



**Policy, Finance and
Development
Committee**

**Tuesday, 22 March
2022**

**Matter for
Information and
Decision**

Report Title: Boundary Commission for England - Proposed Blaby, Oadby and Wigston County Constituency (2023 Review)

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Purpose of Report:	To provide Committee with a summary of the local context to the Boundary Commission for England's (BCE) current review of Parliamentary boundaries.
Report Summary:	The report sets out the process for the 2023 boundary review and invites the Committee to consider submitting a formal response from the Council.
Recommendation(s):	That Members consider whether they wish to submit a formal response to the Boundary Commission for England consultation on proposed Parliamentary boundaries.
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Corporate Objectives:	Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1)
Vision and Values:	"A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision) Accountability (V1)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Political Dynamics (CR3) Reputation Damage (CR4) Organisational / Transformational Change (CR8)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.

Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	Boundary Commission for England – 2023 Review (East Midlands)
Appendices:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boundary Commission for England - Initial Proposals for the Blaby, Oadby and Wigston County Constituency (2023) 2. Leicestershire & Rutland MP's Counter-Proposal to the Boundary Commission for England Initial Proposals

1. Boundary Commission for England Review 2023

- 1.1 The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is currently undertaking a review of the Parliamentary boundaries in England, due to take effect in 2023.
- 1.2 Initial proposals were published in June 2021 with a statutory consultation period running for 8 weeks.
- 1.3 The responses to that publication were published on 2 February 2022 when a further statutory consultation opened until 4 April 2022.
- 1.4 The initial proposals recommended a combination of the 10 Oadby and Wigston Wards with 7 wards from the administrative area of Blaby District Council to form a Blaby, Oadby and Wigston County Constituency. A copy of the proposal is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.5 A response was submitted to the BCE by the Leicestershire and Rutland County Members of Parliament which proposed retaining a South Leicestershire and Harborough seat which would require the transfer of two Oadby and Wigston wards into the Leicester East seat. A copy of the counter-proposal is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 1.6 Members are invited to consider whether they wish to submit a formal response on behalf of the Council on either of the above two proposals or whether they wish to submit an additional proposal/s.