

FULL COUNCIL, 4th March, 2020

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Boundary Commission Review , Part 2 (Warding Patterns)

At its meeting on 20th February, 2020 the Governance Committee gave consideration to the report of Andrew Beesley, Head of Democratic Services detailing the Boundary Commission Review (Part 2) in respect of Warding Patterns.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review of the London Borough of Havering's local government electoral arrangements. The outcome of the review will be implemented in readiness for the 2022 Council elections.

The review forms two parts. The first part determines the Council size. In September 2019, Full Council recommended to the Commission that it retain its existing cohort size of 54. The Commission subsequently informed the Council that it was minded to agree to the proposal.

The second part is concerned with determining the warding arrangements in terms of the number of wards and the number of representatives of each ward which make up the Council, based on statutory criteria.

An officer working group prepared a number of options and these were presented to the Governance Committee. The draft minutes of the Governance Committee are attached.

The Committee's preferred option was determined after vote as **Option 4A** and is hereby attached and presented to Full Council which, if approved, will determine the Council's submission to the Commission.

It is **RECOMMENDED**, following approval by the Governance Committee that:

- **Council approves the preferred Option 4A to be submitted as the Council's submission to the Commission.**