

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 27th September 2016

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

1 Purpose of Report

To advise the Council of the commencement of the Parliamentary Boundary Review being undertaken by the Boundary Commission for England (BCE).

2 Recommendation

The Council is requested to Resolve:

- (a) That the commencement of the BCE's review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries be noted.
- (b) That a cross party working group comprising the Leader and four other members (3 Labour Group members and 1 Conservative Group member) together with relevant officers be established to consider and make recommendations to the Council meeting on 29th November 2016 on the BCE's initial proposals.

3 Other Implications

(a) Financial

There are no financial or risk management implications as the report is administrative in nature.

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications associated with this report.

4 Supporting Information

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

- 4.1 The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) published initial proposals for new constituency boundaries in England on Tuesday 13th September 2016. This publication marks the start of a 12 week period of consultation on the BCE's initial proposals ending on Monday 5th December 2016.

4.2 The BCE's proposals are available on the Commission's website and the Commission has an interactive consultation website at www.bce2018.org.uk . The initial proposals for the Berkshire Sub Region are set out at Appendix A. The review concludes in 2018 and the timeline for the Review is set out below.

TIMELINE FOR THE REVIEW

4.3 The review will take place over approximately two and a half years, with final recommendations submitted to Parliament in September 2018.

- Initial proposals for new boundaries on 13 September 2016, which began twelve weeks of public consultation, including holding public hearings in each region of England.
- All feedback from the initial consultation will then be published in early 2017, followed by a four week consultation period during which the public are invited to comment on that feedback.
- The Commission will then review all comments from the initial and secondary consultation to revise the proposed boundaries. In late 2017/early 2018.
- There will be a third period of consultation lasting eight weeks, where the public will be invited to comment on the revised proposals.
- After looking at whether any more changes need to be made, in September 2018 the Commission will make final recommendations in a report published and presented to the Parliament.

4.4 It is proposed that a cross party working group comprising the Leader and four other members (three labour Group members and one Conservative Group member) with relevant officers be established to consider and make recommendations to the Council on the BCE's initial proposals for Slough Constituency.

5 Appendices

A - Parliamentary Boundary Review – Initial Proposals for the South East

6 Background Papers

None.