

 Regulatory Committee Tuesday 22 November 2011		Agenda Item No. 4
Title	The Local Government Boundary Commission for England Electoral Review 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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	27 June 2011	
Background Papers	Correspondence from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England 2008 to 2011	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	Yes
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	No
Duty being undertaken by Returning Officer is part of E&SIA's already pertaining to Electoral Services	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		Chris Elliott
Head of Service		Andrew Jones
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		Andrew Jones
Finance		Jenny Clayton and Lorraine Henson
Portfolio Holder(s)		Michael Doody
Consultation & Community Engagement		
In 2009 Group Leaders gave the Returning Officer the views of their parties as to which areas of the District need to be given particular attention under the review (appendix 1). During the review, consultation is part of the process with all Communities affected by any recommendations.		
Final Decision?	Yes	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below) none		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides information regarding the forthcoming Warwick District Electoral Review to be carried out during the next 12 months.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee notes that the Working party will recommend to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England that the number of councillors needed in order to support effective, efficient and accountable local democracy within the District is between 44 and 48. The present figure is 46.
- 2.2 The Committee notes that the Working party will recommend to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England that a council size of between 44 and 48 councillors will be representing single, two and three member Wards.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The key roles of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England are to conduct electoral and structural reviews of local government in England. Consideration is given to authorities with electoral variance in excess of 10% from the average for the District and 30% of our wards fall within this category.
- 3.2 The Working party consider the above recommendations are appropriate because the preliminary 5 year electorate forecast from Warwickshire County Council is for 105,000 electors to be registered on the Electoral Register by 2016.
- 3.3 The number of electors per councillor with a variance of 10% would give:
- 1) 2386 electors per councillor with 44 members
 - 2) 2282 electors per councillor with 46 members
 - 3) 2187 electors per councillor with 48 members

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 The aim of the review is to ensure that within each ward the number of electors represented by each councillor is roughly the same. It will take into account the identities and interest of local people and try to ensure that the boundaries are easily identifiable.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The review will take place within the current financial year 2011/2012 and the financial year of 2012/2013 and a cost of £34,700 has been projected.

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

- 6.1 none

7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 Correspondence from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England 2008 to 2011 is available from Electoral Services upon request.