

**REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE
AND PETERBOROUGH: REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS
(Report by the Director of Central Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the present position in connection with the review of parliamentary constituencies in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Boundary Commission for England ("the Commission") published provisional recommendations for changes to all seven existing constituencies in the area covered by the counties of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on 18th September 2003.
- 2.2 At meetings of the Panel on 14th October 2003 and 19th January 2004 Members considered provisional recommendations published by the Commission. As a result of the Periodic Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire, the Commission determined that the parliamentary constituency boundaries should be realigned with the District Ward boundaries.
- 2.3 The Panel supported the proposals for changes to the existing constituencies of Huntingdon and North West Cambridgeshire but as the Commission had received objections to the proposals a public inquiry was held on 24th February 2004.

3. PROPOSALS FOR HUNTINGDONSHIRE

- 3.1 At the public inquiry the Assistant Commissioner considered counter proposals affecting the boundary between the constituencies of Huntingdon and North West Cambridgeshire but rejected them on the grounds that it would divide a parish between constituencies and break local ties.
- 3.2 The Commission have adopted the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations in respect of Huntingdonshire and are proposing no further changes to the constituencies of Huntingdon and North West Cambridgeshire. Further details are outlined in the news release published by the Commission and has been attached at Annex A.
- 3.3 In respect of Huntingdonshire, the Commission's final recommendations are:-
- ◆ to transfer the District Wards of Earith, Sawtry and Upwood and The Raveleys (currently divided by both constituencies) to the North West Cambridgeshire Constituency; and
 - ◆ to transfer the District Ward of Ellington to the North West Cambridgeshire Constituency.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 As the final recommendations have been announced by the Commission no further representations can be considered. Following approval of the draft order the new constituencies will take effect at the general election following the making of the order.
- 4.2 The Panel is requested to note the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The District of Huntingdonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

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