



East  
Northamptonshire  
Council

## Policy and Resources Committee – 12 March 2012

### Review of Electoral Arrangements - Northamptonshire County Council

**Purpose of report:** To report the review of Northamptonshire County Council electoral arrangements and determine if this council wishes to make a representation in relation to the two proposals being consulted upon by the county council.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1 Invitation to comment
- 2 Proposal 1
- 3 Proposal 2

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission initiated a six week period of consultation on a review of Northamptonshire County Council electoral arrangements on 25 October 2011. The County Council proposed a significant reduction in County Councillors from 73 to between 56 and 59 and the Boundary Commission was minded to propose 57 county councillors for Northamptonshire.
- 1.2 The period of initial consultation ended on 5 December 2011. For East Northamptonshire, the proposals represented a reduction of county councillors from 9 to 7. The next stage is consideration of the detailed proposals.

#### 2.0 Invitation from Northamptonshire County Council

- 2.1 The county council has now invited this council to give its views on two alternative options for East Northamptonshire (**see attachments**) by 12 March 2012. This is in addition to the consultation which will be carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC).
- 2.2 The Commission has explained the reasoning behind the review:-

*"the purpose of a review is to try to ensure that each county councillor represents around the same number of people and that every elector's vote is worth the same. That's not the case at the moment in Northamptonshire. Danesholme electoral division in Corby for example, has 53% more voters per county councillor than the average for the county. In Thorplands division in Northampton, each county councillor represents 20% fewer people than the average. Overall this means that local people's votes, at county council elections, are worth different amounts depending on where they live in the county. Our review aims to correct that situation".*

#### 3.0 Equality and Diversity Issues

- 3.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the alternative proposals.

#### 4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The LGBC has the power to undertake reviews and make recommendations. From this council's perspective, any change in county council electoral divisions would require slight amendments to the Electoral Register.

## 5.0 Risk Management

5.1 There are no risk implications arising from the alternative proposals.

## 6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from the alternative proposals.

## 7.0 Corporate Outcomes

7.1 The following outcomes are relevant:-

- Effective partnership working
- Strong community leadership.

## 8.0 Recommendation

8.1 The Committee is asked to consider if it wishes to respond to the invitation to comment and to give a preference for either Proposal 1 or 2.

<b>Legal</b>	Power: Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, section 8				
	Other considerations:				
<b>Background Papers:</b> None					
<b>Person Originating Report:</b> Keith Osborne, Democratic Services Manager, 01832 742113, kwosborne@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk					
<b>Date:</b> 20 February 2012					
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## Northamptonshire County Council

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Date: 17 February 2012

Dear David

### Consultation: Northamptonshire's Electoral review

Further to my letter dated January 2012, I am writing to invite your views on proposals for the draft scheme for East Northamptonshire. This review has been initiated by the Local Government Boundary Commission's (LGBCE) to improve electoral equality.

The LGBCE sets out technical guidance and statutory criteria for the review and Northamptonshire County Council has established a cross party working group to steer this work.

Please find attached two draft maps for East Northamptonshire, I would be grateful if you could share this with your councillors and get their views to us regarding their preferred option. The overall change is that East Northamptonshire will be represented by 7 councillors (at present it is represented by 9 councillors).

We welcome your views, comments and proposals on this work, please email these to my colleague Nav Gahonia (whose contact details can be found at the end of this letter) by **Monday 12 March 2012**. A copy of the LGBCE technical guidance can be obtained from their website [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

The LGBCE will also be running their own consultation for Northamptonshire in the summer, but we are keen to seek your views and support to ensure Northamptonshire develops a scheme which provides improved electoral equality.

Should you require any further information about this review please do not hesitate to contact my colleagues (Paul Hanson, Cabinet and Executive Manager [phanson@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:phanson@northamptonshire.gov.uk), 01604 366813 or Nav Gahonia, Project Manager [ngahonia@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:ngahonia@northamptonshire.gov.uk), 01604 367745).

Yours sincerely,

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<b>Average (optimum electors per division)</b>	<b>9,154</b>	<b>9,654</b>
10% above average (maximum electors per division)	10,069	10,619

The tables below set out the proposals for each new division. The colour used in the 'total' box indicates whether the proposal meet the LGBCE requirements for electoral equality (green) or not (red).

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<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Description/District Ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2011</b>	<b>Electorate 2017</b>
SR	Oundle No: 1	2606	2660
SS	Oundle No: 2	1404	1448
RD	Apethorpe	140	143
RH	Blatherwycke	50	51
RK	Bulwick	146	150
RN	Collyweston	435	462
RP	Deene	36	36
RQ	Deenethorpe	90	91
RS	Duddington with Fineshade	132	134
RU	Duddington with Fineshade	31	31
RT	Easton-on-the-Hill	837	858
RV	Fotheringhay	104	105
RW	Glaphorn	233	236
RY	Harringworth	205	209
SI	Kings Cliffe	949	1205
SJ	Laxton	149	151
SP	Nassington	625	638
UA	Southwick	141	146
UO	Wakerley	61	62
UR	Woodnewton	358	364
RG	Benefield	297	301
US	Yarwell	255	273
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9280</b>	<b>9754</b>

Division Name: Proposed division 2

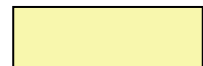
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RC	Aldwincle	266	271
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UC	Stoke Doyle	64	65
UN	Wadenhoe	90	94
RE	Ashton	151	153
RO	Cotterstock	137	139
SO	Lutton	101	104
UE	Tansor	147	149
UP	Warmington	770	788
RF	Barnwell	316	320
RM	Clopton	118	121
RR	Denford	238	246
RZ	Hemington	71	75
SN	Luddington	51	52
UK	Thurning	78	79
SK	Lilford-Cum-Wigsthorpe	75	76
UF	Thorpe Achurch	130	133
SU	Polebrook	384	389
SZ	Ringstead	1164	1179
UG	Thrapston Lakes Ward	2861	2924
UJ	Thrapston Market Ward	1690	1746
UL	Titchmarsh	453	469
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10060</b>	<b>10288</b>

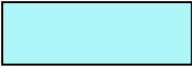
Division Name: Proposed division 3


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Polling district	Description/District Ward	Electorate 2011	Electorate 2017
RA	Addington, Great	261	264
SD	Irthlingborough John Pyel Ward	3426	3865
SF	Irthlingborough Waterloo Ward No. 1	2218	2350
SG	Irthlingborough Waterloo Ward No. 2	805	920
RB	Addington, Little	279	283
UQ	Woodford	1192	1212
SL	Lowick (Lowick Ward)	169	171
SM	Lowick (Slipton Ward)	76	77
UD	Sudborough	159	161
UM	Twywell	144	146
RJ	Brigstock	1112	1133
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9841</b>	<b>10582</b>

<b>Division Name: Proposed division 4</b>		<b>Colour used on map:</b> 	
<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Description/District Ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2011</b>	<b>Electorate 2017</b>
RL	Chelveston-Cum-Caldecott	379	386
RX	Hargrave	201	204
SQ	Newton Bromswold	54	55
UB	Stanwick	1512	1538
SV	Raunds Saxon Ward	3451	3520
SW	Raunds Windmill Ward	3256	3321
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8853</b>	<b>9024</b>

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<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Description/District Ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2011</b>	<b>Electorate 2017</b>
SA	Higham Ferrers Chichele Ward	2981	3039
SB	Higham Ferrers Lancaster Ward No. 1	1422	1461
SC	Higham Ferrers Lancaster Ward No. 2	1673	1717
TQ	Rushden Spencer Ward No. 3	2601	2635
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8677</b>	<b>8852</b>

<b>Division Name: Proposed division 6</b>		<b>Colour used on map:</b> 	
<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Description/District Ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2011</b>	<b>Electorate 2017</b>
TJ	Rushden Pemberton Ward No. 2	1643	1664
TK	Rushden Pemberton Ward No. 3	96	97
TH	Rushden Pemberton Ward No. 1	3322	3415
TO	Rushden Spencer Ward No. 1	1583	1650
TP	Rushden Spencer Ward No. 2	823	834
TL	Rushden Sartoris Ward No. 1	1580	1644
TD	Rushden Hayden Ward No. 1	763	1203
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9810</b>	<b>10507</b>

Division Name: Proposed division 7

Colour used on map:

Polling district	Description/District Ward	Electorate 2011	Electorate 2017
TA	Rushden Bates Ward No. 1	606	659
TB	Rushden Bates Ward No. 2	2557	2590
TC	Rushden Bates Ward No. 3	612	620
TM	Rushden Sartoris Ward No. 2	1685	1707
TE	Rushden Hayden Ward No. 2	2405	2436
TF	Rushden Hayden Ward No. 3	2150	2178
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10015</b>	<b>10190</b>

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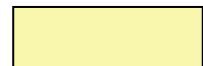
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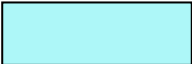
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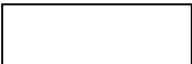
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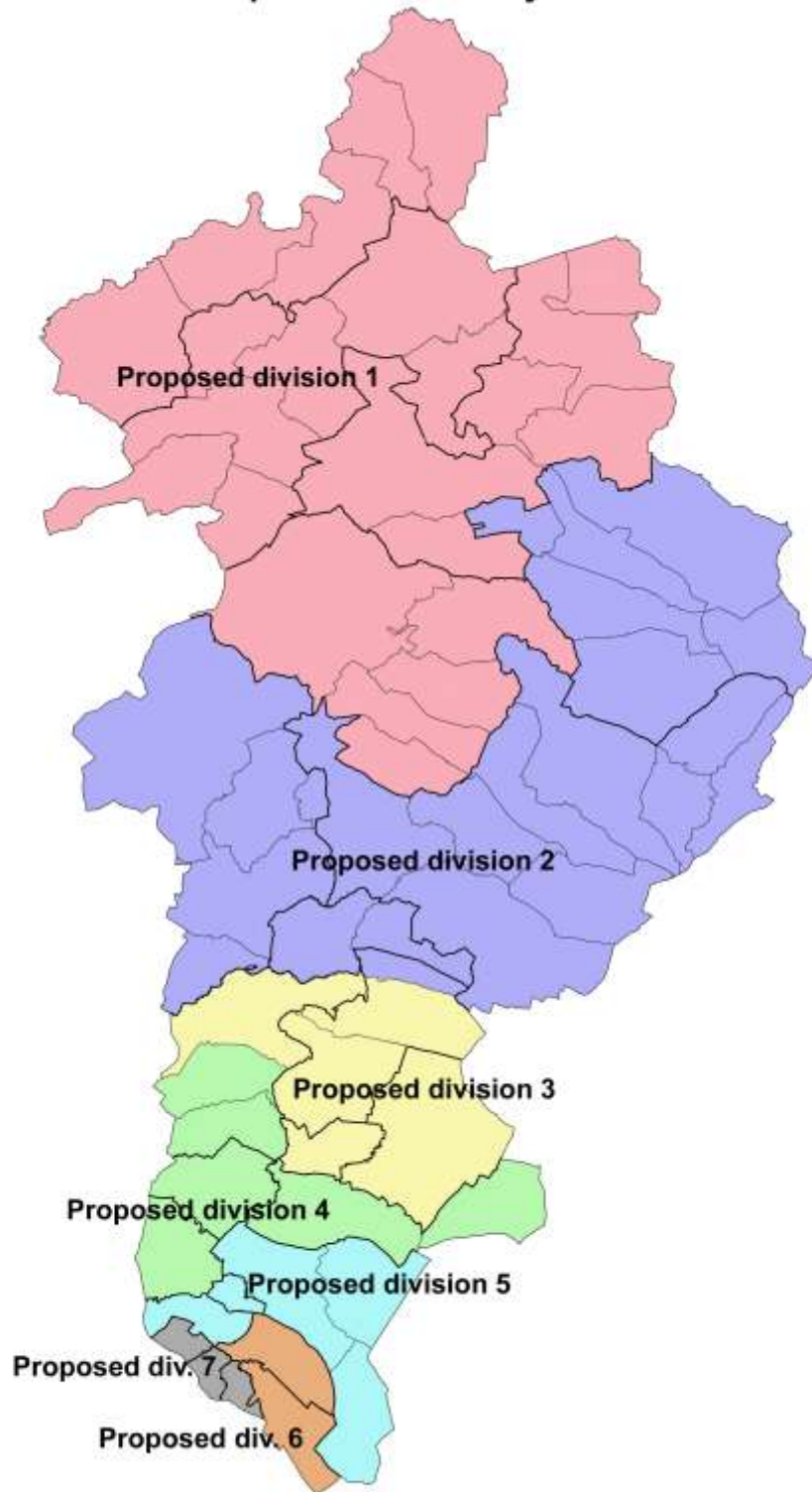
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