

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Electoral and Boundary Review Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 22 May 2015.

PRESENT: Mr G K Gibbens (Chairman), Mr A J King, MBE (Vice-Chairman), Mr D L Brazier, Mr I S Chittenden, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr A Terry, Mr R Truelove, Mrs P T Cole (Substitute) and Mr R A Latchford, OBE (Substitute)

ALSO PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Wild (Director of Governance and Law), Mr R Hallett (Head of Business Intelligence) and Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

26. Minutes - 16th December 2014
(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th of December 2014 were an accurate record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

27. Electoral Review of Kent County Council's area - LGBCE Recommendations May 2015
(Item 4)

1. The Chairman explained that he had worked with the Group Leaders at KCC to support the development of a Kent County Council representation to the Local Government Boundary Commission England (LGBCE), with some minor differences between political groups outlined separately.

2. A Member stated as political groups, district councils, KCC and other interested parties had already made their own submissions, the Committee should not make a fresh submission in response to the latest publication and that people in Kent and other local groups could now have their say.

3. Peter Sass explained to the Committee that the current papers under discussion had been published as a public consultation by the LGBCE and that they represented the second stage of consultation for the new electoral arrangements in Kent, including the Committee's previous submission.

4. Members supported the view that the Committee and KCC Political Groups had already made a significant contribution to the consultation process and that it was now for the public to make their views known.

5. The Chairman agreed with the principle that the main issues of the consultation had already been addressed but encouraged Members to feedback to the LGBCE on any smaller details or issues that needed correcting.

6. The Committee noted their thanks for the work of officers in developing KCC's response and supporting the Committee in considering the Boundary Review.

RESOLVED that the Committee note the report and that the Committee would not submit a formal KCC response to the LGBCE's consultation.