

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
DATE: **WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2013**
REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
SUBJECT: **ELECTORAL REVIEW PROGRAMME**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To inform Members of the recently published ten year programme of electoral reviews.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 requires the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales (LDBCW) to publish a 10 year programme of electoral reviews.

2.02 In February 2013 the LDBCW set about analysing the information it had obtained from principal Councils and the relevant factors considered necessary to develop a 10 year programme of electoral reviews for the 22 principal Councils in Wales.

2.03 In September the LDBCW published its electoral review programme and this is attached as appendix 1.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The programme is based upon an assessment of the factors listed in paragraph 3 of appendix 1 but moving principal Councils up or down the order to take into consideration where a community review is underway or in the planning. The programme also reflects provision that has been made to provide enough time for Welsh Government or the Commission to produce an Order before an electoral review can commence.

3.02 For Flintshire the programme is for the LDBCW to commence its review of Flintshire in the last quarter of 2015, issuing draft proposals in mid 2016 and final proposals in mid 2017.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 For Members to note the electoral review programme issued by the LDBCW.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 Group Leaders consulted at a meeting held on the 3 October 2013.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Group Leaders consulted at a meeting held on the 3 October 2013.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – LDBCW electoral review programme

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

None

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