

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

27 July 2021

### Report of the Chief Executive

#### Part 1- Public

#### For Decision

### 1 THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES BOUNDARY REVIEW

**To note the launch of the Parliamentary Constituencies Boundary review and invite Members to consider the proposals and any Council response to the consultation.**

#### 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) have launched the review of Parliamentary Constituencies across the UK to create a more equal number of electors in each constituency.

1.1.2 The review was launched in January 2021. The initial proposals were published on 8 June 2021 which started an 8-week public consultation that concludes on 2 August 2021. Members agreed at Council on 13 July, that

“The General Purposes Committee be invited to consider the proposals and delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, to thereafter submit the Council’s response to the Boundary Commission”

1.1.3 The document at **Annex 1** is the Commission’s Guide to the review.

#### 1.2 Proposals

1.2.1 The proposals and maps for the nine English regions have been published on the BCE website. The Commission is promoting use of a specifically designed consultation website as the primary tool for displaying the proposals and receiving comments on them. This is available at [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk)

1.2.2 The proposals for the Constituencies that encompass our Borough are set out at **Annex 2**.

1.2.3 Members should note that the proposals show that we will have 3 Constituencies, called County Constituencies (CC) in the consultation, covering our Borough, Chatham & Aylesford CC, Maidstone and Malling CC and Tonbridge CC.

- 1.2.4 None of the proposed constituencies are co-terminus with the Borough boundaries. In these proposals each of 3 MPs will be shared across local authority boundaries.
- 1.2.5 The proposed Chatham & Aylesford CC loses some of East Malling, Ditton and Aylesford and gains more of Rochester/Chatham.
- 1.2.6 The proposed Tonbridge CC loses some of Malling and gains New Ash Green, Hartley and part of Longfield.
- 1.2.7 The new proposed Maidstone & Malling CC incorporates the Mallings, Barming, Allington and part of Maidstone.

### **1.3 Legal Implications**

- 1.3.1 None arising from this report.

### **1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.4.1 None arising from this report.

### **1.5 Risk Assessment**

- 1.5.1 There are no risks to report to Members associated with this paper, or the draft Constituency boundaries.

### **1.6 Equality Assessment**

- 1.6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

### **1.7 Recommendations**

- 1.7.1 Members are invited to consider the proposals in order to inform a Borough Council response to the Consultation, to be submitted by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Background papers:

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Nil

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