

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting6th October 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

Parliamentary Constituencies Review

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that provided an update regarding the Parliamentary Constituencies review being undertaken by the four UK Boundary Commissions in their respective parts of the UK.

Cabinet noted that the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 required there to be a fixed number of 600 constituencies for the UK, as opposed to the current 650. Within that the North East had been allocated 26 constituencies, as opposed to the current 29.

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) had recently produced initial proposals for England, which included those relevant to Stockton on Tees Borough area. Members were provided with details and it was noted that these would be presented at a Members Seminar on Monday 10th October 2011, for discussion.

It was explained that an initial consultation period was underway ending on 5 December 2011 and information relating to how representations could be made was noted. Members were provided with details of the full consultation process, which included a second consultation period, the opportunity for revised proposals, and a final consultation period prior to the Final Recommendations and Report being published.

It was agreed that a further report be considered at Cabinet's next meeting and also at the end of the initial consultation period, once all of the representations received by the BCE had been published.

RECOMMENDED that Council

1. notes the report.

2. notes that initial proposals produced by the Boundary Commission for England would be presented to a Members Seminar for discussion.

3. notes that a further report regarding the proposals will be submitted to Cabinet at its next meeting.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that Members are kept up to date with the proposed review of Parliamentary Constituency boundaries.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cook declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in the item entitled Parliamentary Constituencies Review as he was employed within a local MPs Constituency Office.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable.

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not applicable.

Proper Officer
10 October 2011