

# DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy and Legal Services

**Date:** 4 December 2017

**Decision in the matter of:** Response to the Boundary Commission for England - Revised Proposals for the North West

**Decision:** That:

1. approval be given to the detail of the Council's response to the Parliamentary Boundary Review consultation concerning revised proposals for the North West;

and

2. officers be authorised to make the submission by the required deadline.

**Background:** Revised proposals for new Constituency Boundaries for the North West were published by the Boundary Commission for England on 17 October 2017. Interested parties and individuals have the opportunity to respond to these proposals by 11 December 2017.

The recommendation has been made in response to a consultation by the Boundary Commission for England to which the Council responded in December 2016 regarding the initial proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries.

The number of constituencies in the North West is being reduced by 7 to 68. The criteria imposed on the Boundary Commission are for the electorate of each constituency to be in a range of 71,031 to 78,507. These limits on the size of the electorate are much narrower than at present and impose serious limitations on alternative configurations.

Following the consultation in December 2016 the composition of 25 of the 68 constituencies proposed in September 2016 have now been amended. It is recognised that there is no perfect solution which would see all Cheshire East Constituencies wholly contained within

the Borough. Two cross-county constituencies have been proposed which contain electors from both Cheshire East and Greater Manchester. One combines the towns of Altrincham and Knutsford and the other combines the town of Wilmslow and the Stockport Borough suburb of Hazel Grove.

**Background Documents:**

These can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor Paul Findlow (Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy and Legal Services)

**Date:**

4 December 2017

**Advising Officer:**

Signed .....  
Brian Reed (Head of Governance and Democratic Services)