

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES - REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRAMME AREA RESPONSIBILITY: CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE

CABINET

9TH OCTOBER, 2003

Wards Affected

County wide

Purpose

To receive the revised recommendations of the Boundary Commission for England in respect of the parliamentary constituencies within Herefordshire, and to consider whether to make representations on those recommendations.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Recommendation

That Cabinet considers if it wishes to make representations on the revised recommendations of the Commission and, if so, any such representations should state whether it approves of, or objects to, the revised recommendations and give any reasons for approval or objection.

Reasons

The Cabinet are requested to consider if it wishes to make representations on the revised recommendations of the Commission.

Considerations

1. The Boundary Commission for England, having considered the report produced by its Assistant Commissioner, Mr. John Appleby, following the local inquiry held in Hereford on 24 February 2003, has decided to revise its provisional recommendations for the two parliamentary constituencies in Herefordshire.
2. The Commission are recommending that the wards comprising the two revised constituencies will be: (2000 electorates in brackets)

HEREFORD AND SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (69,632).

18 wards of the County and District of Herefordshire: - Aylestone, Belmont, Central, Golden Valley North, Golden Valley South, Hollington, Kerne Bridge, Llangarron, Penyard, Pontrilas, Ross-on-Wye East, Ross-on-Wye West, St Martins and Hinton, St Nicholas, Stoney Street, Three Elms, Tupsley, Valletts.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Stephen Oram, Public Services Manager on 01432 260110

NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (63,418).

22 wards of the County and District of Herefordshire: - Backbury, Bircher, Bringsty, Bromyard, Burghill, Holmer and Lyde, Castle, Credenhill, Frome, Golden Cross with Weobley, Hagley, Hampton Court, Hope End, Kington Town, Ledbury, Leominster North, Leominster South, Mortimer, Old Gore, Pembridge and Lyonshall with Titley, Sutton Walls, Upton, Wormsley Ridge.

3. The Cabinet is advised that the result of the revised recommendations are:
 - (a) the two parliamentary constituencies have been renamed;
 - (b) the external parliamentary constituency boundaries are now contiguous with the County boundary;
 - (c) the Golden Valley North and South Wards will now remain in the southern constituency;
 - (d) Backbury and Old Gore Wards will now all be wholly in the northern constituency.
4. The closing date for receipt of recommendations on the Commission's revised recommendations is 31st October, 2003. Previously the Cabinet had determined that it would not make any representations in relation to the Commission's provisional recommendations. The Commission is not statutorily required to hold second inquiries into representations about its revised recommendations.

Risk Management

No major issues identified.

Consultees

Not applicable.

Background Papers

None identified.