

**CABINET****19 March 2014****Minute Extract****556. GOVERNANCE REVIEW – IMPACT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
BOUNDARY COMMISSION ELECTORAL REVIEW**

(Report CAB2567 refers)

The Chief Operating Officer advised that the decision as to whether the electoral cycle should be changed was required to be made by a special meeting of Council. He suggested this could take place on the same day as the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014, with the Special Meeting being held first, commencing at 7pm. This approach was agreed.

The Chief Operating Officer stated that the public consultation exercise had ended on 14 March 2014 and gave an updated summary of responses received. A report giving the detail of these responses would be submitted direct to Council.

One Member commented that any decisions to split a parish into different wards to facilitate any boundary changes would probably not be popular with the parish involved. The Chairman emphasised that the final decision would involve balancing the various interests to provide representation to the community whilst also taking the opportunity to reduce the running costs of the Council.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**1. THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 2 APRIL 2014, GIVE CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER THE COUNCIL SHOULD CHANGE ITS ELECTORAL CYCLE FROM ELECTIONS BY THIRDS TO WHOLE COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2016.**

**2. THAT, IF THE COUNCIL OPTS FOR WHOLE OUT ELECTIONS, CONSIDERATION BE ALSO GIVEN AS TO WHETHER TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION AND SECRETARY OF STATE, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS BE MADE FOR THE NEXT ELECTION AFTER 2016 TO BE HELD IN 2019, TO ALIGN THE WINCHESTER CYCLE TO THAT OF OTHER DISTRICT COUNCILS ON WHOLE OUT ELECTIONS, OR WHETHER THE NEXT WINCHESTER ELECTION SHOULD BE IN 2020.**

**3. THAT IT BE NOTED THAT A REPORT WILL BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL ON 16 JULY 2014 UPON THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSED SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE SIZE OF THE COUNCIL.**

RESOLVED:

That a report be brought direct to Council on 2 April 2014 on the final outcome of the public consultation on the Council's Electoral cycle, together with any other relevant information, following consultation with the Electoral Review/Governance Informal Policy Group.