

Electoral Review – Proposed Warding Pattern

Portfolio	Leader
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

Purpose

To consider recommendations from the Governance Working Group in relation to the Council's submission on the proposed warding pattern of the Borough as part of the current electoral review.

Introduction

1. In July 2016, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England announced that it was minded to support a reduction in Members from 40 to 34. This reduction had been recommended by the Council in its submission on Council size. The Boundary Commission has now launched its public consultation on warding patterns. The deadline for the submission of proposals is 10 October.
2. The Governance Working Group was tasked with developing the Council's submission on the warding pattern and has met on 31 August, 12 September and 27 September 2016. The notes of these meetings are available on the Intranet. Groups of ward members also held informal meetings to discuss proposals in conjoined wards.
3. The Governance Working Group has drawn up a warding pattern which it believes takes into account the objectives of the Electoral Review, achieving a balance between recognition of community links and the need to achieve, as far as possible, a balanced electorate across the wards.

Proposals

4. The Governance Working Group proposals are as set out at Annex A. Maps showing the changes described in the Annex will be available electronically on the following link
http://surreydigitalservice.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/boundaries_commission_review.html

Options

5. The Council may or may not submit proposals on the future warding pattern of the Borough.
6. In addition, the proposals at Annex A offer two options for Heatherside and Parkside Wards and the Council is invited to consider which of these proposals to include in its submission to the Boundary Commission.

Recommendation

7. The Council is advised to RESOLVE that

- (i) the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, be authorised to finalise the Council's submission on the proposed warding pattern of the Borough to the Local Government Boundary Commission of England, based on the proposals described in Annex A; and
- (ii) in respect of Heatherside and Parkside Wards, either Option 1 or Option 2 be included in the Council's submission.

Annexes	Annex A – Proposed Warding Pattern
Background Papers:	None
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