

FULL COUNCIL

28th July 2021

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRACY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE CHANGES TO PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the views of the Democracy and Standards Committee on the proposed changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries, as agreed at their meeting on the 26th July, and to seek endorsement for those comments to be passed to the Boundary Commission for England. (BCE)

Relevant Papers

Members are referred to agenda item 11 of the Council agenda, which includes the papers and maps that were submitted to and debated by the Democracy and Standards Committee on the 26th July.

Also attached to this report are three maps which were shown to the committee to illustrate the changes that were being proposed to the BCE and set out in points 1-4 below

Recommendations from the Committee

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the following changes are submitted to the BCE, in time for its deadline of 2nd August.

1. That the ward of Raunds be moved back into the Corby and East Northamptonshire constituency
2. That the town of Irthlingborough (polling districts SD and SF) be transferred to the Wellingborough constituency but the rest of the ward left within the Corby and East Northamptonshire constituency
3. That the whole of the Finedon ward be retained within the Wellingborough constituency and not split between constituencies
4. That the polling districts of Stanion, Little Stanion, Cottingham, Middleton, and East Carlton be transferred from the Corby constituency to the Kettering constituency, but the rest of the Corby Rural ward be retained within the Corby constituency

NOTE

The net effect of these changes would create constituencies of the following sizes -

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| a. Corby and East Northamptonshire | 76888 |
| b. Kettering | 76163 |
| c. Wellingborough | 76529 |

5. That the boundary between the Wellingborough and Daventry constituencies should follow the line of the parish boundary of Wellingborough rather than the ward boundary, so as to include the urban extensions of Redhill Grange and Glenvale Park within the Wellingborough constituency. (polling districts WMA and WGB)

NOTE: -

- a. (This would involve the transfer of 758 voters into the Wellingborough constituency from Daventry, which the Committee accepted the BCE could find challenging within the rules it was working to).
6. That the constituency names should be
- a. Corby and East Northamptonshire
 - b. Kettering
 - c. Wellingborough and Rushden

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