

## **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
**DATE:** TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2012  
**REPORT BY:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
**SUBJECT:** 2013 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY  
CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

### **1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To inform Members of the revised proposals for the Boundary Commission's 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales and to advise on the process and timetable for submitting representations.

### **2.00 BACKGROUND**

2.01 In March 2011 the Commission announced the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

2.02 The Commission published initial proposals for public consultation on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and the consultation period ended on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

2.03 Representations on the initial proposals were submitted by various individuals and organisations in writing direct to the Commission or verbally via one of the five public hearings held during the consultation period which were chaired by an independent Assistant Commissioner selected by the Commission.

2.04 In June 2012 the Commission published all responses that were received during the initial 12 week consultation period. A further statutory four week period was then available for individuals and organisations to comment on the representations made by others. The Assistant Commissioners reviewed all of the representations that the Commission received during the first and second consultation period and produced a report for the Commission.

### **3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 The Commission has now produced revised proposals for public consultation; a summary of which is attached as appendix 1 to this report. Full details can be found within the Boundary Commission's report deposited in the Member Services Library, each of the group

rooms and at [www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk](http://www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk).

- 3.02 The Commission has stated that these proposals “take careful account of all representations made to the Commission during the first and second consultation periods, whilst adhering to the rules laid out in legislation”.
- 3.03 The Commission published revised proposals for the whole of Wales in a single document. The nature of the statutory framework and criteria meant that it has been necessary to conduct this review on an all-Wales basis.
- 3.04 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any change to the composition of the proposed Dee Estuary or Alyn and Deeside constituencies and the Commission have accepted the recommendations.
- 3.05 The only material change relates to the name of the Dee Estuary proposed constituency. The Assistant Commissioners recommended that “the name of the county town of the county forming the larger part of the constituency is an appropriate name for the constituency and that therefore “the proposed constituency be named Flint”. The Commission agrees with this approach but also considers that the name should reflect the areas of Denbighshire (including Rhyl and Prestatyn) included in this constituency. The Commission therefore proposes the name for the constituency of Flint and North Denbighshire (with an official alternative of Fflint a Gogledd Sir Ddinbych).
- 3.06 Written representations on the revised proposals are invited during the consultation period **24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012**. The Commission have asked those who wish to make representations to bear in mind the submissions that the Commission has already considered and therefore submit ‘new’ representations.

#### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.01 Members are asked to consider the revised proposals and note the process and timetable for submitting representations.

#### **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.01 None directly associated with this report.

#### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

- 6.01 None directly associated with this report.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None directly associated with this report.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None directly associated with this report.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None directly associated with this report.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 As outlined within the report.

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 As outlined within the report.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Appendix 1 – Summary of the Revised Proposals.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985  
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Contained within the Executive Office, County Hall, Mold.

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