



Special Council Meeting

15 June 2016

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Hastings Borough Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Upper Ground Floor, Aquila House, Breeds Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3UY, on Wednesday, 15th June, 2016 at 6.00 pm at which meeting the business specified below is proposed to be transacted.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Legal Officer

Aquila House
Breeds Place
Hastings

7 June 2016

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Reports of Committees
 - (a) To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of any items considered while the public were excluded by the relevant committee because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of "exempt" information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 referred to in the minutes of the relevant committee
 - (b) To receive and consider the recommendations and any decisions of the following committees: -

Minute No.	Subject	Cabinet Member / Chair
CABINET – 6 JUNE 2016		
7 (C)	Boundary Review	Cartwright

(C) – Council Decision

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Agenda Item 3

CABINET

6 JUNE 2016

Present: Councillors Chowney (Chair), Forward (until 6.49pm), Cartwright, Poole, Atkins, Davies, Fitzgerald and Lee

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

7. **BOUNDARY REVIEW**

The Sustainability Policy Officer presented the report of the Director of Corporate Services and Governance on the boundary review. The report considered a draft response to a consultation by the Local Government Commission for England (LGBCE) on the new electoral arrangements for Hastings Borough Council.

The council had responded to a first stage consultation by the LGBCE in relation to proposed changes to the warding patterns of the borough ward boundaries. The LGBCE had now published its draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Hastings Borough Council and East Sussex County Council, and the other districts and boroughs throughout East Sussex. The draft recommendations were subject to a public consultation until 16 June 2016.

It was noted that the LGBCE's draft recommendations in the main reflected the proposals for warding patterns previously submitted by Hastings Borough Council.

Cabinet thanked all members and officers who had contributed to the review process.

Councillor Cartwright proposed approval of the recommendations to the Director of Corporate Services and Governance's report, which was seconded by Councillor Lee.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that Council recommend that the following response be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's consultation on the new electoral arrangements "Hastings Borough Council (HBC) welcomes the publication of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's draft recommendations in respect of Hastings Borough Councils' (HBC) electoral arrangements which, in the main reflect the submitted HBC proposals and accepts the suggested amendments to the warding pattern proposals in respect of the Borough"

The reason for this decision was:

The LGBCE draft recommendations largely reflect the proposals that the council submitted to the LGBCE in November 2015.

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