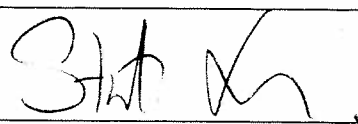


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Report for:	Corporate Committee	Item Number:	
Title:	Parliamentary Boundary Commission Review – revised proposals		
Report Authorised by:	Assistant Chief Executive		
Lead Officer:	George Cooper		
Ward(s) affected:	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:		
All	Non-key		

1. Consultation on Revised proposals for Parliamentary Boundaries from the Independent Commission

The Parliamentary Boundary Commission has issued revised proposals for such Boundaries and is asking for any views thereon by 10th December 2013. The proposals, including maps and supporting information, are on deposit at the elections office, Civic Centre Wood Green and also on the Commission website www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk.

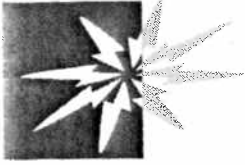
There is also a link to this site from the elections page of "harinet."

2. Cabinet Member introduction

NA

3. Recommendations

To note the administrative changes resulting from the Boundary Revision proposals.



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4. Other options considered

NA

5. Background information

One year ago the Parliamentary Boundary Commission produced proposals for new Parliamentary Boundaries based on the requirements of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies (PVSC) Act 2011 which essentially affected two wards of the Borough, and necessitated shared arrangements with two other Boroughs.

I reported at that time that the Commission must, under the terms of that Act, meet a constraint such that no constituency could depart from more or less than 5% of a set electoral figure (76,641) and that to meet this constraint everywhere meant that even constituencies which in isolation appeared to comply might still be affected.

Public Response to the initial proposals has led to a series of revisions around the country and the revised proposals are markedly different in respect of Haringey.

Briefly, the new proposals envisage four shared arrangements (which are unusual) involving:

A Hornsey and Wood Green Constituency which cedes Fortis Green to a Barnet constituency and gains Hillside Ward from an Islington constituency;

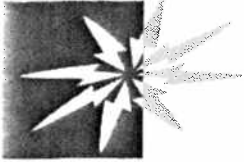
An Edmonton and Tottenham Hale Constituency made up of five Enfield wards and four from Haringey (White Hart Lane, Northumberland Park, Tottenham Hale and Bruce Grove); (to be lead administratively by Enfield)

A Stamford Hill and South Tottenham Constituency made up of five wards of Hackney and five from Haringey (West Green, Harringay, St Ann's, Tottenham Green, and Seven Sisters) ;(to be lead administratively by Haringey)

The PVSC Act effectively sets a target for implementing any new Boundaries of 2015, in line with the date for the next General Election as defined by the Fixed-term Parliament Act, but Parliament must still separately approve the specifics of the Boundaries set out and this vote will be set for late in 2013.

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

There is an obvious extra cost of needing to deal with four other Boroughs where currently no such arrangements exist, but parliamentary elections are mainly paid for by the Cabinet Office.



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7. Head of Legal Services and legal implications

NA

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

NA

9. Head of Procurement Comments

NA

10. Policy Implication

Whilst Haringey would continue to furnish a returning officer to lead two of the “new” constituencies, in terms of overall representation and consultation, the Borough would be served by three Members of Parliament.

11. Use of Appendices

Maps of the three proposed “new” constituencies.

12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England Revised London Proposals October 2012.

