 July (immediately preceding this committee which itself had to move from the originally scheduled 27 June) to finalise a proposal for Full Council on 19 July. *NB as the Working Group is meeting on 5 July, it is anticipated the proposed submission will be published on 6 July for the committee's attention.*

The Working Group has been following some principles which the LGBCE would expect a credible proposal for new warding to follow:

- a) The new ward arrangements should result in electoral equality, based on the projected electorate for 2024. This is an absolute requirement of the Commission.
- b) New wards should – as far as possible – reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable.
- c) New wards should promote effective and convenient local government.
- d) 'Natural' barriers, such as the river and railway line, should be taken into account when developing warding proposals.
- e) Wards must be contiguous – island and donut wards are not permitted.

- 1.4 The LGBCE's work programme and the City Council requirements are set out below:

LGBCE	City Council
29 May to 6 August -consult the public on Warding Patterns	Member working group meetings in June and July Civic Affairs Committee (11 July) Full Council 19 July to agree a Council submission

2 October to 10 December-consult the public on draft recommendations	Member working group* Full Council 18 October to agree* * If required
Final Recommendations February 2019	n/a
n/a	Polling District Review summer/autumn 2019
n/a	All out City Council elections May 2020

2. Implications

(a) Financial Implications *Page: 3*

(b) Staffing Implications

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

(d) Environmental Implications

(e) Procurement Implications

(f) Community Safety Implications

There are none

3. Consultation and communication considerations

The Boundary Review is not a city council led project. The Commission undertakes formal consultation at both stages of its work. The city council supports the Commission by signposting to its publicity etc., including a feature in the summer edition of Cambridge Matters and advertising the review on poster sites throughout the city in June.

4. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

5. Appendices

Proposed submission to the LGBCE (to follow)

6. Inspection of papers

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