

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy and Legal Services**
held on Monday, 4th December, 2017 in Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillors P Findlow

Officers in attendance:

Brian Reed – Head of Governance and Democratic Services

Martin Smith – Registration and Civic Services Manager

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

4 RESPONSE TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND - REVISED PROPOSALS FOR THE NORTH WEST

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

The current recommendation is in response to a consultation by the Boundary Commission for England to which the Council responded in December 2016 regarding their 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 that had been 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.

A paper was circulated at the meeting giving the proposed response for each constituency, and a copy of this has been added to the website.

RESOLVED

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.

The meeting commenced at 12.00 pm and concluded at 12.10 pm