

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

24 JUNE 2021

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

COUNCIL DECISION

Leader – Councillor Bob Cook

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

To note the outcome of consultation held by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) on warding patterns as part of the Stockton on Tees Electoral Review 2020 Ward Boundary Review.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) / DECISION(S)

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet note the comments received as part of the consultation on the Local Government Boundary Commission draft recommendations and they be submitted to the LGBC by the 19th July 2021.

DETAIL

1. Cabinet, at its meeting held on November 2020, noted that the Local Government Boundary Commission had responded to the Council Size submission on the Stockton on Tees Electoral Ward Boundary Review 2020 and had confirmed that they had approved our future Council Size of 56 Members; a decision which would then be applied when considering the next phase of the consultation, Phase 2 examining warding patterns.
2. Phase 2 – Consultation on Warding Patterns had commenced with all elected members from 24th September – 29th October 2020 and the results from this consultation were noted by Council and submitted to The Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
3. Draft recommendations had now been received from the Boundary Commission which confirmed that Stockton-on-Tees should be represented by 56 councillors, the same number as there were presently and that Stockton-on-Tees should have 26 wards, again the same number as at present.
4. The Boundary Commission had since commenced consultation on the draft recommendations illustrated with accompanying maps for a 10-week period, commencing from 11 May 2021 to 19 July 2021.

5. Consultation with elected members and political groups of the Council had commenced at the same time and the results from this consultation are summarised at **Appendix 1**.
6. The deadline for submission of comments as part of this consultation ends on 19th July 2021 and comments can be submitted direct to LGBC via their website r.eviews@lgbce.org.uk
7. The Commission's decision on council size will not be formalised until the Final Recommendations are agreed and will be published in October this year.
8. 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

9. Not applicable

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

10. Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Not applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. Not applicable

RISK ASSESSMENT

13. Not applicable

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

14. All wards and Councillors have been consulted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Not applicable

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