

Cheshire East Council

Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy and Legal Services

Date of Meeting:	4 December 2017
Report of:	Head of Governance and Democratic Services
Subject/Title:	Response to the Boundary Commission for England Re: Revised Proposals for the North West
Portfolio Holder:	Corporate Policy and Legal Services Portfolio Holder

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. Revised proposals for new Constituency Boundaries for the North West have been 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.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To agree the detail of the Council's response to the Parliamentary Boundary Review consultation concerning revised proposals for the North West, as they affect Cheshire East, and to authorise officers to make the submission by the required deadline.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. The recommendation has been made in response to a consultation by the Boundary Commission for England.
- 3.2. The Council responded in December 2016 to the initial proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. It is recognised that there is no perfect solution which would for example see all Cheshire East Constituencies wholly contained within the Borough.

- 3.5. The composition of 25 of the 68 constituencies proposed in September 2016 have now been amended.
- 3.6. 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.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1. The alternative option is to decline to make a response to the consultation.

5. Background

- 5.1. A summary of the revised proposals is outlined below:

5.1.1. Altrincham and Knutsford Constituency

- The name of the Constituency has been changed from the original proposal of Altrincham and Tatton Park.
- The composition of the Constituency is unchanged from the original proposals and will consist of:
 - High Legh
 - Knutsford
 - Mobberley
 - 8 x Trafford wards (Altrincham, Bowden, Hale Barns etc)

5.1.2. Congleton Constituency

- Proposals remain unchanged. The Constituency will remain as currently composed.

5.1.3. Crewe and Nantwich Constituency

- Under the original proposals it was proposed that Audlem be included Eddisbury and Northwich Constituency.
- The revised proposal is for Audlem to be included in the Crewe and Nantwich Constituency.
- No other changes are proposed from the original proposals.
- With this one addition, there is no other change to the current make up of this Constituency

5.1.4. Eddisbury Constituency

- Under the original proposals Audlem, Bunbury and Wrenbury would form part of the Eddisbury Constituency as per the current arrangements.

- The revised proposals provide for the inclusion of Bunbury and Wrenbury only in the Eddisbury Constituency.

5.1.5. Hazel Grove and Wilmslow

- A new Constituency of Hazel Grove and Wilmslow is proposed consisting of 6 Cheshire East wards and 5 Stockport wards.
- The Composition is proposed as follows:
 - Alderley Edge
 - Handforth
 - Wilmslow Dean Row
 - Wilmslow East
 - Wilmslow Lacey Green
 - Wilmslow West and Chorley
 - 5x Stockport wards (Bramhall , Hazel Grove etc).
- The total electorate of the Cheshire East wards in this Constituency is 27,054 with those from Stockport totalling 49,997.

5.1.6. Macclesfield Constituency

- Under the original proposals the wards of Alderley Edge, Wilmslow East, Wilmslow Lacey Green, Wilmslow West and Chorley were proposed to be included in the Macclesfield Constituency. The revised proposals now provide for these Wards to be included in a new Constituency of Hazel Grove and Wilmslow.
- Disley, Poynton West and Adlington and Poynton East and Pott Shrigley have been added to the Macclesfield Constituency (originally proposed to be included in Bramhall and Poynton).

5.2. Due to the short consultation timeline, the proposed wording of the Council's submission, in response to the revised proposals, will be circulated and discussed at the meeting.

6. Wards Affected and Local Ward Members

6.1. All.

7. Implications of Recommendation

7.1. Policy Implications

7.1.1. None identified.

7.2. Legal Implications

7.2.1. No legal implications have been identified.

7.3. Financial Implications

7.3.1. No financial implications have been identified.

7.4. Equality Implications

7.4.1. No implications have been identified.

7.5. Rural Community Implications

7.5.1. No implications have been identified.

7.6. Human Resources Implications

7.6.1. No implications have been identified.

7.7. Health and Wellbeing Implications

7.7.1. No implications have been identified

7.8. Implications for Children and Young People

7.8.1. No implications have been identified.

7.9. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Implications

7.9.1. No implications have been identified

7.10. Other Implications (Please Specify)

7.10.1. No further implications have been identified.

8. Risk Management

8.1. No risks have been identified.

9. Access to Information

9.1. *Boundary Commission for England - Revised proposals for new parliamentary constituencies in the North West.*
<https://www.bce2018.org.uk/>

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