

CABINET – 2 DECEMBER 2015

THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 7 DECEMBER 2015

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 17 November 2015, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Hampshire County Council. The public consultation period (including for Winchester City Council) closes on 11 January 2016.

A summary of the draft proposals are set out at Appendices 1 and 2. This sets out the Commission's draft proposals for new electoral division boundaries across Hampshire. The Winchester City Council area retains 7 County Councillors – but with some changes to the Division boundaries.

Soberton Parish is warded to give effect to the new boundary needed for the County Electoral Division - Soberton North (returning two parish councillors) and Soberton South (returning nine parish councillors). This is a variation on the arrangements that came into force for the 57 Member City Council Electoral Review in 2001 (Soberton – 3 and Soberton Heath and Newtown – 8).

If Cabinet or The Overview and Scrutiny Committee does not wish to recommend any comments for Council approval, an alternative is for the political groups to submit their own comments direct to the LGBCE.

RECOMMENDATION to Cabinet and The Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

That Cabinet and The Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider whether they wish to recommend to Council any comments on Commission's draft proposals for new County electoral division boundaries across Hampshire.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1 COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER PLANS  
(RELEVANCE TO):

1.1 None.

2 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

2.1 None directly, although some officers will be involved in implementing final recommendations, including any adjustments to polling stations, as part of the elections process.

3 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

3.1 If the Council does not wish to submit any comments on the draft proposals, the new arrangements will be determined by the Commission in any event (and in light of any other comments received).

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Overview of Draft Recommendations on new electoral arrangements for Hampshire County Council.

Appendix 2 – Written summary of current proposal in Winchester District.

Appendix 3 – Draft Recommendations – full report – **available electronically only** -

[http://www.lgbce.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/26862/Hampshire-draft-recommendations-2015-11-17-FINAL.pdf](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/26862/Hampshire-draft-recommendations-2015-11-17-FINAL.pdf)