

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Tuesday, 25th August, 2009

Present: Cllr M J Dobson (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Cllr N J Heslop, Cllr Miss A Moloney, Cllr A K Sullivan and Cllr D Thornewell.

Councillors Balfour and Stone were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Worrall (Chairman) and Aikman.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

**ER
09/005 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared personal interests in relation to the item on Community Governance Review 2008 on the grounds of membership of the parish/town councils indicated:

Councillor Balfour (Birling)
Councillor Miss Moloney (Snodland)
Councillor Stone (Ditton)
Councillor Thornewell (East Malling and Larkfield)

**ER
09/006 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Electoral Review Working Group held on 25 March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**ER
09/007 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2008: RESULTS OF CONSULTATION**

Further to Minute ER 09/003 the report of the Chief Executive set out details of the responses received during the public consultation on the proposals contained in the Community Governance Review of Parish Arrangements. Details of correspondence with Kings Hill Allotment and Garden Society were circulated at the meeting and the Working Group was advised that a full review of boundaries by the Boundary Committee for England would not commence before April 2011.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the submissions made regarding the consultation on the Draft Proposals, as set out at Annex 3 to the report, be noted; and
- (2) the General Purposes Committee be commended to recommend the publication and adoption of the following proposals:-

Proposal 1

Councillor representation on parish councils be altered in line with National Association of Local Council recommendations based on expected 2013 electorate, with the exception of Wouldham Parish Council (where 2008 electorate figures will be used), Snodland Town Council (where the overall membership will remain the same as present but the balance between wards will change) and Hildenborough Parish Council (where membership will be the same as at present);

Proposal 2

The parish boundary of Ditton Parish and the parish and parish ward boundary of East Malling & Larkfield Parish be moved to the southern edge of the former Frantschach site to follow the boundary with the former Reedpack site; and

Proposal 3

Recommendations be made to the Electoral Commission to alter Borough Ward and County Division boundaries to reflect the proposed changes made at a parish level.

The meeting ended at 1940 hours