

REPORT OF THE  
Chief Executive  
PART I

**209. FURTHER ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL –  
RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR  
ENGLAND’S ADDITIONAL LIMITED CONSULTATION ON A NEW PATTERN  
OF DIVISIONS**

1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (‘the Commission’) is currently conducting a Further Electoral Review of Hampshire County Council. The Commission has conducted two periods of public consultation as part of the Review, on Council Size and on their Draft Recommendations for a new pattern of electoral divisions. The County Council has responded to both.

2. Final recommendations had been due to be published by the Commission on 5 April 2016. However the Commission has notified the County Council of its decision to hold an additional phase of public consultation before finalising its recommendations. This will be a limited consultation for the Havant and the New Forest district areas only, which will commence on 10 May 2016 for four weeks closing on 6 June 2016.

3. As Members will be aware a Members’ Working Group with representation from all Political Groups represented on the County Council has been convened to make recommendations to Political Group Leaders at each stage in the process, prior to approval by the County Council of a response to the Commission. A further meeting of the Members’ Working Group has accordingly been convened to consider the Commission’s revised recommendations for the Havant and New Forest district areas, and to make proposals thereon to the Political Group Leaders’ Working Group.

4. However given the very tight timetable of the latest consultation, so as to enable the County Council to meet the deadline set out above it is proposed that the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, to finalise the County Council’s response for submission to the Commission.

5. Following consideration by the Commission of all responses received to the additional consultation, Final Recommendations will be drawn up by the Commission and published on 16 August 2016.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the County Council authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, to finalise the County Council’s response to the Commission’s additional period of limited consultation, as set out above.

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