

Report of the Executive Director

REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES1. Purpose of Report

To inform the Committee on the progress of the review of parliamentary constituency boundaries being carried out by the Boundary Commission for England (BCE).

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

1. **NOTE the proposals for the Broxtowe Constituency.**
2. **CONSIDER the suggested representation detailed below regarding the proposed boundary between the Broxtowe and Nottingham North and Kimberley Constituencies along the Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell ward boundary.**

3. Detail

The BCE has published its revised proposals for parliamentary constituencies. There is now a third and final four-week consultation ending on 5 December 2022. This is the last opportunity for the public to have a say on the new proposed constituencies.

For Broxtowe, the initial proposals remain unchanged. However, since the proposals were first put out for consultation, the Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell ward boundary has been revised to align with the new Awsworth Parish boundary. This is also the parliamentary boundary with the proposed Nottingham North and Kimberley Constituency. A map showing the new ward boundary and the proposed constituency is shown in the appendix. This will mean, if the proposals go ahead as published, that there will be some electors in Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell ward who will be in the Nottingham North and Kimberley Constituency, rather than Broxtowe.

The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 required the review to be carried out on ward boundaries in place in 2020. Any changes to boundaries since that date may not be considered by the BCE. It is recommended, however, that as only 18 electors are affected by the boundary change, a representation is submitted requesting that the parliamentary boundary is changed to align with the new Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell Borough ward boundary to avoid confusion for voters and to avoid any potential errors with splitting the register for the parts of Kimberley and Nuthall East and Strelley wards which have been taken into Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell.

4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 requires a review of parliamentary boundaries to be undertaken to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no comments from the Human Resources Manager.

7. Union Comments

There are no Union comments.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

There are no Data Protection issues arising from the report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equality issues arising from this report.

10. Background Papers

None.

