
Local Government Boundary Review

Committee considering report:	Extraordinary Council on 23 March 2017
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Graham Jones
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To propose to Council proposed new warding patterns based on the Council's agreed position to see a Council size of 42 + or - 1 number of Members with effect from the 2019/20 District Council Elections.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council approve the proposed warding patterns and proposed new names, where appropriate, for each ward (Appendix B) as part of Stage 2 of the review of the Council's boundaries.
- 2.2 That the Local Government Boundary Commission be asked to look at whether the Greenham ward should be two single Member wards based on a view that there would be two distinct communities of the Racecourse development and the proposed new Sandford development.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** If this report is approved then savings of around £84,000 are available.
- 3.2 **Policy:** N/A
- 3.3 **Personnel:** N/A
- 3.4 **Legal:** This review is being conducted in accordance with the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** N/A
- 3.6 **Property:** N/A
- 3.7 **Other:** N/A

4. Executive Summary

- 4.1 The LGBC met in January to consider the Council's proposed future governance structures as part of Stage 1 of the review of its boundaries. The Commission approved the Council proposals without modification. This was based on a future number of Councillors of 42 + or - 1. This would take effect from the 2019/20 District Council elections.
- 4.2 The Local Government Boundary Commission launched its public consultation on Stage 2 (warding patterns) on Tuesday 24 January. This was expected to run until 3 April. However the Commission experienced some issues in outsourcing this work (website) with the result that the electorate figures provided for each ward were transposed incorrectly.
- 4.3 As a result of the above the LGBC agreed to extend the consultation period from 3 to 10 April.
- 4.4 As part of Stage 2 of the Boundary Review the Council is now required to submit its proposed warding patterns going forward from 2019/20. The proposals before the Council will see an average of 2900 electors per Councillor.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Proposals relating to warding patterns based on a future number of Councillors of 42 + or -1 have been drafted. These proposals (Appendix B) have been informed by a range of data sources including the future projects of developments across the District.
- 5.2 As part of Stage 2, officers have proposed new names for wards, where appropriate, where the wards have changed significantly. Members may wish to review the proposed ward names and provide feedback as necessary.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix A - Supporting Information
- 6.2 Appendix B - Proposed Warding Patterns
- 6.3 Appendix C – Proposed Ward Maps