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**Committee  
Governance and Audit**

**Date 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**

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**Subject: County Council Boundary Review**

Report by:

Director of Resources

Contact Officer:

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Purpose / Summary:

To allow the Governance and Audit Committee to discuss the County Council Boundary Review

**RECOMMENDATION(S): That Members consider and discuss issues around the County Council Boundary Review**

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Legal: None relating to this report**

**Financial : None relating to this report**

**Staffing : none relating to this report**

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :**  
*NB: Please explain how you have considered the policy's impact on different groups (for example: young people, elderly, ethnic minorities, LGBT community, rural residents, disabled, others).*

**Risk Assessment : NA**

**Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : NA**

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

Yes  No

**Key Decision:**

Yes  No

## **1 Introduction**

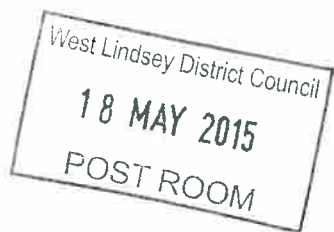
- 1.1 On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England wrote to West Lindsey District Council asking for engagement in the consultation process.
- 1.2 The Consultation process is due to end on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

## **2 Considerations**

- The commission are suggesting 71 County Councillors
- The number of divisions
- The Boundary's of the divisions
- Ensuring that the new arrangements are appropriate to represent our communities

## **3. Attachments**

- 3.1 I have attached the letter from the Commission and details of the number of electors in each of our areas to inform the discussion.



Ms Manjeet Gill  
Chief Executive  
West Lindsey District Council  
Guildhall  
Marshall's Yard  
Gainsborough  
Lincs  
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12 May 2015

Dear Ms Gill,

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LINCOLNSHIRE**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Lincolnshire County Council. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the review and seek your views on future electoral division boundaries for the council.

The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the county. At present, some county councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the county. The review aims to correct those imbalances.

### **What is an electoral review?**

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Lincolnshire County Council. In particular, it will propose:

- The total number of councillors elected to the council in the future.
- The number of electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors representing each division.
- Electoral division boundaries.
- Names of divisions.

For parishes, the review can recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of parish and town councils i.e. the number, names and boundaries of parish electoral divisions and the number of parish councillors for each parish ward. However, this is

only in circumstances where the parished area is to be divided between divisions. Even in these circumstances, the Commission will not normally recommend any change to the number of councillors to be elected to a parish or town council. The Commission has no power to consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish or the creation of new parishes.

## **When?**

Today 12 May 2015 is the start of a ten week public consultation during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new electoral division arrangements. The consultation will close on 21 July 2015. After considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in November 2015. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. Final recommendations are expected to be published in April 2016. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2017.

## **How to get involved?**

This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across the county on where they think new division patterns should be drawn.

The Commission is minded to recommend that 71 councillors should be elected to Lincolnshire County Council in the future. It is now inviting proposals to help it draw up a pattern of divisions to accommodate 71 county councillors.

In drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions, the Commission must balance three criteria, which are set out in law, namely:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

In addition, the council has also asked the Commission to conduct a 'single-member division review'. The Commission will therefore seek to deliver electoral arrangements for Lincolnshire where each division is represented by one county councillor.

We are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of divisions for the county which meet the requirements set out above.

The Commission will treat all submissions equally and will judge each case on its merits and against the statutory criteria. If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that your submission is supported by evidence. For example, if you wish to argue that two parishes should be included in the same electoral division, make sure you tell the Commission why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

There is plenty more advice on our website about how you can get involved in the consultation and put your views forward. Log on to <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/lincolnshire/lincolnshire-county-council> to find out more. The website includes the technical guidance that explains the process and our policies as well as guidance on how to take part in each part of the process. We have set up a page on our site which is dedicated to the review of Lincolnshire where you can find all the relevant information.

You can also access interactive maps of the current division boundaries across the county on our specialist consultation portal. The portal also allows you to draw your own boundaries, mark areas of interest on the map and upload documents directly to the site. Log on to <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5183> to access the portal or find it via our main website.

### **Get in touch**

We encourage as many people and organisations as possible to get involved with the consultation and we encourage local organisations and parish councils to engage their local networks and communities in the review.

View interactive maps of the county, draw your own boundaries and have your say at our specialist consultation portal at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5183>.

Find out more about the review at: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/lincolnshire/lincolnshire-county-council>.

Email your views to: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk).

Follow us on Twitter at: [@lgbce](https://twitter.com/lgbce).

Write to:       Review Officer (Lincolnshire)  
                  Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
                  14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
                  Millbank Tower

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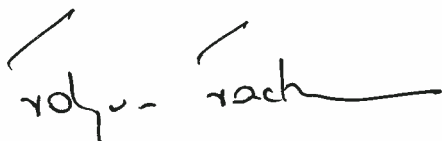
Tel: 0330 500 1525; Fax: 0330 500 1526; [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk); [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

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London  
SW1P 4QP

This phase consultation closes on 21 July 2015. We will write to you again when we open our consultation on draft recommendations.

Please note that the interests of transparency, copies of the all representations we receive during this review will be placed on our website. We remove any personal identifying information such as signatures and private residential addresses prior to placing any submissions in the public domain.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jolyon Jackson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Jolyon Jackson CBE**  
**Chief Executive**  
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0330 500 1290

**Please note as of 27 April we have new contact details. Our new address is LGBCE, 14th Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP. Our new telephone number is 0330 500 1525.**

The  
Local Government  
Boundary Commission  
for England

Mr Tony McArdle  
Chief Executive  
Lincolnshire County Council  
County Offices  
Newland  
Lincoln  
LN1 1YL

12 May 2015

Dear Mr McArdle,

### **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LINCOLNSHIRE**

I am writing to inform you that the Commission has, today, opened its consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of electoral divisions for Lincolnshire.

The Commission is minded to recommend that 71 county councillors should be elected to Lincolnshire County Council in future. The Commission now invites proposals from the council, interested parties and members of the public on a pattern of electoral divisions to accommodate those councillors.

The consultation begins today and will end on 21 July 2015.

#### **Publicising the review**

I would be grateful if you could bring the consultation to the attention of elected members. Furthermore, a copy of the Commission's press release and posters advertising this stage of the review are being sent to your Council. It would be much appreciated if you could publicise the consultation by arranging for copies to be placed on display at local information points, and by taking such other steps as you consider appropriate to bring the review to the attention of the public and other interested parties. In particular, we would appreciate it if you could promote the consultation online, via social media and any other channels you would normally use to engage residents.

Further details about the review are available on our website at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/lincolnshire/lincolnshire-county-council> where there is information about how to get involved and the kind of evidence the Commission is seeking in support of any proposed division patterns.

In addition, the Commission's consultation portal allows visitors to interact with online maps of the current electoral divisions, draw their own boundaries and feed views into the consultation process directly. The portal is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5183>.

Submissions can also be made by email to [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) and by post to the address at the end of this letter.



## Review timetable

This phase of consultation closes on **21 July 2015**.

Once the Commission has considered all the proposals received during this phase of consultation, it plans to publish draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements in November 2015. Public consultation on the draft recommendations is scheduled to take place between November 2015 and January 2016. Once the Commission has considered the representations and evidence as part of that consultation, it intends to publish final recommendations in April 2016.

New electoral arrangements for the county are scheduled to come into effect at the county council elections in 2017.

## Creating a pattern of divisions

In drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions, the Commission must balance its three statutory criteria, namely:

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The Commission will test proposals against the criteria before drawing up draft recommendations. Accordingly, all proposals should demonstrate how they meet the three requirements. The Commission will take decisions based on the strength of the **evidence presented to it and not merely on assertion**. For example, details of community interests such as the location and use made of local facilities, services and local organisations demonstrating how a community manifests itself will carry greater weight than submissions that simply assert that an area has community identity.

The Commission will consider all submissions on their merit. A well-evidenced submission from an individual which addresses the three statutory criteria will be more persuasive than one which does not, even if the latter is from an elected individual or body.

Further information on drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions is available in our guidance document: *Electoral reviews: technical guidance* which can be found at **Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP**

[www.lgbce.org.uk/guidance-policy-and-publications/guidance](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/guidance-policy-and-publications/guidance). We also publish a practical guide for putting forward submissions called *How to propose a pattern of wards* which is available at [www.lgbce.org.uk/documents/lgbce/guidance-policy-and-publications/guidance/proposing-new-wards-guidance.pdf](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/documents/lgbce/guidance-policy-and-publications/guidance/proposing-new-wards-guidance.pdf).

Our website includes information about previous electoral reviews of county councils where you can see how the Commission came to its conclusions and how other counties, districts and parishes built their own pattern of divisions.

Please feel free to contact us at any time should you have any questions. Officers at the Commission will be happy to assist with technical aspects of your division scheme either in person or via email or telephone.

### **Correspondence and enquiries**

Correspondence relating to this review should be addressed to:

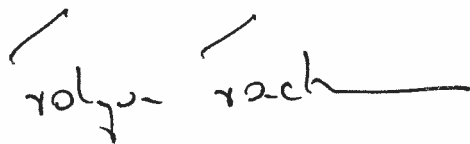
Review Officer (Lincolnshire)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Millbank Tower  
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London  
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or direct to your main contacts at the Commission who will be:

- Johanna Porter, Review Officer, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review  
email: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk); tel: 0330 500 1279;
- Tim Bowden, Review Manager, who leads the team dealing with this and other reviews  
email: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk); tel: 0330 500 1270.

I am copying this letter to the organisations and individuals listed below.

Yours sincerely



**Jolyon Jackson CBE**  
**Chief Executive**  
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cc District Councils located in Lincolnshire  
MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in Lincolnshire  
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Parish and Town Councils located in Lincolnshire  
Local organisations located in Lincolnshire

**Please note as of 27 April we have new contact details. Our new address is LGBCE, 14th Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP. Our new telephone number is 0330 500 1525.**

# West Lindsey District Council

## Electorate for July 2015 Register

| Electoral Area          | Electors |
|-------------------------|----------|
| <b>Ancholme Cliff</b>   |          |
| HA - Blyborough         | 78       |
| HB - Corringham         | 399      |
| HD - Grayingham         | 111      |
| HE - Harpswell          | 50       |
| HF - Heapham            | 90       |
| HG - Hemswell           | 289      |
| HH - Hemswell Cliff     | 543      |
| HI - Springthorpe       | 129      |
| HJ - Willoughton        | 279      |
| KE - Middle Rasen No.1  | 940      |
| KF - Middle Rasen No.2  | 759      |
| KH - Osgodby            | 491      |
| KI - Owersby            | 235      |
| KM - West Rasen         | 61       |
| SA - Bishop Norton      | 257      |
| SB - Caenby             | 57       |
| SC - Glentham           | 380      |
| SD - Normanby-By-Spital | 306      |
| SE - Owmbly             | 267      |
| SF - Saxby              | 33       |
| SG - Snitterby          | 212      |
| SH - Waddingham         | 511      |
| SI - West Firsby        | 24       |
| Ancholme Cliff          | 6,501    |

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| Electoral Area                         | Electors |
|--|----------|
| <b>Bardney &amp; Cherry Willingham</b> |          |
| AA - Apley                             | 57       |
| AB - Bardney                           | 1,525    |
| AC - Bullington                        | 29       |
| AD - Fulnetby                          | 11       |
| AE - Goltho                            | 58       |
| AF - Holton-Cum-Beckering              | 101      |
| AG - Rand                              | 32       |
| AH - Southrey                          | 177      |
| AI - Stainfield                        | 98       |
| CA - Barlings                          | 383      |
| CB - Cherry Willingham No.1            | 1,416    |
| CC - Cherry Willingham No.2            | 823      |
| CD - Cherry Willingham No.3            | 930      |
| CE - Fiskerton                         | 1,000    |
| CG - Newball                           | 33       |
| CH - Reepham                           | 762      |
| CI - Stainton-By-Langworth             | 74       |
| Bardney & Cherry Willingham            | 7,509    |
| <b>Gainsborough Hill</b>               |          |
| EA - Gainsborough No.1                 | 1,590    |
| EB - Gainsborough No.2                 | 905      |
| EC - Gainsborough No.3                 | 1,000    |
| ED - Gainsborough No.4                 | 1,813    |
| FA - Gainsborough No.6                 | 1,640    |
| Gainsborough Hill                      | 6,948    |

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Gainsborough Rural South</b> |          |
| HC - Glentworth                 | 263      |
| JA - Kexby                      | 290      |
| JB - Knaith                     | 272      |
| JC - Lea                        | 861      |
| JD - Upton                      | 374      |
| ME - Hardwick                   | 38       |
| NA - Aisthorpe                  | 84       |
| NB - Brattleby                  | 91       |
| NC - Cammeringham               | 102      |
| ND - Fillingham                 | 171      |
| NE - Ingham                     | 741      |
| NF - Scampton No.1              | 172      |
| NG - Scampton No.2              | 805      |
| NH - Thorpe-in-the-Fallows      | 16       |
| PA - Stow                       | 267      |
| PB - Sturton-By-Stow            | 1,195    |
| PC - Willingham                 | 509      |
| RA - Brampton                   | 58       |
| RB - Fenton                     | 323      |
| RC - Gate Burton                | 43       |
| RD - Kettlethorpe               | 366      |
| RE - Marton                     | 583      |
| RF - Newton-on-Trent            | 313      |
| RG - Torksey                    | 712      |
| Gainsborough Rural South        | 8,649    |
| <b>Gainsborough Trent</b>       |          |
| EE - Gainsborough No.5          | 8        |
| FB - Gainsborough No.7          | 877      |
| FC - Gainsborough No.8          | 531      |
| FD - Gainsborough No.9          | 1,018    |
| FE - Gainsborough No.10         | 1,145    |
| GA - Gainsborough No.11         | 1,091    |
| GB - Gainsborough No.12         | 976      |
| GC - Gainsborough No.13         | 1,145    |
| GD - Gainsborough No.14         | 709      |
| Gainsborough Trent              | 7,500    |

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Market Rasen Wolds</b>      |          |
| DA - Buslingthorpe             | 53       |
| DG - Lissington                | 115      |
| KA - Legsby                    | 196      |
| KB - Linwood                   | 89       |
| KC - Market Rasen No.1         | 1,449    |
| KD - Market Rasen No.2         | 1,804    |
| KG - North Willingham          | 122      |
| KJ - Sixhills                  | 43       |
| KK - Tealby                    | 472      |
| KL - Walesby                   | 206      |
| TA - Brookenby                 | 510      |
| TB - Claxby                    | 154      |
| TC - Holton-Le-Moor            | 150      |
| TD - Kirmond-Le-Mire           | 29       |
| TE - Nettleton                 | 550      |
| TF - Normanby-Le-Wold          | 54       |
| TG - Rothwell                  | 172      |
| TH - Stainton-Le-Vale          | 47       |
| TJ - Swinhope                  | 129      |
| TK - Thoresway                 | 86       |
| TL - Thorganby                 | 40       |
| Market Rasen Wolds             | 6,470    |
| <b>Nettleham &amp; Saxilby</b> |          |
| CF - Greetwell                 | 675      |
| LA - Grange-De-Lings           | 30       |
| LB - Nettleham No.1            | 1,129    |
| LC - Nettleham No.2            | 989      |
| LD - Nettleham No.3            | 956      |
| LE - Riseholme                 | 237      |
| MA - Broadholme                | 83       |
| MB - Broxholme                 | 67       |
| MC - Burton No.1               | 142      |
| MD - Burton No.2               | 507      |
| MF - North Carlton             | 135      |
| MG - Saxilby-with-Ingleby No.1 | 1,776    |
| MH - Saxilby-with-Ingleby No.2 | 1,576    |
| MI - South Carlton             | 78       |
| Nettleham & Saxilby            | 8,380    |

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|------------------------|----------|
| <b>North Wolds</b>     |          |
| BA - Brocklesby        | 83       |
| BB - Cabourne          | 66       |
| BC - Caistor No.1      | 1,270    |
| BD - Caistor No.2      | 1,074    |
| BE - Great Limber      | 228      |
| BF - Keelby No.1       | 883      |
| BG - Keelby No.2       | 801      |
| BH - Riby              | 97       |
| IA - Bigby             | 256      |
| IB - Grasby            | 403      |
| IC - North Kelsey      | 810      |
| ID - Searby-Cum-Owmbly | 164      |
| IE - Somerby           | 38       |
| IF - South Kelsey      | 505      |
| TI - Swallow           | 192      |
| North Wolds            | 6,870    |
| <b>Scotter Rural</b>   |          |
| OA - Blyton            | 982      |
| OB - East Ferry        | 94       |
| OC - East Stockwith    | 199      |
| OD - Laughton          | 320      |
| OE - Morton            | 1,117    |
| OF - Northorpe         | 102      |
| OG - Pilham            | 56       |
| OH - Scotter No.1      | 1,388    |
| OI - Scotter No.2      | 1,085    |
| OJ - Scotter No.3      | 88       |
| OK - Scotton           | 548      |
| OL - Thonock           | 27       |
| OM - Walkerith         | 66       |
| ON - Wildsworth        | 69       |
| Scotter Rural          | 6,141    |



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|---------------------|----------|
| <b>Welton Rural</b> |          |
| DB - Cold Hanworth  | 26       |
| DC - Dunholme       | 1,662    |
| DD - Faldingworth   | 333      |
| DE - Friesthorpe    | 26       |
| DF - Hackthorn      | 140      |
| DH - Snarford       | 45       |
| DI - Snelland       | 63       |
| DJ - Spridlington   | 175      |
| DK - Toft Newton    | 376      |
| DL - Welton No.1    | 1,491    |
| DM - Welton No.2    | 1,865    |
| DN - Wickenby       | 194      |
| QA - Scothern       | 718      |
| QB - Sudbrooke      | 1,471    |
| Welton Rural        | 8,585    |
| Report Total        | 73,553   |