

 Regulatory Committee Thursday 4 April 2013		Agenda Item No. <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">4</div>
Title	Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Warwick District Council	
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Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	Not applicable	
Background Papers	Final Recommendations and WDC submission	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	No
The process is about ensuring electoral equality so there is no further need to undertake an equalities impact assessment.	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	03/04/2013	Chris Elliott
Head of Service		
CMT	03/04/2013	Andrew Jones/ Bill Hunt
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	03/04/2013	Andrew Jones/Graham Leach
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders
Consultation & Community Engagement		
The Boundary Commission has consulted a range of local groups including parish and town councils, receiving 322 submissions from local organisations and members of the public.		
Final Decision?	Yes	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below) none		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Appendix 1, to the report, sets out the Boundary Commissions final recommendations concerning the electoral arrangements it proposes for Warwick District.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee notes that the Commission's final recommendations that Warwick District Council should be represented by 46 councillors representing four three-member wards, 16 two-member wards and two single-member wards across the district.
- 2.2 The Committee notes the Commission's final recommendations for the boundaries of the 22 district electoral wards.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission has carried out a review of the electoral arrangements of the Council. The recommendations have followed a period of public consultation. The key points of the decisions area that the council size of 46 members should ensure that the Council discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively. The warding arrangements now finally recommended provide for a pattern of wards that reflects community identities across Warwick District to deliver electoral equality for voters.
- 3.2 A draft order will now be laid in Parliament and subject to parliamentary scrutiny; the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the district council elections in 2015.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 **Policy Framework** - The report does not impact on the Council's Policy Framework
- 4.2 **Fit for the Future** – The proposal has no impact on the Council's Fit for the Future programme but will contribute to the vision of making Warwick District a great place to live work and visit as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The proposals have no impact on the Council's budgetary framework, it is to have much more of an impact on staff time.

6. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 This is the final stage of the review so there are no other options other than to implement the decisions and carry out the Community Governance review of parish and town council boundaries and warding arrangements as previously agreed. The Council could let the Commission know its views on the final outcome but there can be no guarantee of any changes as a consequence.