



GOVERNANCE (PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW)
SUB COMMITTEE

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

2 DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT

Councillors P.M. Chandler (Chairman)
M. Blase, P. Cumbers, V. Manderson

Chief Executive, Elections Officer,
Administration Assistant – Communications & Member Support

The Chief Executive opened the meeting.

BR1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Illingworth was not present.

BR2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Chandler was proposed, seconded and on being put to the vote, elected as Chairman of the Sub Committee for its duration.

(Councillor Chandler in the Chair)

BR3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

BR4 PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

On behalf of the Head of Communications, the Elections Officer submitted and presented a report (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) which enabled Members to consider the draft recommendations of the Boundary Commission for England on Parliamentary constituencies in England and to provide feedback during the consultation period.

The Chief Executive highlighted that it was good practice to convene this Sub Committee meeting to enable Members to discuss the recommendations of the Boundary Commission for England.

The Elections Officer advised that the proposed new parliamentary constituency boundaries would result in Melton retaining Rutland, taking in part of Charnwood and having a reduced part of Harborough. She explained that the only impact of proposals is that this Council would work with three other Authorities rather than two. These Authorities were being consulted as well.

A Member commented that Officers believed the proposals were workable and this was a good guide to follow.

The Chief Executive confirmed that following the Sub Committee meeting, the Council would submit Members' recommendations to the Boundary Commission for England by the consultation closing date, which she confirmed was 5 December 2016.

A Member queried whether members of the public had been made aware of the proposals and the Elections Officer confirmed that the Boundary Commission had publicised the proposals via their website and the press.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) Members considered the draft recommendations in Appendix A and had no adverse comments;
- (2) Members agreed the Council's response to the proposals and had no comments to add but noted the additional administration due to the new boundary crossing an additional Authority.

The Meeting which commenced at 3:00 p.m., closed at 3:20 p.m.

Chairman