

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Tuesday, 19th July, 2016

Present: Cllr N J Heslop (Chairman), Cllr M A C Balfour (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr O C Baldock and Cllr P J Montague

Councillor R V Roud was also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M A Coffin, Mrs T Dean, D Lettington and A K Sullivan

PART 2 - PRIVATE

ER 15/5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There no were declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

ER 15/6 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Electoral Review Working Group held on 6 January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

ER 15/7 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2016

Members considered the responses to the consultation concerning the Community Governance Review of the Kings Hill parish boundary, set out in the report of the Chief Executive, and determined the final proposal to be submitted for approval and publication by the General Purposes Committee.

Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review (CGR) and Draft Proposals for the public consultation, which had commenced on 7 January, had been agreed at the previous meeting of the Electoral Review Working Group. These were attached as Annexes 1 and 2 to the report respectively.

An overview of the CGR process and timetable were outlined in the report at paragraph 1.2.

The three proposals consulted upon all regarded the boundaries of Kings Hill parish:

- Proposal A1: That the parish boundary between Kings Hill and East Malling and Larkfield parishes be amended to include the area marked A1 on the map at Annex 3
- Proposal A2: That the parish boundary between Kings Hill and East Malling and Larkfield parishes be amended such that the area marked A2 on the map at Annex 3 remained within East Malling and Larkfield parish
- Proposal B: That the parish boundary between Kings Hill and Wateringbury parishes marked B on the map at Annex 3 remained within Wateringbury

A summary of the responses received during the public consultation was attached as Annex 4 with detailed responses included at Annex 5 to the report.

It was reported that there had been a very strong response to the consultation and the responses, objections and concerns received had been taken into account in producing a Final Proposal for Member consideration:

- It was proposed that the parish boundary between Kings Hill and East Malling and Larkfield parishes be amended to include the area marked A1 on the map, set out in paragraph 1.7.1, within Kings Hill.
- In producing this Final Proposal Members noted that the Draft Proposals for Area A2 and Area B had been endorsed and that no change to those areas was proposed.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the redrawing of the parish boundary such that Area A1 was transferred to Kings Hill be agreed;
- (2) the redrawing of the parish boundary such that Area A2 was not transferred to Kings Hill be agreed;
- (3) Area A3 be not transferred to Kings Hill; and
- (4) the Final Proposal set out at paragraph 1.7 of the report, and reproduced above, be agreed and presented to the General Purposes Committee for publication and adoption, such that the boundary be amended from the May 2019 elections.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm