

Revised Parliamentary Constituency Proposals October 2012

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Portfolio: All

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose

To inform Members of the revised Parliamentary Constituency proposals for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.

Recommendations

That the report be received and the views of the Council sought.

1. **Background**

The Boundary Commission are currently conducting a boundary review on the basis of the new rules laid down by Parliament. These rules involve a reduction in the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 502, resulting in the number of constituencies in the Westlands reducing by five, to 54. The rules also require that every constituency apart from 2 specified exception must have an electorate that is no smaller than 72,810 and no larger than 80,473.

The Boundary Commission published its initial proposals in September 2012 and carried out two consultation exercises, attached to this report are the revised proposals for Newcastle under Lyme and West Staffordshire.

2. **Proposal**

The views of Council are sought.

3. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

Not applicable.

4. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

Not applicable.

5. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

The Council is empowered to act as a consultee in this matter.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

Parliament carries out appropriate impact assessments on legislation. It is open to Members to raise any particular issues in the debate.

7. **Financial and Resource Implications**

All costs relating to this matter are met out of existing budgets.

8. **Major Risks**

Not applicable.

9. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

Full Council 16 October 2011

Full Council on 22 November 2011

10. **List of Appendices**

Appendix A: Map of proposed constituency for Newcastle under Lyme

Appendix B: Map of proposed constituency for West Staffordshire

Appendix C: Extract of Boundary Commission Report relating to Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent

Appendix D: Revised proposals for constituencies, including wards and electorates.