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| Returning Officer | Council | 20 July 2021 |

Draft proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries 2023 - consultation

Purpose of report

- To inform members of a consultation which is currently underway about changes to the parliamentary constituency boundaries due for implementation in 2023.

Recommendation(s)

- The Chief Executive is authorised to respond on behalf of the council to address administrative issues which arise as a result of the proposals.
- The Leaders of the Groups are asked to provide any group responses to the Chief Executive by 4pm on 28 July for incorporation into his response. It will be made clear that any responses from groups are from those groups and not the council as a body.

Executive summary of report

| Confidential report Please bold as appropriate | Yes | No |
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Corporate priorities

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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| Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all | | A strong local economy | |
| Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities | | An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area | ✓ |

Background

- The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) launched a review of Parliamentary boundaries in January 2021. The purpose of the review is to ensure that there is a more even distribution of electors across each constituency. The Boundary Commission webpage to the Review can be accessed on the following link <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/initial-proposals-for-the-2023-boundary-review-now-published/>.
- Due to population changes since the last review, the number of electors in some constituencies is much higher than in others. The 2023 Boundary Review will make

the number of electors in each constituency more equal, thus ensuring individual votes are of broadly equal weight. In making these required changes, the number of constituencies in England must increase from 533 to 543.

7. In June 2021, as part of the review, the BCE published its initial proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries and launched an eight-week public consultation period which expires on Monday, 2 August 2021.

Proposal

8. It is proposed that the constituency of Chorley be made up of twelve borough wards –
 - Buckshaw & Whittle
 - Chorley East
 - Chorley North & Astley
 - Chorley North West
 - Chorley South East & Heath Charnock
 - Chorley South West
 - Clayton East, Brindle and Hoghton
 - Clayton West & Cuerden
 - Coppull
 - Croston Mawdesley & Euxton South
 - Eccleston, Heath and Charnock Richard
 - Euxton
9. The proposed changes to the Chorley constituency, incorporates those areas of the Chorley borough, which are presently included within the South Ribble constituency (Croston and Mawdesley) a map of which is appended to this report (appendix a).
10. The borough wards of Adlington & Anderton and Chorley North West are proposed to fall within the new parliamentary constituency of West Pennine Moors see attached map (appendix b).

Next step of the review

11. There will be two further rounds of consultation in 2022. Following the conclusion of all three consultation periods, the BCE will consider all the evidence received and form its final recommendations. Following the eight-week consultation on the BCE's initial proposals, the BCE will prepare and then publishes on its website all of the representations that it has received for each region. Once the representations have been published, there is a further statutory six-week period during which people can submit to the BCE written comments on those representations it received during the initial consultation period, for example, challenging or supporting assertions made in a representation.
12. The BCE are also required to conduct a minimum of two and maximum of five public hearings in each region of England. These must take place during the six-week secondary consultation period. The precise number and location of public hearings in each region will be determined by the BCE specifically in relation to the nature of the responses it receives to the consultation on its initial proposals, i.e. targeting the holding of hearings to areas where there is particular contention over the proposals and cases being made for competing alternate proposals. The details of venues and dates for the hearings will be announced on the BCE website in due course, although with a reasonable period of notice prior to the start of the secondary consultation period.

Implications of report

13. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

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| Finance | ✓ | Customer Services | |
| Human Resources | | Equality and Diversity | |
| Legal | ✓ | Integrated Impact Assessment required? | |
| No significant implications in this area | | Policy and Communications | |

Risk

14. By not submitting a representation to the consultation, the authority may face criticism amongst its residents that it breaks its corporate priority of being an ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

15. No comments

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

16. No comments

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