

## **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 15 APRIL 2004**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### **PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to invite the Committee to determine the County Council's response to the draft recommendations of the Boundary Committee in relation to the Periodic Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council.

##### **Background**

2. At the Committee's last meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2004 consideration was given to the draft recommendations of the Boundary Committee which were published on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2004 and the process by which the County Council's response was to be determined. Copies of the proposals were circulated to all members of the County Council and you are asked to PLEASE BRING THESE WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.
3. The Committee agreed:-
  - (a) That a further meeting of this Committee be held on 21 April 2004 to determine the County Council's response, and that Members be invited to submit any comments which they wish the Committee to take into account by 14 April 2004;
  - (b) That it be agreed that, in the meantime, members should approach officers direct with a view to preparing possible alternative proposals for consideration by the Committee, on the basis that any approaches should be through or with the agreement of the relevant Group Leader.
4. Subsequently it was decided to bring the date of the meeting and the deadline for comments forward to 15 April and 8 April respectively. Members were informed of this change on 22 March via the Members' Information Service.
5. The Boundary Committee requires comments by 26 April 2004.

##### **Comments on Draft Recommendations**

6. Although at the time of writing a number of comments have been received from elected members and certain parish councils, the deadline for comments had not been reached. In the circumstances it has been decided to draw all of the comments received together in a single supplementary report which will be circulated to members as soon as possible after the 8 April deadline.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications**

7. The aim of the review is to ensure as far as practical that each person's vote carries the same weight.

### **Recommendations**

8. The Committee is recommended to consider the Boundary Committee's draft recommendations in the light of the comments received and to determine the County Council's response.

### **Background Papers**

Draft recommendations published by the Boundary Committee.

### **Circulation under Sensitive Issues Procedure**

All members have been invited to comment.

### **Officer to Contact**

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