

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

12TH NOVEMBER 2020

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

COUNCIL DECISION

Leader – Councillor Bob Cook

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES ELECTORAL REVIEW 2020 - WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW-PHASE 2 -
WARDING PATTERNS CONSULTATION
SUMMARY**

To note the response from the Local Government Boundary Commission following submission of our Council Size Commission, and to receive the outcome of the Phase 2 consultation on Warding Patterns which ended on 29th October 2020.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) / DECISION(S)

To comply with instructions from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet to recommend to Council that the responses received as part of Phase 2 Warding Patterns consultation be noted and be submitted to The Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

DETAIL

1. Cabinet, at its meeting held on 17th September 2020, recommended to Council approval of the proposed Council Size submission, which was subsequently approved by Council (23rd September 2020) and forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) for comment.
2. The Commission have now responded and confirmed that they have approved our future Council Size of 56 Members; a decision which should now be applied when considering the next phase of the consultation, Phase 2 examining warding patterns.
3. Phase 2 – Consultation on Warding Patterns commenced with all elected members from 24th September – 29th October 2020.
4. The results from this consultation are summarised at **Appendix 1**.
5. The deadline for submission of comments as part of this consultation ends on 11th January 2021 and comments can be submitted direct to LGBC via their website.
6. The Commission's decision on council size will not be formalised until the Final Recommendations are agreed and published at the end of August 2021.

7. The Final Recommendations will describe the complete set of electoral arrangements, including ward names and locations as well as the number of elected members, alongside parish warding arrangements. These recommendations will be implemented at the next election by means of an Order laid before Parliament.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

8. Not applicable

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

9. Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Not applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Not applicable

RISK ASSESSMENT

12. Not applicable

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

13. All wards and Councillors have been consulted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Not applicable

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