

**ITEM NO. 13**

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 DECEMBER 2015**

---

**Meeting:** Council  
**Date:** 14 December 2015  
**Subject:** Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council  
**Report of:** Richard Ellis, Corporate Services Manager  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Hallam  
**Status:** For Information  
**Relevant Ward(s):** All

---

1 Purpose Report

1.1 To provide information on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) draft recommendations in respect of the Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council insofar as it relates to the District of Harborough.

2 Recommendations:

2.1 Council notes the contents of this report.

2.2 Council considers if it wishes to submit a response to the draft recommendations.

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

3.1 To provide Council with the opportunity to consider the draft recommendations and to submit comments within the consultation period allowed by the LGBCE.

4 Impact on Communities

4.1 The review is being to reduce electoral inequality in the representation of electors by councillors elected to the County Council.

4.2 The draft recommendations relate solely to electoral arrangements for Leicestershire County Council. Parish, District and Parliamentary boundaries and electoral arrangements are not impacted by this review.

## 5 Key Facts

- 5.1 The LGBCE is conducting an electoral review of Leicestershire County Council as the Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more or many fewer voters than others.
- 5.2 The electoral review has considered council size (the number of councillors) and the boundaries of electoral divisions.
- 5.3 No change is proposed to the overall size of the Council, remaining at 55 councillors.
- 5.4 The Harborough district contains 7 divisions, each represented by a single county councillor. No change is proposed to this arrangement although changes to the boundaries of the 7 divisions within Harborough are proposed.
- 5.5 The proposed changes are set out on the map attached to this report (Appendix A) and are detailed in the table below. Full details are available on the LGBCE website at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5186>

<b>Division</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Changes</b>
<b>Broughton Astley</b>	<b>Parishes of:</b> Broughton Astley Dunton Bassett Ashby Magna Ashby Parva Leire Frolesworth	<b>Parishes of:</b> Broughton Astley Dunton Bassett Ashby Magna Ashby Parva Leire Frolesworth	No change
<b>Bruntingthorpe</b>	<b>Parishes of:</b> Willoughby Waterleys Peatling Magna Peatling Parva Bruntingthorpe Arnesby Fleckney Shearsby Knaptoft Mowsley Husbands Bosworth North Kilworth South Kilworth Kimcote and Walton Gilmorton Misterton with Walcote Cotesbach Shawell Catthorpe Swinford Westrill and Starmore	<b>Parishes of:</b> Willoughby Waterleys Peatling Magna Peatling Parva Bruntingthorpe Arnesby Fleckney Shearsby Knaptoft Mowsley Husbands Bosworth North Kilworth South Kilworth Kimcote and Walton Gilmorton Misterton with Walcote Cotesbach Shawell Catthorpe Swinford Westrill and Starmore Saddington Laughton	<b>Add parishes of:</b> Saddington Laughton Gumley Theddingworth

		Gumley Theddingworth	
<b>Gartree</b>	<b>Parishes of:</b> Wistow and Newton Harcourt Great Glen Burton Overy Kibworth Harcourt Kibworth Beauchamp Smeeton Westerby Tur Langton Carlton Curlieu Stonton Wyville Shangton Noseley Rolleston Goadby Glooston Cranoe Slawston Welham Illston on the Hill Little Stretton Kings Norton Gaulby Frisby Billesdon East Langton West Langton Thorpe Langton	<b>Parishes of:</b> Wistow and Newton Harcourt Great Glen Burton Overy Kibworth Harcourt Kibworth Beauchamp Smeeton Westerby Tur Langton Carlton Curlieu Stonton Wyville Shangton Noseley Rolleston Goadby Glooston Cranoe Slawston Welham Illston on the Hill Little Stretton Kings Norton Gaulby	<b>Add parish of:</b> Tugby and Keythorpe  <b>Remove parishes of:</b> Billesdon Frisby West Langton East Langton Thorpe langton
<b>Launde</b>	<b>Parishes of:</b> Stoughton Thurnby and Bushby Houghton on the Hill Scraptoft Keyham Hungarton Cold Newton Lovesby Marefield Owston and Newbold Tilton on the Hill Skeffington Withcote Launde Loddington East Norton Allextion Hallaton Horninghold Stockerston Blaston Medbourne	<b>Parishes of:</b> Stoughton Thurnby and Bushby Houghton on the Hill Scraptoft Keyham Hungarton Cold Newton Lovesby Marefield Owston and Newbold Tilton on the Hill Skeffington Withcote Launde Loddington East Norton Allextion Hallaton Horninghold Stockerston Blaston Medbourne	<b>Add parishes of:</b> Billesdon Frisby  <b>Remove parish of:</b> Tugby and Keythorpe

	Nevill Holt Great Easton Drayton Bringhurst Tugby and Keythorpe	Nevill Holt Great Easton Drayton Bringhurst Billesdon Frisby	
<b>Lutterworth</b>	<b>Parishes of:</b> Lutterworth Bittewell with Bittesby Ullesthorpe Claybrooke Magna Claybrooke Parva	<b>Parishes of:</b> Lutterworth Bittewell with Bittesby Ullesthorpe Claybrooke Magna Claybrooke Parva	No change
<b>Market Harborough West and Foxton</b>	<b>Parishes of:</b> Saddington Gumley Laughton Theddingworth Foxton Lubenham  <b>District Wards:</b> Market Harborough Logan Market Harborough Welland	<b>Parishes of:</b> Foxton Lubenham  <b>District Wards:</b> Market Harborough Logan Market Harborough Welland	<b>Remove parishes of:</b> Saddington Gumley Laughton Theddingworth
<b>Market Harborough East</b>	<b>District Wards:</b> Market Harborough Great Bowden and Arden (incl. parish of Great Bowden) Market Harborough Little Bowden	<b>District Wards:</b> Market Harborough Great Bowden and Arden (incl. parish of Great Bowden) Market Harborough Little Bowden  <b>Parishes of:</b> West Langton East Langton Thorpe Langton	<b>Add parishes of:</b> West Langton East Langton Thorpe Langton

- 5.6 The LGBCE draft recommendations retain the same number of electoral divisions and county councillors for the district of Harborough. The alterations to division boundaries are proposed to reduce electoral inequality in the period to 2021.
- 5.7 The LGBCE published its draft recommendations on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and has invited comments on those within the period expiring on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The Commission's final recommendations are expected to be published on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

6 Legal Issues

6.1 None

7 Resource Issues

7.1 None

8 Equality Implications

8.1 The aim of an electoral review is to correct electoral inequalities and ensure that as far as is practical individual councillors represent a similar number of electors.

9 Impact on the Organisation

9.1 The proposals will create some divergence between district ward and county division boundaries.

9.2 The LGBCE have been requested to include a review of Harborough District Council's size and warding arrangements within its review programme.

10 Community Safety Implications

10.1 None

11. Carbon Management Implications

11.1 None

12. Risk Management Implications

12.1 None

13 Consultation

13.1 This report is brought to Council as part of the LGBCE consultation on its draft recommendations. Parishes and other organisations will have been consulted by LGBCE as part of the review process.

14 Options Considered

14.1 The report is brought to Council for information and to enable Council to make comment as an organisation if it wishes to.

14.2 Individuals can comment directly to the LGBCE proposals through their website at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>

Submissions can also be made by emailing [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or by writing to: Review Officer (Leicestershire), The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Millbank Tower, London, SW1P 4QP.

15 Background Papers

- 15.1 New Electoral Arrangements for Leicestershire County Council November 2015 (LGBCE publication)
- 

**Previous report(s):**

**Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: No**

**Ward Members Notified: None**

**Appendices: Appendix A - Map showing proposed changes.tif**