

Meeting: Council

Date: 21 July 2016

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title: Local Government Boundary Review

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? As soon as possible

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 At the Council meeting held on 10 December 2015 Members requested the Assistant Director of Corporate and Business Services present a report following the Governance Referendum, containing statistical and benchmarking information to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for it to make a recommendation to the Council on whether a review of Boundaries and/or the number of Councillors is required at this time. This report sets out the requested information and recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 To enable the Council to proceed with a review of its Ward Boundaries to examine the inequality of the number of electors per Councillor.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the Assistant Director of Corporate and Business Services be instructed to formally write to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on behalf of the Council requesting a review of the Council Ward Boundaries to be carried out from April 2017 with a view to any changes being implemented from May 2019 when the next Local Government Elections are scheduled.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Supporting Information and Impact Assessment