

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the ELECTIONS PANEL held at Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon on Wednesday, 29 September 2004.

PRESENT: Councillor K Reynolds – Vice-Chairman
Councillors P J Downes, D Harty,
M F Newman, K Reynolds and J Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors R L Clarke, D A Giles and A Hansard

APOLOGY: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor I C Bates

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 23rd June 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Further to Minute No. 03/12, the Panel considered a report by the Director of Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) together with a copy of the final recommendations published by the Boundary Committee for England with regard to a periodic review of electoral arrangements for the County Council of Cambridgeshire.

The Panel were advised that the Committee had endorsed their draft recommendations as final, incorporating the District Council's proposal for Huntingdonshire, with the exception of a proposed amendment to the St. Neots Town area.

Having been acquainted with the views of Councillors R L Clarke, N J Finnie, D A Giles, A Hansard and Mrs P J Longford, the Panel expressed a preference for the Committee's proposal for St. Neots, whereby the boundary for the two divisions in the town should run north to south along the River Ouse rather than east to west as per their draft proposals. Whereupon, the Panel

RESOLVED

that the final recommendations published by the Boundary Committee for changes to the electoral divisions in Cambridgeshire be endorsed.

**6. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH: REVISED
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Further to Minute No. 02/10, the Panel considered a report by the Director of Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) outlining revised recommendations published by the Boundary Commission for England in connection with the review of the parliamentary constituencies in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Panel were advised that following the public inquiry in February 2004, the Commission had adopted the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations in respect of Huntingdonshire and were proposing no further changes to the constituencies of Huntingdon and North-West Cambridgeshire. The changes as supported previously by the Panel included the transfer of the new District Wards of Earith, Sawtry and Upwood and the Raveleys to the North-West Cambridgeshire Constituency, currently divided between the Huntingdon Constituency and North-West Cambridgeshire Constituency and also the transfer of the District Ward of Ellington to the North-West Cambridgeshire Constituency. Whereupon, the Panel

RESOLVED

that the final recommendations published by the Boundary Commission for changes to existing parliamentary constituencies of Huntingdon and North-West Cambridgeshire be noted.

Chairman