

**Report to:** COUNCIL

**Date:** 20 July 2021

**Report of:** Cllr Gerald Cooney – Chair of Democratic Processes Working Group / Executive Member (Housing, Planning and Employment)

**Subject Matter:** **TAMESIDE ELECTORAL REVIEW – RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND (LGBCE) WARD PATTERNS AND WARD NAMES PROPOSAL (1 JUNE 2021)**

**Summary:**

In June 2019 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) informed Tameside Council they would be undertaking an electoral review of Tameside. The last such review was concluded in 2004.

At stage one of the review which concluded in January 2021 the LGBCE proposed 57 councillors for Tameside. At the first part of stage two a full borough wide ward patterns and ward names proposal was submitted to the LGBCE by Tameside Council. The LGBCE published their draft ward patterns and ward names proposal on 1 June 2021 which triggered ten weeks of public consultation (closing on 9 August 2021).

The attached report is the Tameside Council response to the LGBCE ward patterns and ward names proposal published on 1 June 2021.

The report notes that the LGBCE ward pattern and names proposal is based in the greater part on the Tameside Council submission. As such Tameside Council broadly supports the proposal outlined by the LGBCE but with some areas of difference where amendments are suggested. Those amendments are based on the original Tameside Council submission (1 April 2021) as a better balance of community identity and electoral equality informed by local knowledge and experience. The amendments are outlined in detail in the relevant sections of the report.

The report is supported by both the controlling group (the Labour Party) and the opposition (the Conservative party).

At their meeting on 5 July 2021 the Democratic Processes Working Group endorsed the report and agreed it would be presented to Full Council for final sign off before submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

**Recommendations:** Council are recommended to:

1. Endorse the attached report outlining the Tameside Council response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) draft proposals.
2. Agree the attached report is submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) no later than 9 August 2021.

**Financial Implications:**  
**(Authorised by Section 151  
Officer)**

There are no direct financial implications as a direct result of this report.

**Legal Implications:**  
**(Authorised by Borough  
Solicitor)**

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 sets out the duty placed on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to undertake an electoral review of every principal local authority in England 'from time to time' and we are required to conduct a review when the commission determines it is time for a review.

**Risk Management:**

A separate risk assessment is undertaken as part of the preparations for each election. An assessment of the most recent election informs future planning and assessment of risk.

**Links to Corporate Plan:**

Indirectly the running of elections helps support all elements of the Corporate Plan in that elected members set the strategic direction of the council.

**Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report author Simon Brunet, Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence by:



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