

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND (LGBCE)
ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE - EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON NEW DRAFT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Committee: Council

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To agree a submission to the Local Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) consultation on the latest draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Council agrees the submission to the LGBCE attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 On 9th February 2016 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) published the new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council. The final county division arrangement for East Cambridgeshire returns 8 county councillors and comprises 6 new electoral divisions.

3.2 On 24th March 2016 the LGBCE announced that a new phase of consultation would be held on the electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council, in response to the comments they received about the review process and the final recommendations they produced.

3.3 The purpose of the consultation is to give local people and groups the opportunity to comment on the final recommendations for the county that were published in February 2016. The LGBCE will consider the submissions it receives and publish new final recommendations for the new County electoral arrangements in September 2016.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The Council strongly objected to the final recommendations produced by the LGBCE for the reasons set out in Appendix 1. Table 2 on page 8 of the appendix sets out the Council's proposal to this round of consultation. It comprises the 9 single-member division arrangement previously submitted to

the Commission, which meets the statutory criteria relating to electoral reviews more effectively than the proposal from the LGBCE.

4.2 All Councillors have had the opportunity to input into the development of the proposed. The feedback from Councillors has shaped the final proposals. Where the views of Parish Councils have been expressed, they have also been incorporated.

5.0 EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE REVIEW UPDATE

5.1 To ensure co-ordination between the county review and the East Cambridgeshire review, the LGBCE has decided to defer publication of the final recommendations for the District Council until 16th August 2016.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

7.0 APPENDICES

7.1 Appendix 1 - ECDC response to LGBCE electoral review of Cambridgeshire new draft recommendations consultation.

Background Documents

New electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council - February 2016.

The LGBCE website provides comprehensive details of the review to date - <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/cambridgeshire/east-cambridgeshire>

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