

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEEMonday, 29 June 2015 (6:00 pm – 6:35 pm)PRESENT:

Councillor Winstanley (Chair); Councillors Clarke, Irish, Olson, Pretty, R Smith, Mrs Sollitt, Sollitt and Mrs Welsh

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor House

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)130. START OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A request was made to start meetings of the Administration Committee at the slightly later time of 6.15pm.

RESOLVED that future meetings of the Administration Committee start at 6.15pm.

131. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

133. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE - PREPARING A CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which advised that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had formally commenced an electoral review of Hampshire County Council. This Council had been invited to submit its views on future electoral division boundaries for the County Council as part of the consultation process.

Members raised a number of points and concerns where broader electoral equality was no longer being achieved, for example Eastleigh Central which was now double the size of a two-member Borough ward. Such issues would be addressed in the forthcoming Borough Council ward review, so it was felt that key headlines should be made now with more detailed points being made when specific proposals come from the

Boundary Commission on the County Review, and when this Council's own review commenced.

Key points therefore were:

- Polling districts must be the 'building blocks' as to what comprises a County electoral division.
- Wherever possible, Borough wards should not be split across County electoral divisions so as to maintain consistency and established communities in all electoral arrangements.
- Based on the electorate now, and looking ahead to the 2021 forecasts, Eastleigh should have an eighth County Member. Significant developments in the Borough area warrant this and would enable some anomalies to be addressed eg Hedge End Grange Park and West End is not a distinct community in itself.
- Having three 'two Member' County divisions is confusing and it is suggested that all County divisions should be covered by a single Member.

RESOLVED that the above points be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission as this Council's response to the initial consultation on the boundary review of Hampshire County Council.

(NOTE: Councillor Olson asked that his vote against the above, with specific reference to seeking an eighth County Member for the Eastleigh Borough area, be recorded in the Minutes.)