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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 007 b - Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU
DATE: Tuesday, 15th March, 2016
TIME: 10.00 am

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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 1 4 Meeting held on 24th November 2015
- A. Reports where the public and press may not be excluded.

#### Jo Miller Chief Executive

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Governance Officer for this meeting:

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

**Chair** – Councillor Phil Cole **Vice-Chair** – Councillor James Hart

Councillor Sean Gibbons	Councillor Pat Haith
Councillor Charlie Hogarth	Councillor Majid Khan
Councillor John McHale	Councillor Jane Nightingale
Councillor Kevin Rodgers	Councillor Clive Stone
Councillor Sue Wilkinson	

# Agenda Item 4.

# DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

# ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

# TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2015

A MEETING of the ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE was held at the 007 B - CIVIC OFFICE on TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2015, at 10.00 am.

#### PRESENT:

# Chair - Councillor Phil Cole Vice-Chair - Councillor James Hart

Councillors Sean Gibbons, Pat Haith, Charlie Hogarth, Majid Khan, John McHale, Kevin Rodgers, Clive Stone and Sue Wilkinson

#### APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jane Nightingale

#### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

#### 6 <u>MINUTES OF THE ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE</u> <u>MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY 2015</u>

Councillor Charlie Hogarth asked whether the inconsistences in the wording of the Electoral Register had been resolved. Trina Barber, Electoral Services Team stated that system had been amended and an example copy would be forwarded to Members following the meeting.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 7 REVISIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The Committee were presented with a report which proposed revisions to the Council's Constitution in response to issues which had arisen since the Constitution was last reviewed. Specifically, those that related to the Council Procedure Rules (Section1, Part 4 of the Constitution) and the Executive Procedure Rules (Section 4, Part 4 of the Constitution).

The proposed amendments were set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report and Appendix A to the report. Following a request by a member of the public seeking the approval to allow Motions by the public to the Council, the Committee were also asked to consider the request in accordance with its remit. At this point, with the Chair's consent, the public that were in attendance were afforded the time to ask questions. Mr Tim Brown addressed the Committee, expressing concern with regard to proposal for questions to be put on notice by the public at future Cabinet meetings and the lack of consultation with the public that attend. In response, the Chair thanked Mr Brown for his comments and stated that by amending the procedure to receive questions in advance of the meeting would provide the public with a more meaningful response to their questions. It was also noted that Appendix A to the report stated that the public would receive a written response to their question within 2 weeks of the meeting.

Mr Stark raised a number of issues/concerns. In response, the Chair stated that some of the issues raised go beyond the remit of this Committee but offered to speak to Mr Stark following the meeting.

In relation to the request for members of the public being allowed to submit motions to Council meetings, the Committee unanimously felt that the procedure that was currently in place should remain and felt that it was important that there was a clear distinction in the role between an Elected Member and a member of the public when submitting motions to a Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:-

- (1) the proposed amendments to the Council Procedure Rules outlined in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report be approved;
- (2) the proposed amendments to the Executive Procedure Rules, as detailed in Appendix A to the report be approved; and
- (3) the submission of Council Motions should remain the responsibility of elected representatives.

#### 8 ANNUAL CANVASS UPDATE

The Committee received an update in relation to the work being carried out on the Annual Canvass. Trina Barber, Electoral Services reported that as of today the current electorate stood at 218,264 and as the annual canvass was still in progress this was subject to change on a daily basis and any non-confirmed electors under IER would be removed from the register on the 1st December. It was reported that the Team were doing all that they could to encourage people to register through a variety of methods outlined within the additional documentation handed out at the meeting.

Following the update, Members were afforded the opportunity to ask questions which were as follows:-

Councillor Sue Wilkinson asked whether the register-to-vote website enabled people to find out whether they were registered or not, which would avoid duplication. It was stated that the Government Website did not provide that facility but it was something they were in the process of investigating.

Councillor Charlie Hogarth asked whether the information stored on the Council Library System could be used. It was reported that a National Insurance Number would still be required but the team could use the system to data match. Councillor Sean Gibbons stated that Mexborough produce a newsletter and suggested that an advertisement be placed in the newsletter to highlight the register-to-vote information.

Councillor John McHale requested that when all the information was collated, it be forwarded to Members in its original form of graphs and pie-charts.

In relation to the reference to unapproachable areas of the borough, the Chair indicated that this was a perception by canvassers of particular neighbourhoods and the Council as an Authority did not feel that Doncaster was a dangerous place to live.

Roger Harvey, Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services took the opportunity to highlight the good work carried out by Trina and the Election Team and thanked all officers for their great cooperation throughout the Council. He also highlighted that the Government could have made the process easier by unlocking the keys to the national data bases but this lesson could be learnt for future years.

The Chair and Members thanked all staff for all the hard work undertaken and passed their appreciation to Trina and the Elections Team.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

#### 9 <u>EVALUATION OF THE TICKHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REFERENDUM</u> <u>HELD ON 23RD JULY 2015</u>

The Committee received a report advising Members of the first Neighbourhood Planning Referendum election that took place in Tickhill on 23rd July, 2015. The report provided an evaluation of the election and an update on any future Neighbourhood Planning elections.

The outcome of the results were set out at paragraph 4 of the report and the outcome of the referendum was in favour of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Tickhill area. The Neighbourhood Plan now becomes part of the development plan and Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Details of a further 5 Neighbourhood Plans which were underway within the borough were highlighted at paragraph 12 of the report.

Following the introduction of the report, members were afforded the opportunity to make comments and ask questions which were as follows:-

Councillor John McHale welcomed the report and congratulated/commended Tickhill on the hard work carried out. It was also noted that the process in producing a Neighbourhood Plan was a long process and a suggestion was raised by Councillor Hart stating that ward Members should make themselves available to provide as much support as they could to their Parish Council/Community Groups.

Councillor Sue Wilkinson sought clarification as to who would be eligible to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan as some wards of the borough did not have a Parish Council. It was advised that any Local group as long as it was deemed to be legitimate could produce a Neighbourhood Plan and it didn't necessarily need to be a Parish Council.

Councillor Sean Gibbons stated that as a ward Member for Mexborough which doesn't have a Parish Council, he asked how the town could move forward in producing a plan and how the elected Members could help with that process. The Chair made the suggestion that liaison take place with other areas already going through the process or those who had completed a Neighbourhood Plan. He also stated that information could be shared by speaking to fellow elected Members.

Councillor John McHale stated that although there were differing levels of understanding it should be recognised that there were a number of capable people within communities of the borough and Elected Members were elected as community champions.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the report be approved.

#### 10 PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW

The Committee received a verbal update in relation to the parliamentary review. It was reported that following the completion of register of electors, the register had to be forwarded to the Boundary Commission by the 1 December. It was noted that for those Councils that have had bi-elections they had until February to submit their register.

The Chair reported that the Boundary Commission would seek to reduce the UK down into 9 regions, the seats cannot cross regions but would be able to cross sub-regions for each electoral quarter. He stated that the Boundary Commission would establish a plus or minus 5% which only gives a small margin and makes it difficult to piece together seats that make community sense. It was noted that the Commission had to report to Government by 2018.

Following the update, Members were afforded the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Councillor Sean Gibbons asked when the electorate would be informed of the all-out elections in 2017.

Roger Harvey reported that there shouldn't be a significant problem with regard to the all-out election in 2017, but highlighted that particularly with regard to the Mayoral election it was noted that some people were not entirely sure what they were voting for. He stated that there needed to be a real message sent out to avoid any confusion to the electorate. Roger also stated that with regard to the Mayoral election there were limits placed on Authorities as to what advertising can be published so the Council would need to think carefully about the electoral literature they use to avoid any confusion for voters.

At this point, with the consent of the Chair, Mr Stark raised a number of concerns in relation to the election process particularly with regard despatching of electoral literature by using canvassers. In response, the Chair stated that he would speak to Mr Stark following the meeting to address any concerns he may have.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the update be noted.





15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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

# ELECTORAL SERVICES UPDATE ON KEY ISSUES REPORT

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

 This report provides an update to Members on preparations for Police and Crime Commissioner Election on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and EU Referendum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.

# RECOMMENDATION

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. We expect a great interest from the public and a high turnout for the EU Referendum.

# 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.

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION

- The Election for a South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with the usual hours of poll 7.00am – 10.00pm.
- 6. Barnsley Council are the Police Area Returning Officer (PARO) in charge for South Yorkshire and will collate the votes given from the four Local Authorities. However, each Local Returning Officer will verify and count locally and the information will be communicated to the PARO at various stages in accordance with the agreed protocol. Regular meetings have been scheduled by the PARO and key officers from the four Local Authorities. Our Local Returning Officer has also scheduled regular meetings with the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the Electoral Services Interim Team Leader and other key officers.
- The Verification of ballot papers will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Doncaster Racecourse, following the close of poll. The Counting of ballot papers will commence on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am.

- 8. Arrangements for appointing staff are underway and as far as possible, staff that we employ on polling stations will not be engaged on the Thursday evening Verification or Friday's Count.
- 9. All polling stations have been booked and confirmed with the following new polling stations identified. These new polling stations will be highlighted on polling cards notifying electors of a change to their previous polling place.
  - <u>Hexthorpe and Balby North Ward</u> Balby Community Library has been designated as the new polling place for polling district AA replacing Balby Youth Centre which is due to be disposed of by the Council.
  - <u>Torne Valley Ward</u> Tickhill Cricket Club has been designated as the new polling place for polling district ID replacing Tickhill Parish Rooms. The new polling place is more central for the electors in polling district ID and the facilities are accessible with ramps and a car park.
  - <u>Wheatley Hills and Intake Ward</u> a portable unit has been designated as the new polling place for polling district DI replacing The Info Shop and Community Centre as the premises has been converted into a café and is no longer suitable. A site visit has taken place and no other suitable polling place was identified.

There will also be a polling station finder on the council's website. This will allow electors to search for their polling station by typing in a post code or address and they will be given their polling station location, map and directions of how to get there from their home address.

#### **EU REFRENDUM**

10. David Cameron has announced a referendum on whether Britain should remain in the European Union to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016, with the usual hours of poll 7.00am – 10.00pm.

The Electoral Commission proposed the wording, which has been accepted by MPs as: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" the options for voters will be 'remain a member of the European Union' and 'leave the European Union'

- 11. Leeds City Council is the Regional Counting Officer for Yorkshire and The Humber Region and will collate the votes. However, each Local Counting Officer will verify and count locally and the information will be communicated to Leeds at various stages in accordance with the agreed protocol. Briefing meetings have been scheduled by Leeds to keep the region updated.
- 12. The Verification and counting of ballot papers will take place at Doncaster Racecourse on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at the close of poll and throughout the night.
- 13. Arrangements for appointing staff are already underway and as far as possible, staff that we employ on polling stations will not be engaged on the Thursday evening Count.
- 14. The booking of Polling Stations are also underway and it is proposed as far

a possible that the same polling stations being used for the Police and Crime Commissioner election are also used for the EU Referendum in order to not cause any confusion to Electors.

### OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

15. 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

Priority	Implications
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.

## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

17. Sufficient resources will need to be made available to run two Elections so close together and to continue to drive individual registration in order to ensure that the Council complies with its legal duties detailed above.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 18. 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

19. The costs of both the Police and Crime Commissioner and EU Referendum elections will be claimed from Government.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Previous EDSC reports

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15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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

# INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION (IER) PROGRESS REPORT

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

 This report provides an update to Members on Individual Electoral Registration, annual Canvass and the publishing of the full register on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

## 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. Individual Electoral Registration will improve the accuracy of the register and help to counter fraud. Having a complete and accurate register is key to public engagement in the democratic process.

# 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.

# INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION (IER) JULY-1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015

- 5. The annual Canvass began in July 2015, and we sent out Household Enquiry Forms (HEF) to 135,061 properties within Doncaster and received 51,986 responses (38.49%). Reminders were issued to 83,094 properties increasing the response to 82,781 (61.29%). A further reminder was issued to 52,299 properties which were then canvassed by telephone or personal visit. As of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 anyone who wasn't registered under the new IER rules had to be removed from register.
- 6. At the start of IER in June 2014 there were approximately 12,697 unconfirmed electors, this was reduced significantly to 3,287 individuals being removed from the register on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 as a consequence of a failure to provide a national insurance number and/or date of birth. We have written to those persons that were removed and invited them to re-register although they have had at least six letters through the course of the canvass requesting further information. Therefore it was deemed that they had probably re-registered at another address, moved out of the borough or were deceased.

7. To help increase the response to the annual canvass and avoid as many people as possible being removed from the register under the new IER rules we were proactive by undertaking new ways to ensure people of Doncaster were on the Electoral Register and didn't lose their right to vote.

## • <u>Telephone Canvassing</u>

We were the first Authority in South and West Yorkshire and one of the few within the country undertaking a Telephone Canvass. This was a great way to contact hard to reach areas/electors. We are now adapting this method to use all year round focussing on 'Invitation to Register' (ITR) information such as a National Insurance Number or Date of Birth 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 had dedicated Canvass Team Leaders which canvassed every care home and homes with multiple occupancy within the borough by arranging an appointment with the manager/building and maintaining a close working relationship to ensure we are kept up to date on the frequent residential changes.

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

Following risk assessments we recruited a group of specialist officers to canvass in small groups where there were village conflicts and also targeted those areas by telephone.

#### <u>School/Colleges</u>

We attended the local college with limited success, given that they do not have halls of residence and most of the students live at home. However, we were able to campaign 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.

#### • Social Media

We constantly update our website and social media with up to date information. We had a paid advert on Facebook to put an advertisement campaign out to every person who is registered on facebook as a Doncaster resident with a pop up link to the register-to-vote website to encourage and boost registration.

8. We published our new full register on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and Doncaster's Electorate was 216,547 plus 251 overseas electors. Despite removing the unconfirmed electors under IER the register had grown by 5,812 electors since the last fully published register on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014, the electorate was 210,986. A full electorate breakdown is provided at Appendix A.

#### CURRENT ELECTORAL PROACTIVE ACTIVITY

9. A proactive approach is required throughout the year and not just during the canvass period in order to maintain an accurate and complete register, ensuring as far as possible that all eligible persons are on the register and

that all non-eligible persons are removed. To ensure this is met we are currently carrying out the following initiatives.

# Invitation to register - Canvass

Between the 15<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016, we carried out a personal visit canvass to approx. 4,000 individuals that had not registered under IER. These individuals were identified in the 2015 annual canvass and had been written to on three occasions without success. Therefore, at least one canvasser in each ward visited each person at least twice to try and obtain their national insurance number and/or date of birth. The outcome has been a great success and we will continue to carry out ITR canvassing throughout the year.

#### Home movers

- With the borough's annual Council Tax bills sent out recently, we have added information to the Council Tax website. This encourages anyone who has moved house recently to ensure they also remember to move addresses on the electoral register.
- A leaflet is also currently being designed to send to every property that receives a new/amended council tax bill advising them to update the electoral register.
- The National Association of Estate Agents have agreed to begin to promote registration and we are currently engaging with local companies to see how we can support promotion of registration.

## <u>National Voter Registration Day</u>

The Government and the Electoral Commission campaigned to encourage people to register on National Voter Registration Day – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016. To encourage people to register and help raise awareness through Facebook and Twitter we used the Councils page MyDoncaster to promote the online registration website - www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

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

10. 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

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Priority	Implications			
We will provide strong	An accurate and well planned			
leadership and governance, working in partnership.	Canvass improves accuracy, help counter fraud and meets the necessary arrangements to meet the Electoral Commission's Performance Standards.			

#### **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

12. Sufficient resources will need to be made available to run two Elections so close together and to continue to drive individual registration in order to ensure that the Council complies with its legal duties detailed above.

# LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 13. 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

14. The costs associated are carried out within existing budgets .

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# **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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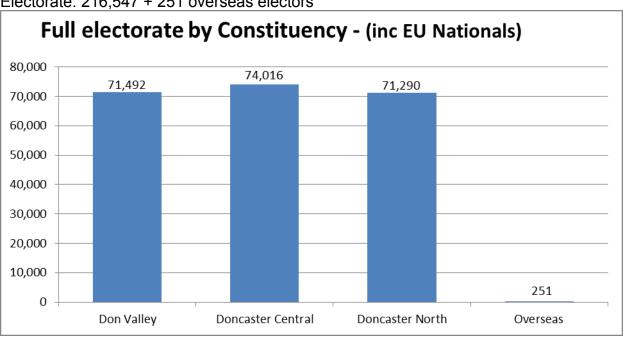
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#### Appendix A

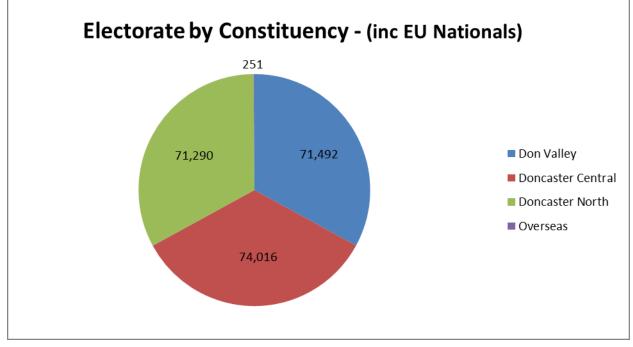
# Individual Electoral Registration (IER) Published Register 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015

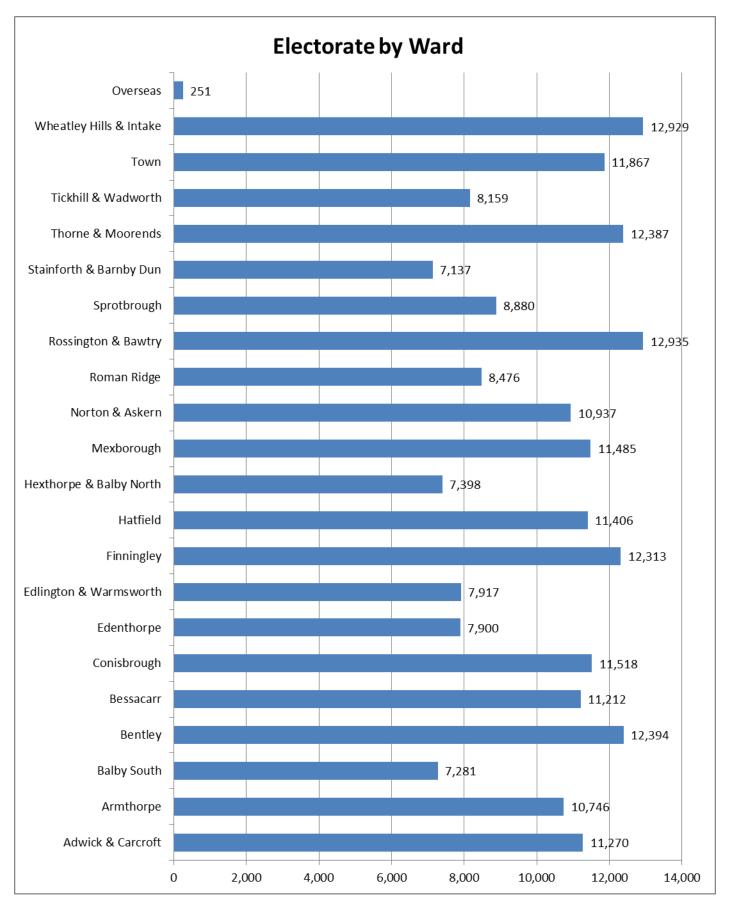
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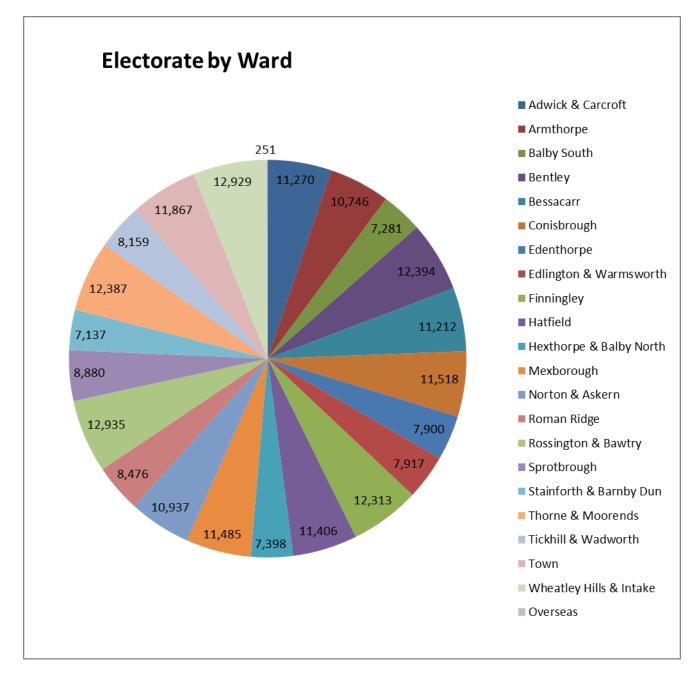


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Agenda Item 7.



Agenda Item No: 7 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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

# PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

 On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 the independent Boundary Commission for England began redrawing the map of parliamentary constituency boundaries in England taking information from the published register of electors on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The Committee is asked to note the report for information.

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

3. The move follows a decision by Parliament to reduce the number of constituencies in the UK to 600, and to ensure that there are roughly the same number of electors in each constituency. This could mean a reduction in MPs for Doncaster.

# BACKGROUND

4. The Boundary Commission for England is tasked with making independent recommendations about where the boundaries of English constituencies should be. The total UK electorate has been announced by the Office for National Statistics as 44,722,004, which means the number of electors in each mainland English constituency must be no less than 71,031 and no more than 78,507. England will therefore have 501 constituencies, 32 fewer than there are currently. The Commission has also decided how those constituencies will be distributed among the English regions.

#### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR DONCASTER

5. On 1st December Doncaster's Electorate was 216,798. However the Boundary Commission did not include the EU Nationals therefore the Parliamentary Constituency was split as follows:

Don Valley	70,730
Central	70,200
North	70,337

This meant that they all fell under the 71,031 minimum requirement. However, this is not to say we will lose an MP, it could mean that our boundaries are extended out of Doncaster to increase the number of electors within the constituency to meet the requirements or vice versa to make up another constituency to another borough.

- 6. The Boundary Commission for England are currently working on its initial proposals for new boundaries, which are expected to be published in September 2016. The publication of those proposals will begin a 12-week consultation period, during which the Boundary Commission for England will invite comments on the proposals to capture the views and knowledge of local residents.
- 7. The Boundary Commission will also be travelling across England in the autumn to hear from people in person. All comments will help the Commission further refine the boundary proposals before views are sought on any revisions later in 2017. The Commission must make its final recommendations to Parliament in 2018.
- 8. The Commission has decided to use the same method of allocating constituencies among the regions in England as is used in the Act to allocate constituencies to each part of the UK. The number allocated to each region is as follows:

Region	Electorate	Existing Constituencies	Proposed Constituencies
Eastern	4,242,266	58	57
East Midlands	3,275,046	46	44
London	5,118,884	73	68
North East	1,874,396	29	25
North West	5,074,302	75	68
South East	6,067,475*	83*	81*
South West	3,930,770	55	53
West Midlands	3,989,320	59	53
Yorkshire and the	3,722,035	54	50
Humber			
Total	37,294,494*	532*	499*

\* figures exclude one current Isle of Wight constituency and its electorate, and two proposed Isle of Wight constituencies.

9. The last review of constituencies reported in 2006. The Boundary Commission began a review under the new legislation in 2011 that Parliament cancelled in 2013. The proposals from that review have no status for the current review and the Boundary Commission have confirmed they will not be taking any account of them.

#### OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

10. This report is primarily for information only.

# IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

11. The impact on the Council's Key Priorities is unknown at present.

#### **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

12. The risks and assumptions are unknown at present.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 13. 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

14. It is currently unknown what costs may be associated with a Parliamentary Boundary Review.

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Boundary Commission for England Press Release

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