

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Report Originator</b>	M Hammond / I White	<i>Fwd Plan Ref No:</i>	
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All wards outside Kettering town	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	
<b>Title</b>	<b>ELECTION COSTS FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS &amp; PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY CHANGES</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the forum with an update on the topics of Election Costs for Town and Parish Councils and Parliamentary Boundary Changes.

### 2. ELECTION COSTS FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS - UPDATE

- 2.1 A report was submitted to the Research and Development (R&D) Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> October which sought the committee's views on whether or not to make changes to the current arrangements for funding town and parish council elections.
- 2.2 The committee noted that KBC was the only authority in the county that did not recoup at least some elections costs from Town and Parish councils and it was usual for the costs of an election to be met by the body to which the election related.
- 2.3 Following discussion, the committee recommended that the current policy of not charging Town and Parish councils for the cost of elections continue.
- 2.4 In accordance with the recommendation by the R&D Committee, this matter is no longer being considered and will not be referred to the Executive.

### 3. PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY CHANGES

- 3.1 At its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October, the Executive was presented with a report on the Boundary Commission for England's (BCE) proposals in respect of the review of Parliamentary Constituencies in the United Kingdom published on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The Boundary Commission proposed that the Finedon Ward, currently part of the Wellingborough constituency, be included in the Kettering Parliamentary Constituency.
- 3.2 It was agreed that the matter be forwarded to the R&D Committee in order to formulate a response. The R&D Committee received a report at its meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October and having considered the matter, agreed that the Executive be recommended to accept the Boundary Commission proposals.

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- 3.3 The Executive held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, agreed the recommendation of the R&D Committee and a response will be sent to the BCE accepting their proposals prior to 5<sup>th</sup> December, the closing date for consultation responses.
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