

FURTHER ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose:

The purpose of the Further Electoral Review of Hampshire County Council Members' Working Group ('FER Members Working Group') is:

- a) To consider a new pattern of electoral divisions for Hampshire County Council in line with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) 'minded to' recommendation on the future size of the County Council and in accordance with the LGBCE's three main criteria, as set out in law:
 - i) the new pattern of divisions should mean that each Councillor represents roughly the same number of voters as elected Members elsewhere in the authority;
 - ii) division patterns should, as far as possible, reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable; and
 - iii) the electoral arrangements should promote effective and convenient local government.
- b) To consider the Draft Recommendations of the LGBCE and formulate a proposed response; and
- c) To prepare a report for the Leaders Working Group in regard to a) and b) above for consideration and approval in accordance with the Review Timetable (as attached at Annex 1 of this report) in order to meet the submission deadlines set by the LGBCE.

2. Membership:

- a) The FER Members' Working Group will comprise 12 Members on a cross-Party basis:

Councillors: Chris Carter (Cons), Adrian Collett (LD), Criss Connor (Lab), Jacqui England (Ind), Liz Fairhurst (Cons), Andrew Gibson (Cons), Keith House (LD), Rob Humby (Cons), Mark Kemp-Gee (Cons), Peter Latham (Cons), Mark Staplehurst (UKIP) and Ken Thornber* (Cons).

* Chairman of the Working Group

- b) The Chairman and Members of the Working Group will report to the Leaders Working Group co-ordinated by the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

3. Method:

Each Member of the FER Members' Working Group will have a local co-ordinating role for District/Borough Council areas on the following basis:

Chairman of the Working Group: Councillor Ken Thornber

District/Borough Area	Councillors
Basingstoke & Deane	Councillor Criss Connor
East Hampshire	Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee
Eastleigh	Councillor Keith House
Fareham	Councillor Peter Latham
Gosport	Councillor Chris Carter
Hart	Councillor Adrian Collett
Havant	Councillor Liz Fairhurst
New Forest	Councillor Jacqui England
Rushmoor	Councillor Mark Staplehurst
Test Valley	Councillor Andrew Gibson
Winchester	Councillor Rob Humby

and will:

- a) conduct consultation with all other County Council Members within the District/Borough Council area allocated to them;
- b) conduct consultation with the Leader of the District/Borough Council allocated to them;
- c) conduct consultation with local community groups and organisations; and
- d) use their local knowledge to meet the Commission's criteria set out a 1a) above.