

ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2019 AT SALISBURY ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Richard Clewer (Chairman), Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jonathon Seed (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Stuart Wheeler and Cllr Graham Wright

Also Present:

Cllr Pat Aves

8 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling.

9 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 were presented for consideration, and it was,

Resolved:

To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.

10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

11 Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements.

12 Public Participation

A statement was received from Mr Francis Morland that as he had set out in communication to the Committee and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England he had serious concerns that the electorate projections used to the review were seriously flawed.

13 Electoral Review Update

The Chairman updated the Committee on work that had been undertaken since the last meeting including identifying all minor mapping issues that would need to be raised with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, for

instance where they had accepted the Council's proposals but shown a slightly different line on the map, or not aligned with parish boundaries.

The Committee then considered the draft submission to be debated at Full Council on 25 March 2019, and confirmed the approach that should be recommended for each division. It was agreed that in the absence of local objection to accept the proposals for Devizes, although there were some concerns about the size of the divisions given lack of development in the northern area. For the Southwick division it was agreed to propose a line that ran around the back of houses rather than the Woodmarsh and Westbury road, to avoid the Trowbridge division extending into the village proper of North Bradley. Other areas discussed included retaining the original proposals of the Council for Westbury and accepting the proposals of the Commission in Corsham town.

The Committee also received a list of recommended names for each division and discussed them further, noting a consistent and broad set of principles had been used to develop them. It was then agreed to circulate an updated list to all committee members with the final decision on what to propose to council delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was,

Resolved:

To recommend that Council approves the draft response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as set out in the agenda papers, subject to any necessary consequential changes and any supporting evidence, with the final wording of the response to be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services after consultation with the Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee.

That the proposed names of divisions to be recommended to Council be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services after consultation with the Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee and circulation of the updated list to the Committee.

14 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 1.00 - 1.50 pm)

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