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To: Electoral and Boundary Review Committee – 5 June 2014

Subject: Electoral Review of Kent County Council's Area

Classification: Unrestricted

**Summary:** This report updates Members on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Electoral Review of Kent County Council's area.

## 1. Introduction

- (1) On 30 April 2014 representatives from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) gave a presentation to all Members on the Electoral Boundary Review of Kent County Council.
- (2) All Members received a copy of the LGBCE's 'Electoral review of Kent County Council – A guide for councillors', this is attached at **Appendix 1** to this report for information.
- (3) The table setting out ratios of registered electors to each elected Member, at **Appendix 2**, has been updated with the Cipfa nearest neighbour authorities.

## 2. Timetable

- (1) The timetable for the review, produced by LGBCE, is set out within the guide for councillors, attached at **Appendix 1**.

## 3. Population Forecast Data

- (1) The information attached at **Appendix 3** sets out the most up to date average electoral division size options for Kent County Council. This is based on the latest KCC Strategy-based population forecast from March 2014 to District Ward level. Representatives from the Business Intelligence Team will be at the Electoral Boundary Committee meeting on 5 June to discuss this information with Members.

#### **4. Next Steps**

- (1) The deadline for council and/or council groups' submission on council size is 8 August 2014. It is important to note that any single member or group of members can submit a proposal for Council size. The LGBCE places no more weight on a submission which has agreement by full council than a single member submission. The LGBCE is looking for evidence, supported by an explanation of how the proposal meets the Commission's statutory criteria, to back up the submission.
- (2) It may, of course, be necessary for the Electoral and Boundary Review Committee to meet again before the full Council meeting in July 2014.

<p><b>Recommendation(s):</b> Members are invited to discuss the council size options to enable a report to be submitted to full Council in July 2014.</p>
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#### **Background Documents:**

Previous update reports to the Electoral Boundary Committee

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