

**REPORT FROM: CORPORATE DIRECTOR**

**TO: COUNCIL**

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## **PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES REVIEW 2023**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To consider the response to the Boundary Commission for England's initial proposal for new parliamentary constituencies.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Corporate Director in consultation with Group Leaders be authorised to submit comments on behalf of the Council.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To respond to the consultation exercise and formulate the council's views on the proposal.

1. On 8<sup>th</sup> June the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) published its initial proposals for new parliamentary constituencies.
2. In carrying out this review it is bound by the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 and in particular a requirement that constituencies must have an electorate no smaller than 69,724 and no larger than 77,062. The existing Pendle constituency is outside this range.
3. BCE has approached the review on a regional basis. It has allocated the North West 73 constituencies, a reduction of two from the current number. More specifically the reduction of two will be in the Lancashire and Cumbria sub-region which will go down from 22 to 20.
4. Under the initial proposals the vast majority of the existing North West constituencies are changed in order to bring them within the legal range.
5. The initial proposal for Pendle is that the existing constituency will have added to it the Briercliffe and Lanehead wards from the existing Burnley constituency giving it an electorate of 74,732.

6. A consultation on the initial proposals is open until 2<sup>nd</sup> August. All comments will be published on BCE's website. There will then be a second round of consultation following which BCE will develop its final proposals and report them to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None arising from the report.

**Financial:** None arising from the report

**Legal:** None arising from the report

**Risk Management:** None arising from the report

**Health and Safety:** None arising from the report

**Sustainability:** None arising from the report

**Community Safety:** None arising from the report

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising from the report

**APPENDICES - None**

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - None**