

To all Members of the

## **ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

Notice is given that a Meeting of the above Committee  
is to be held as follows:

**VENUE** 008 - Civic Office Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU  
**DATE:** Tuesday, 21st November, 2017  
**TIME:** 10.00 am

#### **Items for Discussion:**

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1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest, if any.
4. Minutes of the Elections and Democratic Structures Committee Meeting held on 11th July, 2017. 1 - 4
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**Jo Miller**  
**Chief Executive**

Issued on: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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**MEMBERS OF THE ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES  
COMMITTEE (11)**

**Chair** – Councillor Phil Cole

**Vice-Chair** – Councillor Nick Allen

Councillor Sean Gibbons	Councillor Jane Nightingale
Councillor Pat Haith	Councillor Tina Reid
Councillor David Hughes	Councillor Kevin Rodgers
Councillor Majid Khan	Councillor Sue Wilkinson
Councillor Sue McGuinness	

# Agenda Item 4.

## DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 2017

A MEETING of the ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE was held in Room 007A - CIVIC OFFICE on TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 2017, at 10.00 a.m.

#### PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Phil Cole  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Nick Allen

Councillors Pat Haith, David Hughes, Majid Khan, Jane Nightingale, Tina Reid, Kevin Rodgers and Sue Wilkinson.

#### APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sean Gibbons and Sue McGuinness.

#### 1 PERSONAL REFERENCE

In opening the meeting, the Chair stated that he wished to place on record his thanks to all of the former Members of the Committee for the contributions they had made to the work of the Committee, namely former Councillor James Hart and Councillors John McHale and Charlie Hogarth. The Chair also welcomed Councillors David Hughes, Sue McGuinness (who had submitted apologies for this meeting) and Tina Reid as new Members of the Committee.

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

There were no declarations reported at the meeting.

#### 3 MINUTES OF THE ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Elections and Democratic Structures Committee held on 21st March, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 4 RESULTS OF THE COMBINED LOCAL AND MAYORAL ELECTIONS AND THE UK PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION

The Committee considered a report which gave details of the results of the combined all-out Local Government and Mayoral Elections held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and the UK Parliamentary General Election held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The Electoral Services Manager introduced the report by confirming that this was the first time that all-out Council Elections and the Mayoral Election had been held together and this would be the pattern going forward from this point on. She then summarised the salient points in relation to the outcomes of each election, including

the number of electors who had cast their votes on polling day, the number of electors who had voted by post, the number of postal vote packs rejected due to the personal identifiers not matching, and the total turnout in percentages. Detailed summaries of the results of the Local, Mayoral and General Elections were provided in the appendices to the report. In referring to the use of counting sheets at the counts, the Electoral Services Manager advised that further information, including copies of the spreadsheets used at the counts, could be provided to Members upon request.

During subsequent discussion, the Officers answered questions and Members made comments/observations on a range of issues including the following:-

- In response to a question by Councillor David Hughes, the Officers clarified the methods used for deciding whether to accept or reject postal votes where the personal identifiers did not appear to match. With regard to rejected postal votes, the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed that all of the affected individuals would be written to and informed of the error/discrepancy which had led to their postal vote being rejected, and they would be able to come and inspect the papers if they so wished.
- The Officers explained that if a voter returned their postal vote papers in a plain envelope instead of the official envelope provided in the postal vote pack, this would still be picked up and processed in the same way as all the other postal votes.
- Arising from discussion on the increasing use of social media, the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services advised that any complaints received in relation to the content of election campaign literature circulated by candidates or comments/posts made on social media were passed to the election single point of contact (SPOC) Police Officer and the Electoral Commission.
- Members acknowledged the significant amount of work that had been caused for the Elections Team by the increase in registration, postal vote and proxy applications in the run up to the General Election, including a substantial number of duplicate registrations received from electors re-registering when they were already registered. It was noted that the elections team had to carry out the time consuming task of manually checking the duplicate registrations, and this problem would persist until electors were able to go online themselves in order to check whether they were already registered or not. It was also noted that the Elections Team had tried to get the message out to people via the Council's website and social media that they did not need to re-register for the General Election if they were already registered and had recently voted in the Local Elections.
- Councillor David Hughes queried whether the Elections Team liaised with the staff working in the polling stations as to any issues or problems at the venues, as he was aware that the staff working at the polling station in Highfields Community Centre had complained of being cold. In response, the Electoral Services Manager explained that Presiding Officers were issued with log books enabling them to report back on any issues with the polling stations, and the Inspectors also noted down any problems. The Elections Team also carried out regular checks to ensure that premises used as polling stations were

adequate and fit for purpose. It was noted that portable heaters could be provided for use at polling stations where there was inadequate heating.

- Arising from a query by the Chair as to whether a person was eligible to vote if they were registered at a property but did not reside there, such as a landlord of a property, the Electoral Services Manager explained that situations such as this would normally be picked up when the annual canvass was carried out. The Elections Team also liaised with other relevant teams within the Council, such as colleagues in Council Tax.
- Members acknowledged that there had been some confusion evident amongst voters in the General Election, with some people asking why the names of the Party Leaders, i.e. Jeremy Corbyn and Prime Minister Theresa May, were not shown on the ballot papers.
- With regard to forthcoming by-elections, it was reported that due to a recent vacancy arising at Thorne Mooreds Town Council, a by-election was to be held on Thursday 13 July 2017. It was noted that 3 candidates were standing and the count would take place on Friday 14 July at the Civic Office. A further vacancy at Hatfield Town Council had arisen, but with only one nomination being received, the election was uncontested and the candidate was, therefore, automatically elected.

After the Chair had, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Trina Barber and the Elections Team, together with all the staff who had worked on the various elections recently, for their hard work and efforts in ensuring that the elections and subsequent counts had all run smoothly and efficiently, it was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

**To the Chair and Members of the  
ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

**DONCASTER DEVOLUTION COMMUNITY POLL**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report provides an update to Members on the 'Community Poll' taking place to seek the views of the Doncaster Electorate about the next stages in Devolution proposals.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Committee is asked to review the report for information only.

**BACKGROUND AND CURRENT CONTEXT**

4. In 2015 the then Chancellor George Osborne announced plans for Regional Devolution based around English cities, which would get elected mayors and local powers devolved from Westminster. At the time, the Government stated deals must be based around City Regions and single combined authorities.
5. There is widespread support amongst the authorities and businesses in South Yorkshire for devolution in our region to progress. In line with the requirements of the time, Sheffield City Region developed a devolution proposal based around the existing Combined Authority that proposed powers and funding be devolved to the region, with both Bassetlaw and Chesterfield, which were Associate Members, planning to become full SCR members. At the time there were no other devolution proposals for the Borough to consider.
6. However, since the SCR devolution deal was developed a number of significant developments have occurred which means the Council has a duty to ensure that the devolution option chosen is in the best long-term interests of the Borough. In order to do this Doncaster Council has made clear its intention to explore the wider Yorkshire Devolution deal which has the support of many of the Councils across Yorkshire. A wider Yorkshire Devolution deal has attracted support from a number of representative bodies including the CBI, the Institute of Directors, Doncaster businesses (with 70% of businesses surveyed by the Doncaster Chamber of Commerce backing some form of devolution at a Yorkshire level), Trade Unions and local MP's. This position was also backed unanimously at a

Doncaster Council member's seminar that took place in the Council Chamber in August 2017.

7. Support for a wider Yorkshire deal is not unanimous however with a number of organisations maintaining their support for the Sheffield City Region devolution deal over other options, including Sheffield City Council, Rotherham Council, the Sheffield City Region LEP Board, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce.
8. As things currently stand on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 an election will be held across the four South Yorkshire Councils to elect a Mayor for the Sheffield City Region. However the Mayor will have neither functions nor powers except the right to vote at meetings of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. The cost of the proposed election is estimated at £2,000,000. In the absence of the agreement of the Secretary of State that election will not be postponed or cancelled.

## **A COMMUNITY POLL FOR DONCASTER**

9. The significant economic potential of a wider Yorkshire devolution deal allied to the strong local, regional and national support for the concept means that the option of regional devolution cannot be easily dismissed or ignored. Therefore a sensible course of action on such an important issue is to seek the views of the Doncaster electorate.
10. At an extraordinary Council meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 it was agreed that Doncaster Council will hold a community poll to seek the views of Doncaster's electorate and ask the question:

***I would prefer Doncaster MBC to pursue a Devolution proposal with:-***

***(a ) a wider Yorkshire***

***(b) Sheffield City Region***

11. The poll will be held on the basis of 100% postal votes, supported by the electoral specialists Electoral Reform Services (ERS). Utilising ERS techniques and bulk-buying Royal Mail discounts, this will enable the poll to be conducted at the most economic rate. ERS have significant experience in this field and carried out a similar exercise for Durham City Council in 2016. ERS' forms are similar to the Household Enquiry Forms which are used by this Council as part of its Elections canvass and thus are familiar to the electorate. Information on devolution and a postal vote return form would be sent to each person on the Electoral Roll. The background information would ensure that the electorate understands the issue on which their views are sought and the forms also allow for a secure on-line return if that is the Elector's preference. This method offers significant savings to the Council over a postal vote return and offers the best opportunity for the electorate to respond.
12. Legislation allows Councils to carry out Community Polls to test the opinion of their population on the provision of Council Services. There is no obligation to do this and the results of any poll are not binding but it is considered important to understand the views of the local electorate on such a key matter affecting Council services and the future of our borough.



13. The full Council report can be found on the Council's web page at:

<http://doncaster.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=2778&x=1>

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

14. Section 116 of the Local Government Act 2003.

The law allows for a Community Poll to be held in these circumstances in order to gauge the views of the electorate. It is a matter for the Council to determine the timings and best methods of carrying out the poll, which would include a 100% postal return. It is permissible to utilise the Electoral Register for the purposes of conducting the Community poll. It should be noted that the results of the poll are not legally binding but the Council may take them into account as indicative of the views of the electorate.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. The cost of the community poll has been estimated to be circa £120,000 this will be funded from the councils' earmarked reserves. Reserves are reviewed on a quarterly basis and reported to cabinet. The review for quarter 2 has established that funds are available to meet this cost.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16. Council Report – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

**To the Chair and Members of the  
ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL CANVASS UPDATE**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report provides an update to Members on a number of key work streams being undertaken by the Electoral Services Team in relation to the Register of Electors Annual Canvass.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Committee is asked to approve the report and make any additional comments in relation to the contents.

**2017 Annual Canvass – present 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

4. The annual canvass commenced in August 2017, at that point there were 137,706 properties in Doncaster and an electorate of 225,595. We received 79,144 (57.51%) responses to the initial Household Enquiry Form (HEF) without any prompting. Those responses came via the internet, post, text or telephone. A total of 58,562 HEF reminders were issued in September then a further 37,344 2<sup>nd</sup> stage reminders were issued in October. During September to November canvassers were out door knocking the remaining outstanding non-responding properties. To date we have received a total of 107,678 (78.20%) responses. However, canvassing is still ongoing to encourage response and registration.
5. Throughout the canvass 13,073 'Invitation to Register' (ITR) forms for new applicants have been issued, these include any electors who may have moved. There are also 7,712 electors who we are currently investigating to ensure they should be removed from the register and 1,305 electors that are either with Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) awaiting verification or which we are trying to obtain further information for, in order to get them on the electoral register.
6. We will be doing what we can to encourage all of the above to turn into actual verified electors by doing a telephone canvass and personal visits to any non-responding HEF and ITR forms and processing the information instantly and sending it to DWP for verification. Any queries returned from DWP will be investigated quickly to try and turn them to a verified elector.

7. A full breakdown by return method in comparison to 2015 and 2016 can be found at appendix A of this report.
8. To help increase the response to the annual canvass and increase the number of electors on the register Electoral Services are currently being proactive by:

#### **Telephone Canvassing**

Due to the success of last year we are undertaking a Telephone Canvass alongside the door knock canvass. This enables us to contact those hard to reach areas/electors. We are now focussing on an ITR canvass to chase up the non-responding electors to try and obtain the information there and then over the phone; we also have a dedicated phone line for electors to call us back with their information should they not have it to hand.

#### **Care Homes & HMO's**

We have dedicated Canvass Team Leaders which are canvassing every care home and housing with multiple occupancies (HMO) within the borough by arranging an appointment with the Care Manager and/or Building Manager to build up a close working relationship to ensure we are kept up to date on the frequent residential changes.

#### **Targeting hard to reach/unapproachable areas**

Where necessary extra support and time has been given to selective areas such as foreign nationals that may not understand how to complete the form. SLHD have provided access to high rise flats and buildings. We have also targeted hard to reach areas by telephone.

#### **School/Colleges**

We are campaigning within Schools and Colleges through their social media links by providing schools with adverts and information to put on their social media to try and increase the number of attainers ready for when they reach voting age. We currently have approx. 2,355 on the register.

#### **Social Media**

Social media updates are sent out via facebook and twitter through 'My Doncaster' pages to provide information to Doncaster residents from the Electoral Commission and Cabinet Office and encouraging them to respond to the HEF and register online.

9. The work undertaken during the annual canvass will contribute to the annual Electoral Register that will be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. There are comprehensive statutory provisions covering the delivery of electoral registration activity.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. Cabinet Office are continuing to supply funding for electoral registration activity.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Previous Elections and Democratic Structures Committee reports

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## Appendix A

### HEF return breakdown by method in comparison to 2015 and 2016

Date	Total Properties	Total Retn	Total% Retn Rate	Outstanding Forms	Retns by Post	Phone	Web	SMS	Changes	ERS Retn Total	% ERS	2016 total returns	2016 total % return rate	2015 total returns	2015 total % return rate
14-Aug	137706	37,138	26.99%	100,485	10,783	7,636	9,755	8,932	3,037	26,323	19.11%				
21-Aug	137705	63,950	46.47%	73,672	33,018	8,787	11,682	10,342	9,262	30,811	22.37%	41,785	31.00%		
29-Aug	137717	72,156	52.43%	65,465	38,503	9,372	13,008	11,131	10,719	33,654	24.35%	52,035	38.35%	50,609	37.49%
4-Sep	137720	79,144	57.51%	58,473	43,575	9,739	13,956	11,683	13,291	35,378	25.68%	69,902	51.55%	52,273	38.70%
11-Sep	137770	81,490	59.17%	56,229	45,014	9,934	14,375	11,963	13,975	36,272	26.32%	71,852	52.98%	58,109	43.03%
18-Sep	137772	85,192	61.86%	52,525	45,275	10,649	15,804	13,256	14,566	39,918	28.97%	77,571	57.19%	59,378	43.97%
25-Sep	137774	91,366	66.34%	46,350	48,590	11,158	17,112	14,205	16,355	42,475	30.82%	90,206	66.50%		
2-Oct	137775	96,496	70.07%	41,220	52,747	11,297	17,591	14,469	18,311	43,357	31.46%	94,176	69.45%		
9-Oct	137776	98,734	71.69%	38,984	54,379	11,394	17,886	14,627	19,109	44,356	32.19%	95,658	70.54%		
16-Oct	137779	100,374	72.88%	37,344	55,501	11,472	18,164	14,760	19,701	44,396	32.22%	99,017	73.02%		
23-Oct	137814	101,149	73.45%	36,570	55,895	11,525	18,369	14,870	20,019	44,764	32.48%	99,952	73.71%	83,018	61.45%
30-Oct	137813	102,039	74.09%	35,679	56,455	11,562	18,541	14,982	20,371	45,585	33.08%	103,806	76.55%	84,220	62.37%
6-Nov	137823	103,789	75.36%	33,929	57,497	11,641	18,911	15,226	20,779	45,778	33.21%	105,194	77.58%	85,745	63.50%
13-Nov	137810	107,678	78.20%	30,020	60,482	11,774	19,382	15,495	21,864	46,651	33.85%	106,152	78.29%	88,748	65.72%
20-Nov												109,621	80.83%		
27-Nov												112,364	82.87%	96,659	71.58%
30-Nov															

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

## **To the Chair and Members of the ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

### **ELECTIONS/BY-ELECTIONS UPDATE**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report provides an update to Members on recent Elections that have taken place since the last meeting.

- Thorne Moorends Town Council – Thorne Town Ward – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. The Committee is asked to note the report and make any additional comments in relation to the contents.

#### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

3. Having accessible and well organised elections is key to public engagement in the democratic process. Elections are the cornerstone of our democratic process and are important to all of our residents. Elections give the electorate the opportunity to hold politicians to account and shape the future direction of national and local government.

#### **BACKGROUND**

4. The Terms of Reference of this Committee provide an overview of Electoral Services issues. Set out below is the current position in respect of recent and current activity.

#### **THORNE MOORENDS TOWN COUNCIL – THORNE TOWN WARD 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

5. A casual vacancy occurred due to the death of a Town Councillor and a By-election was held for Thorne Moorends Town Council – Thorne Town Ward on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

#### **Results**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
<b>ELLIS, Craig Steven</b>	<b>Labour Party</b>	<b>689 Elected</b>
MUNDIN, Karen Lesley	Independent 'for the people'	259
POWELL, Linda	The Community Group	550

As well as postal votes there were six polling stations for the 9,261 eligible electors to vote in the Thorne-Moorends Town Council – Thorne Town Ward election and 1,498 electors casted their vote, marking a turnout of 16.18%.

6. A further vacancy recently occurred due to a Councillor resigning and it was not called by electors for the vacancy to be filled by an election. Therefore, on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 the Clerk was notified to arrange for the casual vacancy to be filled by co-option.

## **OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

7. All of the above are statutory duties and must be carried out in accordance with statutory requirements. This report is primarily for information only.

## **IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES**

8.

	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.	By ensuring the necessary arrangements are in place to deliver well-run elections and improving our reputation by meeting the Electoral Commission's Performance Standards.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. The arrangements detailed in this report are designed to ensure compliance with a range of statutory duties including:
  - Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006
  - Representation of the People Acts 1983, 1985 and 2000
  - Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. The cost of this Election has been claimed back from the Town Council.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Previous EDSC reports

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**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

**To the Chair and Members of the  
ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

**BOUNDARY COMMISSION PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY  
REVIEW 2018 – REVISED PROPOSALS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report provides an update to Members on the revised proposals for new 2018 Parliamentary constituency boundaries for Doncaster.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Committee is asked to review the report for information only.

**BACKGROUND**

4. The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all the Parliamentary constituencies in England. They are currently conducting a review on the basis of rules set by Parliament in 2011. The rules state that they must make recommendations for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in September 2018.
5. They result in a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 501 with a reduction of 4 for our region; from 54 to 50 in Yorkshire and the Humber. It requires every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507 based on the electorate figures as of the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. At that time all three Doncaster constituencies were just below the required electorate and therefore changes are required in order to increase those constituencies to meet the required electorate size.
6. The BCE published their initial proposals on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and welcomed the public to comment on them. The BCE reviewed those comments and published their revised proposals for the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

## ORIGINAL AND REVISED PROPOSALS

### 7. Doncaster Central Constituency

#### Revised Proposals

Doncaster Central BC		Electorate: 72,729
Armthorpe	Doncaster	10,384
Balby South	Doncaster	7,028
Bessacarr	Doncaster	10,961
Edenthorpe & Kirk Sandall	Doncaster	7,845
Hexthorpe & Balby North	Doncaster	6,751
Stainforth & Barnby Dun	Doncaster	7,069
Town	Doncaster	10,517
Wheatley Hills & Intake	Doncaster	12,174

#### Initial Proposals

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Hexthorpe & Balby North	Doncaster	6,751
Stainforth & Barnby Dun	Doncaster	7,069
Town	Doncaster	10,517
Wheatley Hills & Intake	Doncaster	12,174

- There are no revisions made to the original proposal that the existing Doncaster Central constituency only be changed by the inclusion within it of the divided ward of Stainforth & Barnby Dun from the existing Doncaster North constituency.

### 8. Don Valley Constituency

#### Revised Proposals

Don Valley CC		Electorate: 74,947
Conisbrough	Doncaster	11,443
Edlington & Warmsworth	Doncaster	7,729
Finningley	Doncaster	12,233
Hatfield	Doncaster	11,324
Mexborough	Doncaster	11,263
Rossington & Bawtry	Doncaster	12,842
Tickhill & Wadworth	Doncaster	8,113

#### Initial Proposals

Doncaster East CC		Electorate: 71,593
Bentley	Doncaster	12,121
Finningley	Doncaster	12,233
Hatfield	Doncaster	11,324
Norton & Askern	Doncaster	10,922
Rossington & Bawtry	Doncaster	12,842
Thorne & Moorends	Doncaster	12,151

- There is no longer a change of name to the current Don Valley constituency to Doncaster East.

- There have been revisions made to the initial proposed wards contained within Don Valley, which now closely match with the existing pattern of the current constituency. The divided ward of Thorne and Moorends has moved to Doncaster North and the ward of Mexborough is now included within Don Valley constituency from the current Doncaster North constituency.

## 9. **Doncaster North Constituency**

### **Revised Proposals**

<b>Doncaster North CC</b>		<b>Electorate: 71,786</b>
Dearne South	<b>Barnsley</b>	8,195
Adwick le Street & Carcroft	Doncaster	11,142
Bentley	Doncaster	12,121
Norton & Askern	Doncaster	10,922
Roman Ridge	Doncaster	8,390
Sprotbrough	Doncaster	8,865
Thorne & Moorends	Doncaster	12,151

### **Initial Proposals**

<b>Doncaster West CC</b>		<b>Electorate: 74,312</b>
Dearne North	Barnsley	7,367
Adwick le Street & Carcroft	Doncaster	11,142
Conisbrough	Doncaster	11,443
Edlington & Warmsworth	Doncaster	7,729
Mexborough	Doncaster	11,263
Roman Ridge	Doncaster	8,390
Sprotbrough	Doncaster	8,865
Tickhill & Wadworth	Doncaster	8,113

- There is no longer a change of name to the current Doncaster North constituency to Doncaster West.
- There have been revisions made to the initial proposed wards contained within Doncaster North. Two wards have moved from the current constituency; the ward of Mexborough to the Don Valley constituency and the divided ward of Stainforth & Barnby Dun to Doncaster Central constituency. The divided ward of Thorne and Moorends has moved within the Doncaster North constituency from the current Don Valley constituency and it now contains Dearne South ward rather than Dearne North ward from the Borough of Barnsley.

### **The full review**

10. For further information regarding the full review please visit the Boundary Commission's website:  
<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/>  
 Or view the proposals at the Civic Office, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Waterdale, Doncaster DN1 3BU.

### **Have your say**

11. The BCE are consulting on their Revised Proposals for an eight week period, from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017. You can have your say on the revised proposals by using the BCE's specifically-designed consultation website at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)

12. You can also follow the Boundary Commission on Twitter [@BCE2018](https://twitter.com/BCE2018) or use the hashtag [#2018boundaryreview](https://twitter.com/hashtag/2018boundaryreview) or on facebook at: [www.facebook.com/BCommEngland](https://www.facebook.com/BCommEngland)

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are comprehensive statutory provisions covering the delivery of Boundary changes.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

14. At this stage it is unknown if there will be any financial implications.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/>

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