

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE	23 rd March 2022
REPORT OF	Rob Walsh - Chief Executive and Returning Officer
SUBJECT	Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Third and Final Consultation Stage
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The Council has two clear strategic priorities – Stronger Economy and Stronger Communities. Within that second priority, the proposed changes to the Parliamentary constituencies will have an impact on local democracy within North East Lincolnshire.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Boundary Commission for England has commenced the third and final consultation stage on the future arrangements for Parliamentary Constituencies across the country, including North East Lincolnshire.

For North East Lincolnshire, the proposals in the first consultation stage were that there should be a Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Borough Constituency and South Humber County Constituency in place of the current arrangements (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes). These arrangements were unchanged in the second consultation stage.

During the first and second consultation stages, Council responded to state “That this Council supports the Boundary Commission for England’s proposed amendments to Parliamentary constituency boundaries as they affect North East Lincolnshire, i.e., the proposed new Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Borough Constituency and the South Humber County Constituency, though we wish to see the latter renamed the Northern Lincolnshire County Constituency”.

As part of consultation stage three, the Boundary Commission for England has proposed renaming the South Humber County Constituency as “Brigg and Immingham County Constituency”. The make-up of both constituencies, in terms of Wards and electors, remains unchanged from the original proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Licensing and Community Protection Committee is asked to consider the representations received by the Boundary Commission for England during the third consultation stage and make a recommendation to Council on any response (if any) the authority would like to make about those representations.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To ensure that Elected Members have the opportunity to comment on the representations received during the third consultation stage.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 On 8th June 2021, the Boundary Commission for England issued proposals to amend the Parliamentary Boundaries for Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Constituencies respectively. Details of the proposed changes are set out in the report.

Boundary Commission for England

- 1.2 The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

The 2023 Review

- 1.3 The BCE has the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all of the Parliamentary constituencies in England. This is principally so that constituencies are altered occasionally to take account of changes in population. Changes are also made to reflect local government boundary changes, so that administrative boundaries coincide as much as possible. The last full review was started in 2000 and completed in 2007; noting that two subsequent reviews aimed at reducing the number of MPs from 650 down to 600 were not adopted by Parliament.
- 1.4 The BCE is currently conducting a review on the basis of rules set by Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020. These rules state that the BCE should retain the overall number of Constituencies across the UK at 650. However, each constituency must have an electorate that is no smaller than 69,724 and no larger than 77,062. By law, the electorate figures used are those that were calculated for each Ward on 2 March 2020.
- 1.5 The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 has also altered the timings of future reviews following the completion of the 2023 Review. These must now be completed every eight years after that date.

Timetable for Boundary Commission Review

- 1.6 The BCE will make its final proposals in July 2023, and these will come into effect for any future Parliamentary elections after this date.
- 1.7 The timetable for the key stages of the Boundary Commission review is as follows:

Stage One	Development of initial proposals by the BCE	Started January 2021
Stage Two	8-week consultation on initial proposals.	8 June to 2 August 2021
Stage Three	6-week consultation on representations received • BCE are required to publish all responses received on the initial proposals and BCE comments. Plus 2 to 5 public hearings per region.	Early 2022
Stage Four	Development and publication of revised proposals, incorporating: • Analysis from 1st and 2nd representations made • Publication of revised proposals if change mind as a result of feedback • 4-week consultation period on the revisions made	8 th November to 5 th December 2022
Stage Five	Development and publication of the final report and recommendations: • All evidence received to be considered • Report will be published to Government to present to Speaker of the House of Commons	By 1 July 2023

Proposed Changes for North East Lincolnshire

- 1.8 Yorkshire and Humber has been allocated 54 Parliamentary constituencies – unchanged from the current number. The BCE’s proposals leave only 2 of the 54 current constituencies unchanged.
- 1.9 As it is not always possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual councils, the BCE has grouped some county and council areas into sub-regions. North East Lincolnshire has been included as part of the Yorkshire and Humber sub-region.
- 1.10 Both of the current constituencies in North East Lincolnshire have been significantly changed under the new proposals, as well as the names of both constituencies.
- 1.11 The current Parliamentary constituencies consist of the following Wards (electorate on 2 March 2020):-
- Great Grimsby:
- East Marsh – 6,369
 - Freshney – 7,210
 - Heneage – 8,013
 - Park – 8,967
 - Scartho – 8,929
 - South – 8,315
 - West Marsh – 4,661

- Yarborough – 8,444

Total = 60,908

Cleethorpes:

- Croft Baker – 8,660
- Haverstoe – 8,195
- Humberston and New Waltham – 9,471
- Immingham – 8,771
- Sidney Sussex – 8,216
- Waltham – 5,683
- Wolds – 6,092
- Barton – 9,367 (North Lincs)
- Ferry – 8,975 (North Lincs)

Total = 73,430 electors

1.12 Under the third stage (revised proposals), two new constituencies are proposed as follows:-

Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Borough Constituency:

- Croft Baker – 8,660
- East Marsh – 6,369
- Freshney – 7,210
- Haverstoe – 8,195
- Heneage – 8,013
- Park – 8,967
- Sidney Sussex – 8,216
- South – 8,315
- West Marsh – 4,661
- Yarborough – 8,444

Total = 77,050 electors

Brigg and Immingham County Constituency (now renamed from South Humber County Constituency in first consultation stage) :

- Humberston and New Waltham – 9,471
- Immingham – 8,771
- Scartho – 8,929
- Waltham – 5,683
- Wolds – 6,092
- Barton – 9,367 (North Lincs)
- Brigg and Wolds – 9,152 (North Lincs)
- Broughton and Appleby – 5,188 (North Lincs)
- Ferry – 8,975 (North Lincs)

Total = 71,628 electors

Phase 3 - Consultation Period

- 1.13 Between 8th November and 5th December 2022, the Boundary Commission for England is seeking representations on the proposed changes to the Parliamentary boundaries as set out above. The reason for the suggested name change is due to feedback received in stage two of the consultation period.
- 1.14 As part of its stage 3 consultation period, the Boundary Commission is now seeking views on the revised proposals. The deadlines for responses to stage 3 of the consultation process is 5th December 2022.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 There are no direct risks or opportunities associated with this report.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 The Council can choose whether or not to make a response on the representations received by the Boundary Commission for England.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 If the Council chooses not to respond to this consultation document, then it cannot influence the proposed future changes to the Parliamentary Constituencies within North East Lincolnshire.
- 4.2 The public are able to access information online (see section 13 below) or view the proposals at the Grimsby Town Hall.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no implications for children and young people arising from this report.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

- 8.1 No consultation has been undertaken with Scrutiny as, under the Constitution, the Licensing and Community Protection Committee is asked to make a recommendation to Council.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no direct financial implications that will arise from this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising. The above report adequately reflects the parameters and relevant guidance available for the proposals outlined.

10.2 Recommendations will be presented to a Special Full Council meeting on 1st December 2022.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The proposals contained within the consultation document will affect all Wards.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in Yorkshire and the Humber – Published by Boundary Commission for England <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-06-08-Initial-Proposals-Yorkshire-and-the-Humber-Region.pdf>

13.2 Report to Council – 29th July 2022 [Council | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

13.3 Boundary Commission – Views on Consultation Feedback (Stage 2): [Secondary consultation now open: Have your say on our constituency boundary proposals | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](#)

13.4. Report to Council – 17th March 2022 [Council | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

13.5 Boundary Commission – Revised Proposals (Stage 3): [2023 Review | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](#)

13.6 Boundary Commission – Proposals for NEL (page 19 onwards) : [Revised proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the Yorkshire and the Humber region \(independent.gov.uk\)](#)

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