



Report to: Council, 22nd February 2022

Report of: Chair of Policy and Resources Committee

Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE, 8TH FEBRUARY 2022 – THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND: ELECTORAL REVIEW - COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Council agrees the Council Size Submission set out in Appendix 1 and authorises the Corporate Director - Planning and Governance to submit this document to the Boundary Commission for England alongside a confirmatory statement that the Council's current number of councillors (35) is its preferred number.

2. Background

2.1 At the meeting on 8th February 2022, the Policy and Resources Committee considered a report on the draft Council Size Submission, setting out the Council's opinion of how many councillors it should have. Once agreed by the Council, this will be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission ("the Commission") for England as part of the Commission's review.

2.2 The full Committee report and the draft Council Size Submission are attached as **Appendix 1**.

2.3 The Committee expressed support for the draft Submission and no amendments were proposed. Members of the Committee expressed the view that the current number of councillors (35) works well for the Council and should be considered the preferred number.

2.4 The decision on number of councillors will be made by the Commission. It will take into account the Council's Submission as well as other material which it has asked the Council to provide. It will also take into account the Council's electoral cycle.

3. Implications

3.1 See attached report.

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Background Papers: None