

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 6 February 2019 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors J. Bradshaw, Baker, M. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Dennett, Dourley, Gilligan, Harris, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Horabin, Howard, Jones, Leck, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nelson, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Teeling, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Whitley, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Abbott, Cassidy, Fry, Morley, Nolan and Philbin

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Reaney, A. Scott and K. Mackenzie

Also in attendance: One member of the press

	<i>Action</i>
<p>COU58 COUNCIL MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12 December 2018, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>COU59 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW</p> <p>Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Council's response to the draft warding arrangements made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the Commission).</p> <p>An Electoral Review had been undertaken by the Commission which had been triggered by a significant increase in the average electorate in the Farnworth Ward in Widnes. The review process was undertaken in four stages, as detailed in the report. The Council's response, attached to the report, was a response to Stage 3 of the consultation process on the Commission's draft recommendations on warding patterns.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p>	<p>Strategic Director</p>

- 1) the Council endorses the response, attached to the report, and that it be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; and
- 2) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make minor drafting amendments to the response prior to forwarding it to the Commission.

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Resources

COU60 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME - TRI-ANNUAL REVIEW

Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, on the Tri-annual review of the Members' Allowance Scheme.

Under the Local Authority's (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003, the Scheme of Members' Allowances in Halton was due for review.

In consultation with the Leader, the Chief Executive reported that he had invited three independent and respected private sector representatives to sit as an Independent Panel to review the Council's Scheme of Members' Allowances.

The Panel's findings would be reported to the meeting of Council on 6 March 2019.

RESOLVED: That Council note the process for review, as set out in the report.

Meeting ended at 6.33 p.m.