
Subject: KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW

Meeting and Date: Electoral Matters – 2 July 2015

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Classification: UNRESTRICTED

Purpose of the report: To seek a response from the Electoral Matters Committee to the draft recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the new electoral arrangements for Kent County Council.

Recommendation: To consider whether to respond to the consultation on the new electoral arrangements for Kent County Council.

1. Summary

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has completed its draft recommendations for the new electoral arrangements for Kent County Council.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The Electoral Matters Committee at its meeting held on 6 October 2015 considered the verbal report of the Head of Democratic Services on the proposed review of the electoral arrangements of Kent County Council.

2.2 The LGBCE conducted public consultation on new division boundaries between 9 December 2014 and 2 March 2015 with public consultation on the draft recommendations for new electoral recommendations taking place between 12 May 2015 and 6 July 2015.

2.3 As the closing date for the consultation is prior to the next meeting of the full Council, it would be for the Electoral Matters Committee to consider whether to make a response to the consultation in its own right.

3. Identification of Options

3.1 Option 1: The Electoral Matters Committee submits a response to the consultation.

3.2 Option 2: That the Electoral Matters Committee does not submit a response to the consultation.

4. Evaluation of Options

4.1 There is no preferred option.

5. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications.

6. Corporate Implications

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Appendix 2 – Electorate breakdown for new electoral arrangements for Kent County Council

Appendix 3 – KCC Strategy-based Population Forecast (March 2014) - Dover

8. **Background Papers**

None.

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