

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE			
Report Title	Parliamentary Boundary Review – consultation 2 nd stage		
Key Decision	n/a		Item No.
Ward	n/a		
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Class	Part 1	Date: 20 March 2017	

1. **Summary**

This report identifies the submissions made on the initial proposals of the BCE review and suggests a response from the London Borough of Lewisham in favour of our original counter proposal.

2. **Purpose**

To inform members of the second stage of the review and the opportunity to respond.

3. **Recommendation**

That the Committee note this report and agree the response.

4 **Background**

4.1 The Parliamentary Voting Systems and Constituencies Act 2011 (the Act) made provision for a reduction in the number of UK parliamentary constituencies from 650 to 600. To implement this change in England, the Boundary Commission for England (the BCE) must complete a review of parliamentary constituencies by September 2018.

4.2 Initial proposals were published in September 2016 with a consultation period until 5 December 2017. All submissions were made available for inspection on 28 February 2018 and interested stakeholders are invited to make comments with a deadline of 27 March 2017.

4.3 Lewisham Council's elections committee responded to the initial proposals with a counter proposal. The counter proposal matched the Labour party's counter proposals.

- 4.4. A response to the second stage of the consultation should be focussed on other submissions received. If our opinions have been altered upon viewing other submissions we should make a comment. If we feel other submissions are not as good we should state the reasons why.
- 4.5 The BCE will use the submissions from both stages of the consultation to make a decision on their final proposals. There will be no third stage of consultation.

6. **Legal implications**

These are set out in the body of the report.

7. **Equalities implications**

There are no specific equalities implications.

8. **Financial implications**

There are no specific financial implications.

9. **Crime and disorder implications**

There are no crime and disorder implications arising.

10. **Environmental implications**

There are no environmental implications arising.

11. **Background documents and originator**

See Appendices A-E

A – Review 20-18 – report on submissions

B – Proposal comparisons – initial and the 3 parties

C – Submissions to the BCE regarding Lewisham constituencies.

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D – Submissions to the BCE regarding Lewisham constituencies. Full text

E – Draft response to second consultation stage