

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DATE: TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2012

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: BOUNDARY COMMISSION 2013 REVIEW OF
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To invite Council to make a response to the current consultation of the Boundary Commission on the Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 At its meeting on the 31st January 2012 Members considered a report outlining the Boundary Commission's 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales together with details of the process and timetable (a copy of that report is appended at Appendix 1).

2.02 The Commission published its initial proposals on the 11th January 2012 in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

2.03 The period for consultation ends on 4th April 2012. Public Hearings have been held in Caernarvon, Cardiff, Llandrindod (21/21st March), Wrexham and Swansea to give people the opportunity to make representations about any of the Commission's initial proposals and to present any counter-proposals.

2.04 Each hearing has been chaired by an independent Assistant Commissioner selected by the Commission. A verbatim transcript taken at each of these hearings of all the representations made, and any visual aids used at a presentation will be attached to the transcript of that hearing.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The primary legislation is restrictive - the number of constituencies in Wales will be reduced from 40 to 30 and each constituency must have an electorate as at the review date that is no smaller than 72,810 and no larger than 80,473 (the statutory range).

3.02 Members are encouraged to review the proposals and consider whether any specific comments, objections or alternative proposals should be submitted to the Commission.

3.03 Once all the representations have been submitted to the Commission these will be published on the Commission's website. Following this there will be a further statutory four-week period during which further written comments can be made to the commission. There will not be any further public hearings at this point.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 Council is invited to make a consultation response.

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 Appendix.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Initial consultation period, as outlined in Appendix, 11th January to 4th April 2012.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 - County Council report dated 31st January 2013.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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