

	<p>Council</p> <p>31 July 2018</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Electoral Review of the London Borough of Barnet Stage 1 – Council Size Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>John Hooton – Chief Executive</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Annex 1 – Report to the Constitution & General Purposes Committee, 24 July 2018 Appendix 1 – Electoral Review of the London Borough of Barnet. Stage 1 – Council Size Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission</p>
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Summary

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review that examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for the London Borough of Barnet. Stage 1 of the review (Council Size) covers the total number of councillors to be elected to the council. Stage 2 proposes the names, numbers and boundaries of wards as well as the number of councillors to be elected to represent each ward. This report outlines the recommendation to the Commission for Stage 1 of the review (Council Size).

The council considers that a figure between 63 to 66 to be the optimum number of Councillors required to ensure effective oversight for the authority. Based upon the current electorate this number also offers an electoral ratio that enables councillors to offer fair representation

to their Ward constituents.

The Constitution & General Purposes Committee will on 24 July 2018 consider the Stage 1 – Council Size Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission. Any comments, suggested amendments or recommendations made by the Committee will be reported to Council by way of an addendum.

Officers Recommendations

1. That Council agrees the draft submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission that proposes the future council size (the number of councillors) as set out in Appendix A.

2. That Council acknowledges that there may be initial feedback from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to be considered and which may subsequently effect the final submission on Council Size.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

1.2 Any comments and/or recommendations made by the Constitution & General Purposes Committee at their meeting on 24th July 2018 will be reported to Council by way of an addendum.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.4.2 Council Constitution, Article 4, The Full Council – there functions of Council include to “Make decisions on matters normally reserved to committees (except for planning and licensing matters) where an urgent decision is required or where the matter is so significant that it requires all Members to determine.”

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 As set out in the report attached at Annex 1

6.2 Report to the Constitution & General Purposes Committee, 24 July 2018:
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&MId=9723>