

SUBMISSION TO REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the results of the Working Group appointed to formulate a view on the number of Members and determine the number of Members considered appropriate for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

2. Background

- 2.1 Further to the meeting of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee held on 6 February 2013 the Working Group of Members and Officers met on 27 February 2013 in order to consider the number of Members thought necessary to operate the business of the District Council and the Group took into account the guidance and questions issued by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The results of the Working Group have also been looked at by a Reference Group of Officers.
- 2.2 The draft working paper is attached at **APPENDIX A** and Members views are sought on the number of Members that should be put forward as an initial proposal. That initial proposal needs to be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England by 1 April 2013.
- 2.3 The Commission wish to hold various meetings to look into the proposals put forward and it has been provisionally agreed with the Commission that these meetings will take place on Tuesday 7 May 2013. There will be a meeting with the Working Group to which the two Group Leaders will be invited together with Leadership Team. At 5.00 pm on Tuesday 7 May 2013 the Commission will make a presentation to a meeting to which all Members of the Council and one Representative of each Parish Council will be invited with that presentation taking approximately half an hour. Following that presentation a question and answer session will take place so that Members can be fully aware of the process. The Annual Meeting of Council due to take place on Tuesday 7 May 2013 will commence at 6.30 pm.
- 2.4 Following the meetings the Commission will form a view on the initial proposal and the Council Meeting on 9 July 2013 will need to make a decision on what its formal proposal will be. Once submitted that formal proposal will be considered by the Commission.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the view of Members be sought on the recommended initial number of Members for the District Council to be submitted to the Boundary Commission.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications are dependent upon many factors and reference is made to that in the appendix attached.