

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORE SERVICES

TITLE: Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission on the council's future ward boundaries.

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	24 JANUARY 2024
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Core Services
Key Decision	No
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

For the next phase of the Local Government Boundary Review the council need to submit its proposals for the future ward boundaries to the Boundary Commission.

Council Plan priority

N/A

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. That Cabinet approve the proposals for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) agreed the council's proposal in July 2023 to maintain the current number of members at the council at 63.
- 1.2 For the next phase of the review the LGBCE have invited the council and other interested parties to submit their proposals for future ward boundaries. The deadline for these submissions is 29 January.
- 1.3 The submission should be based on the electorate as we believe it will be in 2029 taking into account natural population growth and new housing

developments.

- 1.4 Future ward boundaries should ensure that no ward electorate differs from the average by more than 10%.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 That the proposed ward boundaries in Appendix 1 and the accompanying commentary in Appendix 2 be approved for submission to the LGBCE.

2. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

None

3.2 Legal

None

3.3 Equality

Not applicable

3.4 Sustainability

Decision-making wheel not completed – not applicable in this instance.

3.5 Employee

None

3.6 Communications

None

4. CONSULTATION

None

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 These proposals have been shared with both Labour and Conservative members who have agreed that these boundaries represent the best available

option within the constraints of the Boundary Commission regulations. These proposals have also been shared with the Liberal Democrat group who do not support the proposals.

7. GLOSSARY

None

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Proposed Ward Boundaries for Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

Appendix 2: Commentary on proposed boundaries

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date Colette Tyrell 11 January 2024
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date Sukdave Ghuman 3 January 2024

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