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To: Electoral and Boundary Review Committee – 7 July 2014

Subject: Electoral Review of Kent County Council's Area – Draft submission on Council Size

Classification: Unrestricted

**Summary:** This report invites the Committee to comment on, amend as necessary and approve for submission to the County Council on 17 July, the draft submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) on Council Size.

## 1. Introduction

- (1) At its meeting on 5 June 2014, this Committee considered a report on the electoral review of KCC's area currently being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and passed the following resolution:

**“RESOLVED: that Officers be instructed to prepare a proposal for submission to the County Council meeting on 17 July 2014 based on the Council size remaining at 84 Members and that as part of this proposal the LGBCE be asked to note this Council's preference for single Member divisions where possible.”**

- (2) The draft submission on Council Size has now been prepared and is attached at **Appendix A** for the Committee's consideration.

## 2. Next Steps

- (1) The deadline for the County 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.

**Recommendation:** The Committee is invited to comment on, amend as necessary and recommend for approval to the County Council at its meeting on 17 July the submission to the LGBCE on Council Size.

**Background Documents:**

Previous update reports to the Electoral Boundary Committee

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