

CABINET**22 October 2014****Minute Extract****266. ELECTORAL REVIEW – SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REGARDING PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES**

The Chief Operating Officer advised that the cross party Electoral Review/Governance Informal Policy Group had undertaken work on a possible warding scheme for a 45 Member Council but, due to differing views within political groups, it would not be possible to submit a formal submission on a full warding scheme on behalf of the whole Council. It was likely that different submissions would be made by political parties direct to the Commission. However, following discussion between the Leader, Leader of the Opposition and the Chairman of the Group (Councillor Godfrey), it was proposed to submit a Report direct to Council which indicated areas of common agreement. He highlighted that the Commission had advised that it was now not unusual for a local authority to be unable to submit a scheme agreed by the whole Council.

Councillor Humby thanked Councillor Godfrey and other members of the Informal Policy Group for their work in examining proposed ward boundaries.

Councillor Godfrey reminded Members that political parties and anyone else (e.g. Parishes and members of the public) had until 3 November 2014 to make their own submissions direct to the Commission. The Council had been granted an extension to enable its submission to be agreed at Council on 6 November 2014.

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

RECOMMENDED:

THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER A REPORT (SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO ITS MEETING) INDICATING AREAS OF COMMON AGREEMENT ON THE ELECTORAL REVIEW FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND.