

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Report Originator	Sue Lyons (Head of Democratic and Legal Services)	<i>Fwd Plan Ref No:</i> A16/025	
Wards Affected	All	16 th November 2016	
Title	PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW		

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Lloyd Bunday

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the recommendation of the Council's Research & Development Committee relating to the Boundary Commission for England's (BCE) proposals in respect of the review of Parliamentary Constituencies in the United Kingdom published on 13th September 2016, as it relates to the Kettering Borough area, and to formulate a response on behalf of the Council for submission to the BCE.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 19th October 2016, the Executive received a report detailing the proposals of the BCE in relation to the review of Parliamentary Constituency boundaries in England.
- 2.2 At the above meeting, members agreed to forward the matter to the Council's Research & Development Committee in order to formulate a response. (Minute 16.EX.40 refers), Consequently, Research & Development Committee members received a report and having considered the matter, the Research & Development Committee agreed that it should be:

'recommended to the Executive Committee that the constituency of Kettering be made up of the wards of the Borough of Kettering and the Finedon Ward of the Borough Council of Wellingborough'

3. CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 3.1 The Borough Council need to submit its response to the BCE's proposal by 5th December 2016 which is the deadline for the end of the initial 12 week consultation period on this matter.
- 3.2 As soon as possible after the initial 12 week consultation period, the BCE will publish all of the representations received for each region. There will then be a further four week period for written comments on the representations received during the initial consultation period. This will be likely to take place in spring 2017. There will then follow a period in which BCE will consider all representations received within both periods and formulate its initial proposals, which will be published for consultation for a further eight weeks. This is likely to

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take place towards the end of 2017. Comments and evidence received from this period will be considered before BCE submits its final recommendations to the Government, who will present it, without amendment to Parliament for consideration. This must be done by September 2018.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Changes to the Parliamentary Constituency could impact on the Council in terms of representation of the Kettering Borough area in Parliament being diluted by an increase in the size of the constituency. This means that part of another local government area would also fall within the constituency area.

5. **FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

See paragraph 4 above

6. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is a requirement of The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 that the constituency boundaries are reviewed as set out in the report.

7. **RECOMMENDATION**

To consider the recommendation of the Research and Development Committee, as detailed in 2.2 above, in order to agree a response to the BCE to be submitted before 5th December 2016.

Background Papers:	Boundary Commission for England Initial Proposals
Title	As above
Date	13 th September 2016
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Previous Minutes/Reports: None