

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 25th November, 2015

Present:- The Mayor. Councillor Sandra Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Allport, Astle, Bailey, Beech, Braithwaite, Burgess, Cooper, Cooper, Dymond, Eagles, Eastwood, Fear, Frankish, Hailstones, Hailstones, Hambleton, Harper, Heesom, Holland, Huckfield, Johnson, Johnson, Kearon, Loades, Mancey, Matthews, Naylon, Northcott, Owen, Parker, Peers, Pickup, Plant, Proctor, Reddish, Robinson, Rout, Shenton, Simpson, Snell, Stringer, Stubbs, Sweeney, Tagg, J Tagg, Turner, Walklate, Waring, Welsh, Wemyss, White, Wilkes, Williams, Williams, Winfield and Woolley

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bates, Cllr Wallace and Cllr Wing.

2. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ELECTORAL CYCLE**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report requesting members to consider changing the current electoral cycle from elections by thirds to whole Council Elections.

The Council Leader and Conservative Group Leader expressed their thanks to the Governance Committee Working Group and stated their support for the recommendations. The Liberal Democrat Leader expressed a preference to remain in an cycle of elections by thirds.

A vote was taken on the recommendations as printed in the report:

In favour - 48

Against - 4

Abstentions - 3

Resolved:

- (a) That the Council move to whole borough elections once every four years.
- (b) That the move to whole borough elections be timed to coincide with the implementation of an electoral review undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)

THE MAYOR. COUNCILLOR SANDRA HAMBLETON
Chair