

COUNCIL

9 MAY 2017

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT MANAGER

A.1 Electoral Review of Tendring

(Report prepared by Karen Neath)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To ask Council to agree the response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) draft recommendations on new electoral arrangements for Tendring.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On 9 February 2016 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) formally wrote to the Council to advise that it had a place on the local government boundary review programme.
- In line with the first stage of this review, at the meeting on 6th September 2016, Council agreed a submission of a recommended council size of 48.
- On 25th October 2016 the LGBCE wrote to the Council to confirm the commencement of the consultation on ward boundaries. The LGBCE stated that it was *".....minded to recommend that 48 district councillors should be elected to Tendring District Council in future....."*
- The deadline for responses was 9th January 2017. The Council submitted an initial submission which was then agreed as the final submission at the Council meeting on 24th January 2017.
- On 14th March the LGBCE commenced a period of consultation on its draft recommendations on its proposals which include that 48 councillors should be elected to Tendring District Council in the future and on proposed new electoral district ward boundaries. The recommendations are attached at Appendix A.
- Council is asked to agree the submission attached at Appendix B as the Council's response to the LGBCE draft recommendations.
- Final recommendations will be published by the LGBCE on 11th July 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees the response to the LGBCE draft recommendations as attached at Appendix B.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

It is important that the warding of the district allows for an appropriate level of electoral representation for residents across the District to ensure effective governance, decision making, and scrutiny.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK**Finance and other resources**

The total budget for member support costs for 2016/17 is £502,150.

Risk

The LGBCE look at electoral equality as part of their review. This should ensure that councillors have an appropriate size of electorate to represent. Emphasis is also placed on the importance of communities and the review will seek to ensure that communities are not dissected or compromised.

LEGAL

The LGBCE was established by and operates under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are none.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION**BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION**

There are no background papers.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – LGBCE Draft Recommendations for Tendring

Appendix B – Tendring District Council Response to the LGBCE Draft Recommendations