



<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item no.</b>
The Leader of the Council (Cllr Gibson) and the Corporate Director of Resources	Council	30 July 2015	13

### **Electoral Review Working Group**

#### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To enable a Working Group to be appointed to consider proposals for a review of the electoral divisions for Lancashire County Council.

#### **2. Outcomes**

- 2.1 Effective changes to the pattern of electoral divisions in Lancashire.

#### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That a Group comprising the Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent), 4 other Councillors nominated by the Conservative Group and 2 Councillors nominated by the Labour Group be appointed to respond to the consultation process and to submit comments and proposals on behalf of the Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

#### **4. Background**

- 4.1 The Leader's Executive Report under agenda item 9(a) for this meeting, refers to the electoral review of Lancashire currently being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission.
- 4.2 The Chief Executive was formally informed by the Commission on 23 June of the commencement of the review and was invited to submit this Council's views on the future electoral division boundaries of the County Council. The reasons for the review are explained in the Leader's report, as is the timetable for the review (including the two stages of public consultation) and the deadlines for submitting proposals and comments.

## 5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1 To enable the options to be fully considered and comments to be submitted within the required timescale, it is proposed that a politically balanced Member Working Group be set up with delegated authority to approve the Council's comments or proposals, as recommended in paragraphs 3.1 above.

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	None arising directly from this report.
Legal	The Local Government Boundary Commission is an independent body, responsible to Parliament, set up by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. The review process will be carried out in accordance with statutory criteria.

### Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
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None	-	-

### List of appendices

None

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