

TOWN CLERK'S REPORTS – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 25 JULY 2017

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION (L.G.B.C.) – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CORNWALL (deferred from Council 27th June 2017) – to consider and respond to the consultation.

Background – the last meeting of Council, considered a report on the Local Government Boundary Commission's (L.G.B.C.) consultation on the future number of Cornwall Councillors. The Council noted that some additional information was anticipated from Cornwall Council which could be considered by this Committee in time for a response to the L.G.B.C. by the 7th August deadline.

Additional Information – Cornwall Council supplied further information, a key summary of which is attached to this report (Community Network Area – Liskeard and Looe). The table shows the current 123 Cornwall Councillor data, the Cornwall Council proposed 99 Cornwall Councillors and the L.G.B.C.'s recommendation of 87 Cornwall Councillors. Note – this change would not take place until the 2021 Cornwall Council election. Councillors might note that the Cornwall Council proposed figure of 99 Councillors would give the new Liskeard – Looe CNA Councillors approximately the same number of electors as the average for Cornwall. Whereas, the 87 Councillor figure, would see the proposed new local Councillors dealing with an average 348 electors per Councillor more than the average for a Cornwall Councillor. Additionally, they would have greater distances and journey times to attend meetings in Truro compared with most Cornwall Councillors.

L.G.B.C. Electoral Review of Cornwall – Staged Consultation

The timetable for the present and next stage of the review is:

1. L.G.B.C. consultation on the 87 Councillors – deadline 7th August 2017
2. L.G.B.C. new warding arrangements consultation – 26th Sep – 4th Dec 2017.

L.G.B.C. 87 Councillors Consultation – The L.G.B.C. has consulted the Town Council on three questions which are:

1. Do you think 87 is the right number of councillors to be able to take decisions effectively?
2. Would a council size of 87 enable the council to represent the interests of all Cornwall's communities?
3. If you don't agree that Cornwall should be represented by 87 councillors, what would your alternative number be, and why?

RECOMMENDATION: To consider and respond to the consultation.

10. AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIODIC LOAN OF AN ITEM OF SILVERWARE TO AN INSTRUCTOR AT HMS RALEIGH (27TH June Council agreed to the principle, subject to the receipt of an appropriate Risk Assessment) – to receive and approve the Risk Assessment and note the advice of the Council’s Insurers.

Background – The Risk Assessment has been developed and is attached for Councillors approval. Our insurance brokers WPS supplied the draft agreement as considered at the last Council meeting to the insurers. The insurers have indicated that they are happy with the agreement as drafted. The Risk Assessment can be considered an additional step required by the Town Council and added as a supplement to the agreement. The insurers have indicated that they would not require an increase in the premium.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee resolves to approve the risk assessment.

11. HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/2018 – to receive and adopt the Health & Safety Policy Statement 2017/2018.

Background – Ellis Whittam are our Health and Safety consultants. They have conducted their annual inspection. The property related elements have been reported to the Facilities for adoption and implementation.

Ellis Whittam have also supplied a new Health and Safety Policy Statement for the Council to adopt. This is attached. Later in the year, whilst setting the budgets and capital programme, the Council will need to bear in mind the need to progress projects with a Health & Safety requirement.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee resolves to it adopt the Health and Safety Policy Statement 2017/2018.