

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.