



City of Westminster

# Committee Agenda

Title: **General Purposes**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 2nd November, 2016**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Venue: **Rooms 3 & 4 - 17th Floor, Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6 QP**

Members: **Councillors:**

Tim Mitchell (Chairman)  
Robert Davis, MBE, DL (Vice-Chairman)  
Melvyn Caplan  
David Boothroyd



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## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 (IN PUBLIC)**

#### **1. MEMBERSHIP**

The Head of Committee and Governance Services to note any changes to the membership

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations by Members and Officers of the existence and nature of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

#### **3. MINUTES**

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2016.

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#### **4. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES BY THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND**

Report of the Chief of Staff.

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#### **5. UPDATES TO STANDING ORDERS**

Report of the Head of Committee and Governance Services.

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#### **6. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2017-2018**

Report of the Head of Committee and Governance Services.

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#### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

**Charlie Parker**  
**Chief Executive**  
**24 October 2016**



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

## MINUTES

### General Purposes

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Purposes** Committee held on **Wednesday 6th July, 2016**, Rooms 3 & 4 - 17th Floor, Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6 QP.

**Members Present:** Councillors Tim Mitchell (Chairman), Robert Davis, MBE, DL (Vice-Chairman), David Boothroyd and Melvyn Caplan

#### **1 MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 There were no changes to the membership.

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **3 MINUTES**

- 3.1 The Chairman, with the consent of the Members present, signed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

#### **4 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT (SEE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW)**

- 4.1 Members noted that the new Code had been the subject of significant discussion by the Standards Committee and input by the Independent Persons.
- 4.2 It was noted that training in the new Code would be offered, which would include various scenarios and the types of interests which should be disclosed and those which need not.
- 4.3 It was agreed that subject to some minor drafting amendments it was in order for the Code to be recommended to the Council for approval.

**Resolved:** That the Code of Conduct be submitted to full Council for adoption.

The Meeting ended at 6.14 pm

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_



## General Purposes Committee

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2 November 2016</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>For General Release</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries by the Boundary Commission for England</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chief of Staff</b>
<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<b>The cost of administering UK Parliamentary elections is met from the Government grant. Any cost applicable to making City Council representation at this review would need to be met from the appropriate Council budget.</b>
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### **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The Boundary Commission for England ('the Commission') is the independent public body that reviews all Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England every five years. The Commission is currently carrying out a review called for by Parliament aimed at reducing the number of MPs from 650 to 600 and published initial proposals on 13 September 2016. The Commission's initial consultation period ends on 5 December 2016. There is a secondary consultation period after this and if changes are made to the initial proposals the possibility of a further consultation period. A final report is then laid before Parliament.
- 1.2 The Commission must submit final reports on the reviews to Government in September 2018.
- 1.3 The review is based on the electorate numbers as at 1 December 2015. The Commission's task is twofold: to reduce the number of constituencies (in England, from 533 to 501. London will go down from having 73 MPs to 68 MPs ); and to make more equal the number of electors in each constituency ( with each one having between 71,031 and 78,507 electors– the only exception being the Isle of Wight) .

- 1.4 The Commission has stated that any proposed alternatives for areas that are disagreed with must meet the statutory rules set out in their report. An initial proposals report for London is attached as Appendix A.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee note the challenging and complex set of criteria being applied to this review.
- 2.2 That the Committee agrees that a representation be made to the Commission by the City Council.
- 2.3 That the Committee agrees that the representation made to the Commission by the City Council strongly supports the initial proposals

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 The current parliamentary constituencies covering the City of Westminster are made up of the following City of Westminster wards- with 1 December 2015 electorates as shown :

### **Cities of London and Westminster- 58,071:**

The City of London-6158, Bryanston and Dorset Square-5300, Churchill-5498, Hyde Park-5386, Knightsbridge & Belgravia-3769, Marylebone High Street-4772, St James's-5952, Tachbrook-4942, Vincent Square-5967, Warwick-5491 and West End-4836 .

### **Westminster North-59,436:**

Abbey Road-5469, Bayswater-4920, Church Street-6332, Harrow Road-6440, Lancaster Gate-5140, Little Venice-5545, Maida Vale-5689, Queen's Park-7054, Regent's Park-6097 and Westbourne-6750 .

## **4. The Commission's initial proposals**

- 4.1 The initial proposals made by the Commission on 13 September 2016 are as follows:

That all Westminster wards are included in two constituencies

### **Cities of London and Westminster BC- 75,693**

City of London - 6,158

Bloomsbury- Camden- 5,016

Holborn and Covent Garden- Camden- 7,466

Bryanston and Dorset Square- WCC- 5,300

Churchill- WCC- 5,498

Hyde Park- WCC- 5,386

Knightsbridge and Belgravia- WCC- 3,769

Lancaster Gate-WCC- 5,140

Marylebone High Street- WCC- 4,772

St.James's- WCC-5,952  
Tachbrook- WCC- 4,942  
Vincent Square-WCC- 5,967  
Warwick- WCC-5,491  
West End- WCC- 4,836

**Queen's Park and Regent's Park BC- 72,664**

Kilburn-Brent- 9,522  
Queens Park- Brent- 8,846  
Abbey Road- WCC- 5,469  
Bayswater- WCC-4,920  
Church Street- WCC-6,332  
Harrow Road- WCC- 6,440  
Little Venice- WCC 5,545  
Maida Vale- WCC-5,689  
Queen's Park- WCC- 7,054  
Regent's Park- WCC 6,097  
Westbourne-WCC- 6,750

- 4.2. Section 41 of the Commission's initial proposals report for London reads as follows:

"In Westminster and the City of London, we noted that the combined electorate would not meet the electoral quota, so we therefore propose a Cities of London and Westminster constituency, which retains ten wards from the existing constituency and includes the Lancaster Gate ward from the existing Westminster North constituency, and the Camden borough wards of Bloomsbury ,and Holborn and Covent Garden, from the existing Holborn and St Pancras constituency. The electorate of the existing Westminster North constituency is currently below the electoral quota. To bring this constituency within range, we propose including the Brent borough wards of Queens Park and Kilburn from the existing Hampstead and Kilburn constituency. ( It should be noted that there is already a Queen's Park ward from Westminster in the existing constituency , making two in the proposed constituency.) To reflect the change we propose this constituency is called Queen's Park and Regent's Park."

**5. Consultation and Representation**

- 5.1 The Commission is trying to conduct as much of this review as is possible on the internet, using their website ([www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)) as the primary source of information. The website allows persons to explore the map of the proposals and get further data, including the electorate sizes of every ward and polling district. Text or data files can also be uploaded by those persons.
- 5.2 The Commission still has a statutory requirement to make paper copies of its recommendations available to members of the public. The Commission has decided that there will only be one place of deposit per proposed constituency. The place of deposit chosen for the proposed constituency of

Cities of London and Westminster is the City of London Guildhall. The place of deposit chosen for the proposed constituency of Queen's Park and Regent's Park is in Brent. The review can also be followed on twitter [@BCE2018](#) or using #2018boundaryreview.

5.3 All members of the Council were advised of the proposals by a WIB item published on Friday 16 September. Information in respect of the review was placed on [www.westminster.gov.uk](http://www.westminster.gov.uk) web pages.

5.4 A public hearing took place in Westminster on 17-18 October at Central Hall Westminster at Storey's Gate. There were also four other London public hearings – in Bromley, Harrow, Kingston and Romford.

5.5 The content of a City Council representation must not be motivated by party political considerations.

## **6. Precedent**

6.1 See attached Appendix B which sets out what happened at the previous Commission review commenced in 2011 and which did not see the final proposals enacted.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 The cost of administering UK Parliamentary elections is met from the Government grant. Any cost applicable to making City Council representation at this review would need to be met from the appropriate budget.

## **8. Legal Implications**

8.1 As set out in the report

## **9. Conclusion**

- 9.1
- a) The initial proposals at this review maintain the historic link between the two Cities, of London and Westminster- at the previous review the initial proposals took away the link.
  - b) The initial proposals at this review present a better administrative delivery framework for officers than was the case at the previous review. The initial proposals at this review include Westminster wards in two parliamentary constituencies- at the previous review the final proposals had Westminster wards in three parliamentary constituencies.
  - c) The initial proposals at this review have Westminster's Returning Officer as the Returning Officer for both the Westminster wards constituencies- at the previous review Westminster's Returning Officer



was the Returning Officer in only one of the three Westminster wards final proposals constituencies.

- d) The initial proposals at this review will create less confusion for Westminster voters than was the case in respect of the previous review final proposals- there is marked similarity between what is currently in place and the initial proposals presented at this review.
- e) The initial proposals at this review preserve the boundaries of wards and do not require wards to be broken up by polling district before being inserted into a constituency.
- f) Accordingly given the framework of the review the Commission's initial proposals are supported.

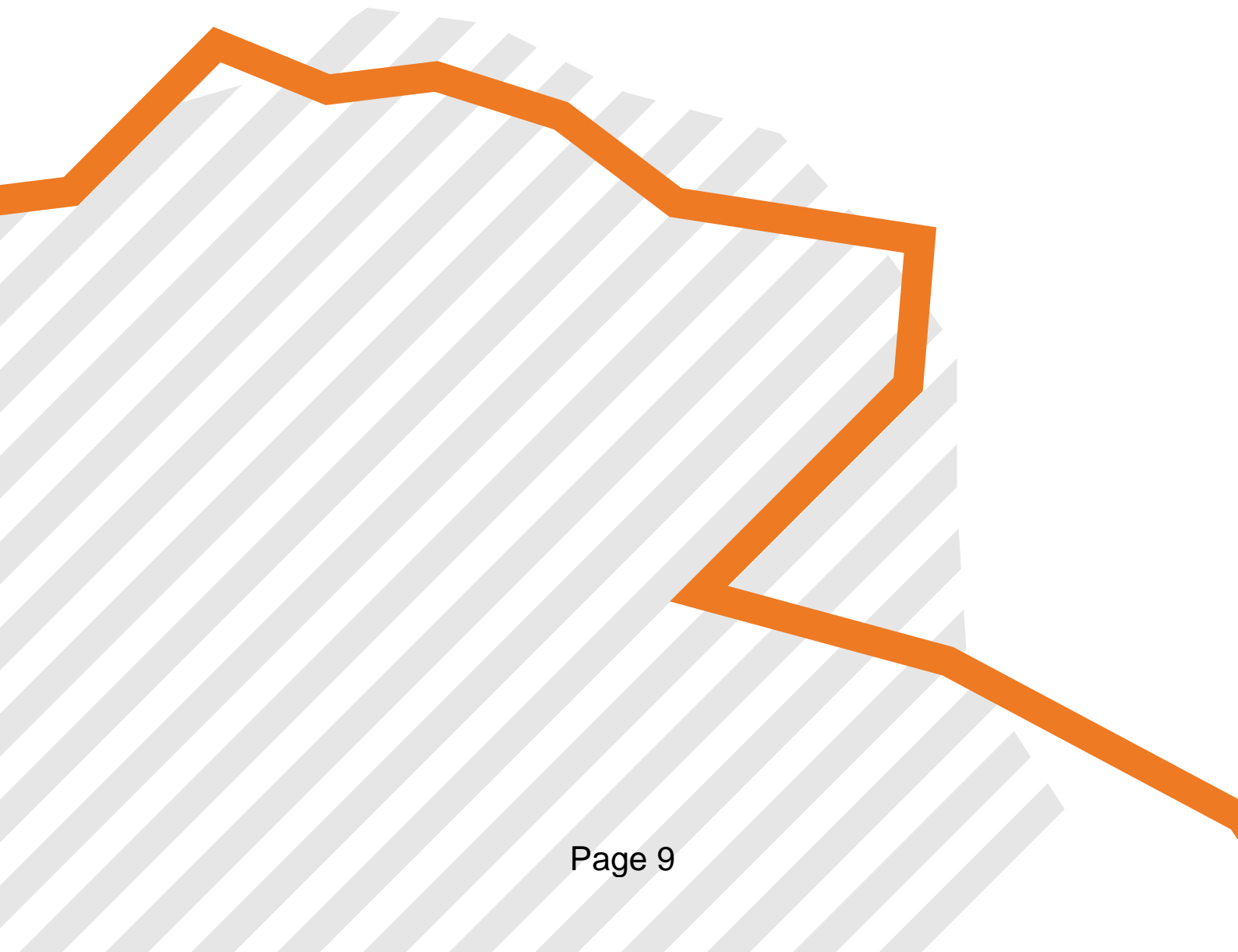
Background Papers:

- 1. Appendix A. Commission's Report. Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in London.
- 2. Appendix B. The previous review commenced in 2011.

**If you have any questions about this report, or wish to inspect one of the background papers, please contact:  
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# Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in London



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# Summary

## Who we are and what we do

The Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

## The 2018 Review

We have the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all the Parliamentary constituencies in England. We are currently conducting a review on the basis of rules set by Parliament in 2011. The rules tell us that we must make recommendations for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in September 2018. They also result in a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 501), and require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

## Initial proposals

We published our initial proposals for the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England on 13 September 2016. Information about the proposed constituencies is now available on our website.

## What is changing in London?

The London region has been allocated 68 constituencies – a reduction of five from the current number.

Our proposals leave four of the 73 existing constituencies unchanged.

As it has not always been possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual London boroughs, we have grouped them into sub-regions. The number of constituencies allocated to each sub-region is determined by the electorate of the combined boroughs.

Of the existing constituencies, we propose to retain: one in the borough of Havering, two in the borough of Richmond upon Thames, and one in the borough of Kingston upon Thames.

Substantial change is required, however, through London in order to comply with the electoral quota. Consequently, it has been necessary to propose 38 constituencies that cross London borough boundaries. Of these, 36 contain part of two London boroughs, and two contain parts of three or more London boroughs.

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Proposed allocation
North Thames (Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Newham, Redbridge, Richmond upon Thames,* Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Westminster, and the City of London)	45	42
South Thames (Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Richmond upon Thames,* Southwark, Sutton, and Wandsworth)	28	26

\*Richmond upon Thames is divided between these two sub-regions by the River Thames

In order to create 68 constituencies wholly within London, we have proposed one constituency (Bow and Canning Town) that crosses the River Lee. We have not proposed any constituencies that cross the River Thames.

## How to have your say

We are consulting on our initial proposals for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2016 to 5 December 2016. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to help us shape the new constituencies – the more views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when considering whether to revise our proposals.

Our website at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk) has more information about how to respond as well as details of where and when we will be holding public hearings in your area. You can also follow us on Twitter @BCE2018 or using #2018boundaryreview.

# 1 What is the Boundary Commission for England?

**1** The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body which is required to review Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. We conduct a review of all the constituencies in England every five years. Our role is to make recommendations to Parliament for new constituency boundaries.

You can find further information on our website, at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk). You can also contact us with any general enquiries by emailing [information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk](mailto:information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk), or by calling 020 7276 1102.

**2** The Chair of the Commission is the Speaker of the House of Commons, but by convention he does not participate in the review. The current Deputy Chair, Mrs Justice Patterson, and two further Commissioners, take decisions on proposals and recommendations for new constituency boundaries. Further information about the Commissioners can be found on our website.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> At [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)

## 2 Background to the 2018 Review

**3** We are currently conducting a review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries on the basis of rules set by Parliament in 2011.<sup>2</sup> These rules require us to reduce the number of constituencies in the UK and make more equal the number of electors in each constituency. This report covers only the work of the Boundary Commission for England (there are separate Commissions for Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) and, in particular, introduces our initial proposals for London.

**4** The rules set out in the legislation state that there will be 600 Parliamentary constituencies covering the UK – a reduction of 50 from the current number. This means that the number of constituencies in England must be reduced from 533 to 501. There are also other rules that the Commission has regard to when conducting the review – a full set of the rules can be found in our *Guide to the 2018 Review*<sup>3</sup> published in summer 2016, but they are also summarised later in this chapter. Most significantly, the rules require every constituency we recommend (with the exception of two covering the Isle of Wight) to contain no fewer than 71,031 electors and no more than 78,507.

**5** This is a significant change to the old rules under which Parliamentary boundary reviews took place, in which achieving as close to the average number of electors in each constituency was an aim, but there was no statutory fixed permissible range. For example, in England, existing constituencies (drawn under the previous rules) currently range from 54,232 to 105,448 electors. Furthermore, the current constituencies were constructed under the last completed review, which relied on the data contained in the electoral registers for 2000 and applied the earlier version of the rules. Achieving a more even distribution of electors in every constituency across England, together with the reduction in the total number of constituencies, means that a significant amount of change to the existing map of constituencies is inevitable.

**6** Our *Guide to the 2018 Review* contains further detailed background information, and explains all the policies and procedures that we are following in conducting the review. We encourage anyone wishing to be involved in the review to read this document, which will give them a greater understanding of the rules and constraints placed on the Commission, especially if they are intending to comment on our initial proposals.

<sup>2</sup> The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011, available at [www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/1/contents](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/1/contents)

<sup>3</sup> Available at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk) and at all places of deposit



## The rules in the legislation

**7** As well as the primary rule that constituencies must have no fewer than 71,031 electors and no more than 78,507, the legislation also states that, when deciding on boundaries, the Commission may also take into account:

- special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
- local government boundaries as they existed on 7 May 2015;
- boundaries of existing constituencies; and
- any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies.

**8** In addition, in relation to local government boundaries in particular, it should be noted that we are obliged to take into account local government boundaries as they existed in May 2015, rather than any subsequent changes that may have been made (or are due to be made). Our initial proposals for London (and the accompanying maps) are therefore based on local government boundaries as they existed in May 2015. Our *Guide to the 2018 Review* outlines further our policy on how, and to what extent, we take into account local government boundaries. We have used the wards as at May 2015 of unitary authorities, and borough and district councils (in areas where there is also a county council) as the basic building blocks for our proposals.

**9** Although the first review under the new rules will unavoidably result in significant change, we have also taken into account the boundaries of existing constituencies so far as we can. We have tried to retain existing constituencies as part of our initial proposals wherever possible, as long as the other factors can also be satisfied. This, however, has proved difficult. Our initial proposals retain just over 5% of the existing constituencies in London – the remainder are new constituencies (although in a number of cases we have been able to limit the changes to existing constituencies, making only minor changes as necessary to enable us to comply with the rules).

**10** Our proposals are based on the nine regions used for European elections (though it should be clear that our work has no effect on European electoral matters, nor is it affected by the recent referendum result). This report relates to London. There are eight other separate reports containing our initial proposals for the other regions. You can find more details in our *Guide to the 2018 Review* and on our website. While this approach does not prevent anyone from making proposals to us that cross regional boundaries (for example, between London and the South East regions), very compelling reasons would need to be given to persuade the Commission to depart from the region-based approach. The Commission has previously consulted on the use of the regions as building blocks, and this was supported.

## Timetable for our review

### Stage one – development of initial proposals

**11** We began this review in February 2016. We published electorate data from December 2015 for each ward, local government authority, and existing constituency. The electorate data were provided by local authorities and the Office for National Statistics. These are available on our website<sup>4</sup> and are the data that must be used throughout the remainder of the review process. The Commission has since then considered the factors outlined above and drawn up the initial proposals. We published our initial proposals for consultation for each of England's nine regions on 13 September 2016.

**12** We ask people to be aware that, in publishing our initial proposals, we do so without suggesting that they are in some way definitive, or that they provide the 'right answer' – they are our starting point for consulting on the changes. We have taken into account the existing constituencies, local government boundaries, and geographical features to produce a set of constituencies that are within the statutory electorate range and that we consider to be the best balance between those factors at this point. What we do not yet have is evidence and intelligence of how our proposals reflect or break local community ties. One of the most important purposes of the consultation period is to seek evidence that will enable us to review our initial proposals.

### Stage two – consultation on initial proposals

**13** We are consulting on our initial proposals for 12 weeks, until 5 December 2016. Chapter 4 outlines how you can contribute during the consultation period. We are also hosting five public hearings in the London region, at which people can give their views direct to one of our Assistant Commissioners. Once the consultation has closed, the Commission will collate all the responses received, including records of the public hearings.

### Stage three – consultation on representations received

**14** We are required to publish all the responses we receive on our initial proposals. This publication will mark the start of a four-week 'secondary consultation' period, likely to take place in spring 2017. The purpose of the secondary consultation is for people to see what others have said in response to our initial proposals, and to make comments on their views, for example by countering an argument, or by supporting and reinforcing what others have said. You will be able to see all the comments on our website, and use the site to give us your views on what others have said.

<sup>4</sup> At [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)

#### Stage four – development and publication of revised proposals

**15** Once we have all the representations and comments from both the initial and secondary consultation periods, the Commission will analyse those representations and decide whether changes should be made to the initial proposals. If we decide that the evidence presented to us persuades us to change our initial proposals, then we must publish our revised proposals for the areas concerned, and consult on them for a further period of eight weeks. This is likely to be towards the end of 2017. When we consult on our revised proposals, there will be no further public hearings, nor will there be a repeat of the four-week period for commenting on the representations of others. You will be able to see all our revised proposals, and give us your views on them, on our website.

#### Stage five – development and publication of final report and recommendations

**16** Finally, following the consultation on revised proposals, we will consider all the evidence received at this stage, and throughout the review, before determining our final recommendations. The recommendations will be set out in a published report to the Government, who will present it, without amendment, to Parliament on our behalf. The legislation states that we must report to the Government in September 2018. Further details about what the Government and Parliament then do with our recommendations are contained in our *Guide to the 2018 Review*.

**17** Throughout each consultation we will be taking all reasonable steps to publicise our proposals, so that as many people as possible are aware of the consultation and can take the opportunity to contribute to our review of constituencies.

### 3 Initial proposals for London

**18** The London region consists of 32 London boroughs and the City of London.

**19** The region currently has 73 constituencies. Of these only 20 meet the electoral quota.

**20** The electorates of 43 constituencies are below the lower limit of the electoral range (71,031) and ten are beyond the upper limit (78,507). Our initial proposals for London are for 68 constituencies, a reduction of five. However, we consider that major reconfiguration will be required for a majority of constituencies in order to meet the electoral quota in these proposals.

**21** In seeking to produce initial proposals for the region in which 68 whole constituencies could be proposed, within the electoral quota, we firstly considered whether, and how, the London boroughs could usefully be grouped into sub-regions. We were mindful of seeking to respect, where we could, the external boundaries of London boroughs and the natural boundaries such as the River Thames and the River Lee. However, we consider our division of London into two sub-regions, North Thames and South Thames, a purely practical approach.

**22** There are 21 boroughs in the North Thames sub-region: Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Newham, Redbridge, Richmond upon Thames,<sup>5</sup> Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, and Westminster, as well as the City of London. We recognise that in the North Thames sub-region it is necessary to consider the impact of any crossing of

the River Lee. Our investigations when developing a pattern of constituencies indicated that the River Lee would need to be crossed in order to have constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota. We therefore propose one constituency that crosses the River Lee – Bow and Canning Town. We note the established clear crossing points over the river in this constituency.

**23** In the South Thames sub-region, there are 12 boroughs: Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Richmond upon Thames,<sup>5</sup> Southwark, Sutton, and Wandsworth.

**24** Our approach in attempting to group London boroughs together in sub-regions was based both on trying to respect natural boundaries, and on achieving, where we could, obvious practical groupings such as those dictated in some part by the geography of the area. We welcome counter-proposals from respondents to our consultation, based on other groupings of boroughs, if the statutory factors can be better reflected in those counter-proposals.

**25** A particular issue that affected our distribution of constituencies throughout London is the electoral size of the wards in each London borough. The majority of wards contain more than 6,000 electors. This made it difficult to create constituencies with an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota, while avoiding dividing wards between constituencies. In considering alternative distributions of constituencies in London, we noted that it was possible to create constituencies by aggregating wards from a number of neighbouring boroughs.

<sup>5</sup> Richmond upon Thames is divided between the two sub-regions by the River Thames

## Initial proposals for the North Thames sub-region

**26** The electorate for the North Thames sub-region is 3,171,133 and our initial proposals are for 42 constituencies, a reduction of three from the current allocation. Of the existing constituencies, 14 have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota: Barking, Bethnal Green and Bow, Brent Central, Chipping Barnet, Ealing North, Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Hackney South and Shoreditch, Hampstead and Kilburn, Hornchurch and Upminster, Hornsey and Wood Green, Ilford South, Poplar and Limehouse, Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner, and Twickenham. Of the remaining constituencies, 25 have electorates that are below the 5% limit, and six are above.

**27** We considered whether we could leave unchanged any of the 14 existing constituencies that have an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota. However, in developing proposals in which all the proposed constituencies are within the 5% limit and taking account of the reduction in the number of constituencies in this sub-region, we propose changing all but two constituencies – Hornchurch and Upminster, and Twickenham.

**28** As detailed above, in this sub-region, we treated the River Lee as a natural boundary and were thus able to allocate 11 constituencies to the east of the Lee, across the five London boroughs (Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, and Waltham Forest). However, our proposed Bow and Canning Town constituency crosses the River Lee at the local authority boundaries of Newham and Tower Hamlets.

**29** In Havering, we noted that the borough was too large for two constituencies to fit wholly within its boundaries. We propose combining wards from Havering with wards from neighbouring boroughs to form constituencies. Our proposed Romford constituency retains all seven wards from the existing constituency. However, to increase the number of electors, we have also included the Eastbrook ward of the borough of Barking and Dagenham, from the existing Dagenham and Rainham constituency. This is to ensure that the constituency is within 5% of the electoral quota. Our proposed Dagenham and Rainham constituency retains eight wards from the existing constituency, and is brought within range by the inclusion of the Alibon and Valence wards from the existing Barking constituency. The geography of the proposed constituency remains similar to the current one, stretching from Chadwell Heath in the north to Rainham Marshes in the south.

**30** In Barking and Dagenham, we noted that the borough was too large for one constituency. We decided to create a Barking constituency, which retains nine wards from the existing constituency and is brought within range by the inclusion of two Redbridge borough wards from the existing Ilford South constituency. The inclusion of some Redbridge borough wards is required, as we noted that Redbridge borough was too large for two constituencies. We propose an Ilford North constituency, which retains six wards from the existing Ilford North constituency and adds three wards from the existing Ilford South constituency. We also propose a Leytonstone and Wanstead constituency, which retains four wards from the existing

Leyton and Wanstead constituency, and includes Wood Street ward from the existing Walthamstow constituency, two wards from the existing Ilford South constituency, and two wards from the existing Ilford North constituency. With the redistribution of the existing Ilford South constituency we believe that this is the least disruptive option for the proposals in this area.

**31** In Waltham Forest, we noted that, while the borough was of a size to contain two whole constituencies within it, it was possible to retain the existing pattern of constituencies. We propose a Chingford and Woodford Green constituency, which retains eight wards from the existing constituency and includes Chapel End ward from the existing Walthamstow constituency. We propose a Walthamstow constituency, which includes six wards from the existing constituency and four wards from the existing Leyton and Wanstead constituency. We propose a Forest Gate and Loxford constituency, which includes three wards from the existing East Ham constituency, two wards from the existing Ilford South constituency, and four wards from the existing West Ham constituency. This configuration brings the Newham borough wards of Green Street East and Green Street West together in the same constituency.

**32** In Newham, we noted that the borough was too large for two constituencies. We propose an East Ham constituency, which retains seven wards from the existing East Ham constituency, and adds two wards from the existing West Ham constituency. We also propose a Bow and Canning Town constituency, which includes four wards from the existing West

Ham constituency, two Tower Hamlets borough wards from the existing Poplar and Limehouse constituency, and two wards from the existing Bethnal Green and Bow constituency. We recognise that the proposed Bow and Canning Town constituency crosses the River Lee. This is necessary to ensure that all constituencies are within 5% of the electoral quota. We consider that the crossing points of the river in the Bow and Canning Town constituency are clear, particularly the A11.

**33** Our proposals to the west of the River Lee, extending to the Edgware Road and Maida Vale (A5), include the boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Tower Hamlets, the City of London, and part of Westminster.

**34** In Enfield, we noted that the borough was too large for two constituencies. We propose an Enfield constituency, which retains seven wards from the existing Enfield North constituency, and adds Grange ward from the existing Enfield, Southgate constituency. Our proposed Edmonton constituency retains seven wards from the existing constituency, and includes the ward of Palmers Green from the existing Enfield, Southgate constituency. We believe that this reconfiguration provides for improved road connections within the constituency, particularly with the Bush Hill Park ward that lies to the west of the A10.

**35** In Barnet, we noted that the borough was too small for three whole constituencies within its borough boundary. We propose a Finchley and Southgate constituency, which includes three wards from the existing Enfield, Southgate constituency, two wards from



the existing Chipping Barnet constituency, and three wards from the existing Finchley and Golders Green constituency. We propose a Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill constituency, which retains five wards from the existing Chipping Barnet constituency, and includes Cockfosters ward from the existing Enfield, Southgate constituency, and Mill Hill ward from the existing Hendon constituency. We propose a Hendon constituency, which retains six wards from the existing constituency, and adds two wards from the existing Finchley and Golders Green constituency.

**36** We noted that the boroughs of Camden and Islington were too small to each have two constituencies contained wholly within the local authority boundaries. Therefore, in formulating a pattern of constituencies, it was necessary to include wards from both boroughs in constituencies with wards from neighbouring boroughs. We propose a Hampstead and Golders Green constituency, which includes seven wards from the existing Hampstead and Kilburn constituency, two wards from the existing Finchley and Golders Green constituency, and Highgate ward from the existing Holborn and St Pancras constituency. Additionally, we propose a Holborn and St Pancras constituency, which retains eight wards from the existing constituency, and includes Junction and St. George's wards from Islington borough in order to meet the electoral quota.

**37** We propose an Islington constituency, which includes all eight wards from the existing Islington South and Finsbury constituency, and is brought within the electoral quota by the inclusion of Mildmay ward from the existing Islington North

constituency. We also propose a Finsbury Park and Stoke Newington constituency, which includes five wards from the existing Islington North constituency, and is brought within the electoral quota by the inclusion of five wards from the existing Hackney North and Stoke Newington constituency.

**38** In Haringey, we propose a Hornsey and Wood Green constituency, which retains nine of its current wards, and includes the Enfield borough ward of Bowes from the existing Enfield, Southgate constituency. These changes have been undertaken to ensure that the constituencies are within 5% of the electoral quota. The proposed Tottenham constituency retains all nine wards from the existing constituency, and adds Stroud Green ward from the existing Hornsey and Wood Green constituency, and results in a constituency that is completely within the borough boundary.

**39** In the borough of Hackney, we noted that both the Hackney South and Shoreditch, and the Hackney North and Stoke Newington constituencies fell within the electoral quota. However, in order to ensure that the adjacent constituencies were within the electoral quota, changes were nonetheless required. We therefore propose a Hackney Central constituency, which includes five wards from the existing Hackney North and Stoke Newington constituency (including the divided Lea Bridge ward) and five wards from the existing Hackney South and Shoreditch constituency (including the divided Hackney Central ward). We also propose a Hackney West and Bethnal Green constituency, which includes five wards from the existing Hackney South and

Shoreditch constituency, including the divided Dalston and London Fields wards, and four Tower Hamlets borough wards from the existing Bethnal Green and Bow constituency.

**40** In addition to the above constituency covering part of the borough of Tower Hamlets, we propose a Poplar and Limehouse constituency, which retains eight wards from the existing constituency, and includes three wards from the existing Bethnal Green and Bow constituency.

**41** In Westminster and the City of London, we noted that the combined electorate would not meet the electoral quota, so we therefore propose a Cities of London and Westminster constituency, which retains ten wards from the existing constituency, and includes the Lancaster Gate ward from the existing Westminster North constituency, and the Camden borough wards of Bloomsbury, and Holborn and Covent Garden, from the existing Holborn and St Pancras constituency. The electorate of the existing Westminster North constituency is currently below the electoral quota. To bring this constituency within range, we propose including the Brent borough wards of Queens Park and Kilburn from the existing Hampstead and Kilburn constituency. (It should be noted that there is already a Queen's Park ward from Westminster in the existing constituency, making two in the proposed constituency.) To reflect the change we propose this constituency is called Queen's Park and Regent's Park.

**42** Our proposals in the remainder of the North Thames sub-region, west of the Edgware Road and Maida Vale (A5), include the boroughs of Brent, Ealing,

Harrow, Hammersmith and Fulham, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, and Richmond upon Thames.

**43** In the borough of Kensington and Chelsea, we considered that a constituency could be created wholly within the borough boundary by retaining 14 wards including the divided ward of Brompton & Hans Town from the existing Kensington constituency, and including the wards of Chelsea Riverside, Redcliffe, Royal Hospital, and Stanley from the existing Chelsea and Fulham constituency. To reflect these changes we propose the constituency name of Kensington and Chelsea.

**44** In the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, we propose a Hammersmith and Fulham constituency, which includes six wards from the existing Chelsea and Fulham constituency and six wards from the existing Hammersmith constituency. This proposed constituency is wholly within the borough boundary. Three Hammersmith constituency wards – Askew, Wormholt and White City, and Shepherd's Bush Green – have been included in a constituency with six wards from Ealing borough called Ealing Central and Shepherd's Bush constituency.

**45** In the borough of Brent, we propose a Willesden constituency, which includes eight wards from the existing Brent Central constituency, and the Hammersmith borough ward of College Park and Old Oak from the existing Hammersmith constituency, and Brondesbury Park ward from the existing Hampstead and Kilburn constituency.



**46** We propose two further constituencies that include wards from the borough of Brent. We propose a Kenton constituency, which includes four wards from the existing Brent North constituency, and five Harrow borough wards – Kenton East, Kenton West, Queensbury, Belmont, and Edgware – from the existing Harrow East constituency. (It should be noted that there is already a Queensbury ward from the borough of Brent in the Brent North constituency, making two in the proposed Kenton constituency.) We also propose a Wembley and Harrow on the Hill constituency, which includes three Harrow borough wards from the existing Harrow West constituency, five wards from the existing Brent North constituency, and Tokyngton ward from the existing Brent Central constituency.

**47** In the borough of Harrow, we propose a Harrow and Stanmore constituency, which includes four wards from the existing Harrow East constituency, Hatch End ward from the existing Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner constituency, and five wards from the existing Harrow West constituency.

**48** We noted that the borough of Hillingdon was too large for two constituencies wholly contained within its boundary. We propose a Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner constituency, which retains six wards from the existing constituency, and includes wards from the existing Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency, and the Rayners Lane ward from the existing Harrow West constituency. We also propose a Hillingdon and Uxbridge constituency, which includes five wards from the existing Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency, two wards from the existing Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner

constituency, and the Ealing borough wards of Northolt West End and Northolt Mandeville from the existing Ealing North constituency, to ensure that it meets the electoral quota.

**49** We noted that, in order to formulate constituencies that were within 5% of the electoral quota, it was necessary to include wards from the boroughs of Ealing and Hounslow in constituencies with wards from neighbouring boroughs. Our proposed Ealing North constituency retains six wards from the existing constituency, and adds the wards of Lady Margaret and Dormers Wells from the existing Ealing, Southall constituency. We propose a Southall and Heston constituency, which retains four Ealing borough wards from the existing Ealing, Southall constituency, and adds four Hounslow borough wards from the existing Feltham and Heston constituency, and the Ealing borough Walpole ward from the existing Ealing Central and Acton constituency.

**50** Our proposed Hayes and Harlington constituency retains all eight wards from the existing constituency, and adds Yiewsley ward from the existing Uxbridge and Ruislip South constituency. Our proposed Feltham and Hounslow constituency includes six wards from the existing Feltham and Heston constituency, and the Hounslow Heath, Hounslow South, and Hounslow Central wards from the existing Brentford and Isleworth constituency. This reconfiguration brings together the four Hounslow wards into one constituency. We also propose a Brentford and Chiswick constituency, which includes seven wards from the existing Brentford and Isleworth constituency, the Ealing borough wards of Northfield, from the

existing Ealing, Southall constituency, and Southfield, from the existing Ealing Central and Acton constituency.

**51** In Richmond upon Thames, we noted that the electorate was too small for two constituencies. We also noted that the Twickenham constituency was within 5% of the electoral quota. We therefore decided to leave this constituency unchanged, and include the remaining wards of the Richmond upon Thames borough within constituencies in the South Thames sub-region.

### **Initial proposals for the South Thames sub-region**

**52** The electorate for the South Thames sub-region is 1,947,751, and in our initial proposals we have allocated 26 constituencies, a reduction of two from the current allocation. Of the existing constituencies, six have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota: Croydon Central, Dulwich and West Norwood, Kingston and Surbiton, Richmond Park, Tooting, and Vauxhall. Of the remaining constituencies, 18 have electorates that are below the 5% limit and four are above.

**53** We considered whether we could leave unchanged any of the six constituencies that have an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota. However, in developing proposals in which all the constituencies are within the 5% limit and taking account of the reduction in the number of constituencies, we propose retaining wholly unchanged the existing constituencies of Kingston and Surbiton, and Richmond Park.

**54** In the boroughs of Merton and Wandsworth, we propose a Wimbledon Common and Putney constituency, which retains all six wards from the existing Putney constituency, and adds two Merton borough wards – Wimbledon Park, and Village (including Wimbledon Common) – from the existing Wimbledon constituency. This reconfiguration includes Wimbledon Common wholly in one constituency. We have amended the name of this constituency to reflect this. The remaining eight wards from the existing Wimbledon constituency have been included in a proposed Merton and Wimbledon Central constituency, with four wards from the existing Mitcham and Morden constituency.

**55** In the borough of Sutton, we propose a Sutton and Cheam constituency, which retains eight wards from the existing constituency, and includes the two Merton borough wards of Lower Morden and St. Helier from the existing Mitcham and Morden constituency. Our proposed Carshalton and Wallington constituency remains the same with the addition of Belmont ward from the existing Sutton and Cheam constituency. We believe that these limited changes are required to formulate a pattern of constituencies that meet the electoral quota.

**56** In the borough of Croydon, we have been able to retain three constituencies with minor reconfiguration. The proposed Croydon South constituency lies in the southernmost part of the borough and includes five wards from the existing constituency and three wards from the existing Croydon Central constituency. Our

proposed Croydon Central constituency retains three wards from the existing constituency, and includes the Broad Green ward from the existing Croydon North constituency, and three wards from the existing Croydon South constituency. We also propose a Croydon North constituency, which retains six wards from the existing constituency, and adds the Bromley borough ward of Crystal Palace from the existing Lewisham West and Penge constituency, and the Woodside ward from the existing Croydon Central constituency.

**57** In the centre of the South Thames sub-region, we noted that it was necessary to include wards from a number of boroughs in our proposed constituencies, in order to formulate a pattern of constituencies that was within 5% of the electoral quota. Our proposed Streatham and Mitcham constituency retains four wards from the existing Streatham constituency and three Merton borough wards from the existing Mitcham and Morden constituency, and includes the Croydon borough ward of Norbury from the existing Croydon North constituency, and the Lambeth borough ward of Knight's Hill from the existing Dulwich and West Norwood constituency.

**58** We propose a Tooting constituency, which retains all seven wards from the existing constituency, and adds the Merton borough ward of Graveney from the existing Mitcham and Morden constituency. (It should be noted that there is already a Graveney ward in the existing constituency, making two in the proposed constituency.) We also propose a Battersea constituency, which retains all seven

wards from the existing constituency, and is brought within the electoral quota by including the Lambeth borough ward of Thornton from the existing Streatham constituency.

**59** We noted that the existing Dulwich and West Norwood constituency fell within the permitted electoral range, but minor changes are required to ensure that the adjacent constituencies also fall within the electoral range. Our proposed Dulwich and West Norwood constituency retains six wards from the existing constituency, the Lambeth borough ward of Tulse Hill from the existing Streatham constituency, and the Southwark borough ward of South Camberwell from the existing Camberwell and Peckham constituency. We also propose a Clapham North and Stockwell constituency, which includes five wards from the existing Vauxhall constituency, and the Lambeth borough wards of Clapham Common and Brixton Hill, from the existing Streatham constituency, and Coldharbour from the existing Dulwich and West Norwood constituency.

**60** We propose a Camberwell and Vauxhall Bridge constituency, which retains five wards from the existing Camberwell and Peckham constituency, and adds the Lambeth borough wards of Prince's and Vassall from the existing Vauxhall constituency, and the Newington ward from the existing Bermondsey and Old Southwark constituency. Due to the inclusion of Vauxhall Bridge and the surrounding area along the south Thames embankment the constituency name has been changed to reflect this reconfiguration.

**61** We propose a Bermondsey and Old Southwark constituency, which retains eight wards from the existing constituency, and adds the Lambeth borough ward of Bishop's, which provides a link to the adjacent Southwark borough Cathedrals ward. We also propose a Peckham and Lewisham West constituency, which includes three wards from the southern half of the existing Camberwell and Peckham constituency, and five Lewisham borough wards: three from the existing Lewisham West and Penge constituency and two from the existing Lewisham, Deptford constituency.

**62** We noted that in the east of the South Thames sub-region we could formulate constituencies that could meet the electoral quota in the boroughs of Bromley, Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham, but would require significant changes to existing constituencies.

**63** We were able to retain three constituencies with different configurations in the borough of Bromley. Our proposed Orpington constituency retains all seven wards from the existing constituency, and adds the Cray Valley West ward from the existing Bromley and Chislehurst constituency. We propose a Bromley and Chislehurst constituency, which retains five wards from the existing constituency, and includes the two wards of Bromley Common and Keston, and Hayes and Coney Hall, from the existing Beckenham constituency. We also propose a Beckenham constituency, which retains four wards from the existing constituency, and adds the wards of Clock House, and Penge and Cator from the existing Lewisham West and Penge constituency,

and the Croydon borough ward of Shirley from the existing Croydon Central constituency.

**64** We propose a Lewisham and Catford constituency, which retains five wards from the existing Lewisham East constituency, and includes the Bellingham ward from the existing Lewisham West and Penge constituency, and the Ladywell, and Lewisham Central wards from the existing Lewisham and Deptford constituency. We propose a Greenwich and Deptford constituency, which includes three wards from the existing Lewisham and Deptford constituency, three wards from the existing Greenwich and Woolwich constituency, and two wards from the existing Lewisham East constituency. Our proposed Eltham constituency retains all seven wards from the existing constituency, and adds Woolwich Common ward from the existing Greenwich and Woolwich constituency.

**65** We propose a Woolwich constituency, which includes three wards from the existing Greenwich and Woolwich constituency, four wards from the existing Erith and Thamesmead constituency, and the Bexley borough ward of St. Michael's from the existing Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency. Our proposed Old Bexley and Sidcup constituency retains all eight wards from the existing constituency, and adds the Danson Park ward from the existing Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency. We also propose an Erith and Crayford constituency, which includes four wards from the existing Erith and Thamesmead constituency, and six wards from the existing Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency.

## 4 How to have your say

**66** We are consulting on our initial proposals for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2016 to 5 December 2016. We encourage everyone to give us their views on our proposals for their area – the more public views we hear and the more local information that is provided, the more informed our decisions will be when analysing all the views we have received.

**67** On our interactive consultation website, at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk), you can see what constituency you will be in under our proposals, and compare it with your existing constituency and local government boundaries. You can also easily submit your views on our proposals.

**68** When making comments on our initial proposals, we ask people to bear in mind the tight constraints placed on the Commission by the rules set by Parliament, discussed in chapter 2 and in our *Guide to the 2018 Review*. Most importantly, in the London region:

- we cannot recommend constituencies that have electorates that contain more than 78,507 or fewer than 71,031 electors;
- we are basing our initial proposals on local government ward boundaries (from May 2015) as the building blocks of constituencies – our view is that, in the absence of exceptional and compelling circumstances, it would not be appropriate to divide wards in cases where it is possible to construct constituencies that meet the electorate rules without doing so; and

- we have constructed constituencies within regions, so as not to cross regional boundaries – compelling reasons would need to be given to persuade us that we should depart from this approach.

**69** These issues mean that we encourage people who are making a comment about their local area to bear in mind any knock-on effects that might result from their suggestions. The Commission must look at the recommendations for new constituencies across the whole region (and, indeed, across England). What may be a better solution for one location may have undesirable consequences for others. We therefore ask everyone wishing to respond to our consultation to bear in mind the impact of their counter-proposals on neighbouring constituencies, and on those further afield across the region.

### How can you give us your views?

**70** Views can be given to the Commission either in writing or in person (oral representations). We encourage everyone who wishes to comment on our proposals in writing to do so through our interactive consultation website, at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk) – you will find all the details you need and be able to comment directly through the website. We also welcome oral representations at one of a series of public hearings we are conducting during the consultation period. People are welcome to both attend a hearing and submit comments through our website if they choose to.

## Written representations

**71** As stated above, we strongly encourage everyone to make use of our consultation website, at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk), when responding to our consultation. The website allows you to explore the map of our proposals and get further data, including the electorate sizes of every ward and polling district. You can also upload text or data files you may have previously prepared setting out your views.

**72** We encourage everyone, before submitting a representation, to read our approach to protecting and using your personal details (available at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)). In particular, respondents should

remember that we are obliged to publish all the comments we receive on our initial proposals. As this is a public consultation, we publish respondents' names and addresses, alongside their comments.

## Public hearings

**73** The Commission will be hosting public hearings across England. In London we will be hosting five public hearings during the consultation period. Our website ([www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)) has more details of these hearings, and an opportunity to register to attend and give us your views in person. The table below shows the locations and dates of the hearings in the London region.

Town	Location	Dates
Westminster	Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, Westminster, SW1H 9NH	Monday 17 – Tuesday 18 October 2016
Bromley	Bromley United Reform Church Hall, 20 Widmore Road, Bromley, BR1 1RY	Thursday 20 – Friday 21 October 2016
Harrow	Kenton Hall, Woodcock Hill, Harrow, HA3 0PQ	Monday 24 – Tuesday 25 October 2016
Kingston	The Main Guildhall, High Street, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU	Thursday 27 – Friday 28 October 2016
Romford	Havering Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BD	Monday 31 October – Tuesday 1 November 2016



**74** The purpose of the hearings is for people to have an opportunity to put their views on our proposals directly to an Assistant Commissioner who will chair the hearings and subsequently assist the Commission in the analysis of all the evidence received in the region. The hearings differ from the way we used to conduct ‘local inquiries’ in past reviews – these were much more judicial in style, and people were allowed to cross-examine each other. The legislation that Parliament introduced specifically rules out such inquiries, specifying instead that we host ‘public hearings’, which are intended purely as a way for people to make representations orally, directly to representatives of the Commission, as well as to provide an opportunity for the Commission to explain its proposals.

**75** It is important to stress that all representations, whether they have been made through our website, in person at a hearing, or sent to us in writing, will be given equal consideration by the Commission. Therefore it does not matter if you are unable to attend or speak at a public hearing – even after the last public hearing in the London region has finished, you will still have until 5 December 2016 to submit your views to us.

**76** You can find more information about public hearings, and can register to attend, on our website at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk), or by phoning 020 7276 1102.

## What do we want views on?

**77** We would like particularly to ask two things of people responding to our consultation. First, if you support our proposals, please tell us so. Past experience suggests that too often people who are happy with our proposals do not respond in support, while those who object to them do respond to make their points. That can give a rather distorted view of the balance of public support or objection to proposals, and those who in fact support our initial proposals may then be disappointed if those proposals are subsequently revised in light of the consultation responses. Second, if you are considering objecting to our proposals, do please use the resources (such as maps and electorate figures) available on our website and at the places of deposit to put forward counter-proposals which are in accordance with the rules to which we are working.

**78** Above all, however, we encourage everyone to have their say on our initial proposals and, in doing so, to become involved in drawing the map of new Parliamentary constituencies. The more views and information we get as a result of our initial proposals and through the subsequent consultation phases, the more informed our consideration in developing those proposals will be, and the better we will be able to reflect the public’s views in the final recommendations we present in 2018.

# Annex A: Initial proposals for constituencies, including wards and electorates

Constituency	Ward	London borough	Electorate
1. Barking BC			76,530
	Abbey	Barking and Dagenham	7,039
	Becontree	Barking and Dagenham	7,631
	Eastbury	Barking and Dagenham	6,652
	Gascoigne	Barking and Dagenham	5,598
	Goresbrook	Barking and Dagenham	6,637
	Longbridge	Barking and Dagenham	7,599
	Mayesbrook	Barking and Dagenham	6,013
	Parsloes	Barking and Dagenham	5,836
	Thames	Barking and Dagenham	6,625
	Goodmayes	Redbridge	8,017
	Mayfield	Redbridge	8,883
2. Battersea BC			78,002
	Thornton	Lambeth	8,078
	Balham	Wandsworth	10,443
	Fairfield	Wandsworth	9,986
	Latchmere	Wandsworth	9,569
	Northcote	Wandsworth	9,292
	Queenstown	Wandsworth	9,948
	Shaftesbury	Wandsworth	9,921
	St. Mary's Park	Wandsworth	10,765
3. Beckenham BC			74,538
	Clock House	Bromley	10,932
	Copers Cope	Bromley	11,254
	Kelsey and Eden Park	Bromley	11,872
	Penge and Cator	Bromley	11,248
	Shortlands	Bromley	7,221
	West Wickham	Bromley	11,694
	Shirley	Croydon	10,317
4. Bermondsey and Old Southwark BC			76,835
	Bishop's	Lambeth	6,094
	Cathedrals	Southwark	9,551
	Chaucer	Southwark	9,361
	East Walworth	Southwark	7,317
	Grange	Southwark	10,308
	Riverside	Southwark	9,177
	Rotherhithe	Southwark	8,634
	South Bermondsey	Southwark	8,148
	Surrey Docks	Southwark	8,245
5. Bow and Canning Town BC			77,832
	Canning Town North	Newham	8,333
	Canning Town South	Newham	8,543
	Stratford and New Town	Newham	12,471
	West Ham	Newham	8,073
	Bow East	Tower Hamlets	10,427
	Bow West	Tower Hamlets	7,850
	Bromley North	Tower Hamlets	5,980
	Bromley South	Tower Hamlets	6,532
	Lansbury	Tower Hamlets	9,623



Constituency	Ward	London borough	Electorate
6. Brentford and Chiswick BC			72,875
	Northfield	Ealing	8,575
	Southfield	Ealing	8,987
	Brentford	Hounslow	9,080
	Chiswick Homefields	Hounslow	7,051
	Chiswick Riverside	Hounslow	7,590
	Isleworth	Hounslow	7,540
	Osterley and Spring Grove	Hounslow	8,361
	Syon	Hounslow	8,723
	Turnham Green	Hounslow	6,968
7. Bromley and Chislehurst BC			75,812
	Bickley	Bromley	11,129
	Bromley Common and Keston	Bromley	11,891
	Bromley Town	Bromley	11,671
	Chislehurst	Bromley	11,512
	Hayes and Coney Hall	Bromley	12,135
	Mottingham and Chislehurst North	Bromley	6,701
	Plaistow and Sundridge	Bromley	10,773
8. Camberwell and Vauxhall Bridge BC			71,307
	Prince's	Lambeth	9,813
	Vassall	Lambeth	9,439
	Brunswick Park	Southwark	8,656
	Camberwell Green	Southwark	9,134
	Faraday	Southwark	6,882
	Livesey	Southwark	8,669
	Newington	Southwark	9,433
	Peckham	Southwark	9,281
9. Carshalton and Wallington BC			75,579
	Beddington North	Sutton	7,636
	Beddington South	Sutton	7,734
	Belmont	Sutton	7,275
	Carshalton Central	Sutton	7,529
	Carshalton South and Clockhouse	Sutton	7,523
	St. Helier	Sutton	7,544
	The Wrythe	Sutton	7,439
	Wallington North	Sutton	7,749
	Wallington South	Sutton	7,496
	Wandle Valley	Sutton	7,654
10. Chingford and Woodford Green BC			71,252
	Church End	Redbridge	7,855
	Monkhams	Redbridge	7,725
	Chapel End	Waltham Forest	8,001
	Chingford Green	Waltham Forest	7,777
	Endlebury	Waltham Forest	8,015
	Hale End and Highams Park	Waltham Forest	8,023
	Hatch Lane	Waltham Forest	8,063
	Larkswood	Waltham Forest	7,919
	Valley	Waltham Forest	7,874
11. Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill BC			72,580
	East Barnet	Barnet	10,684
	High Barnet	Barnet	10,508
	Mill Hill	Barnet	11,380
	Oakleigh	Barnet	10,637
	Totteridge	Barnet	9,302
	Underhill	Barnet	10,537
	Cockfosters	Enfield	9,532

Constituency	Ward	London borough	Electorate
12. Cities of London and Westminster BC			75,693
	City of London	City of London	6,158
	Bloomsbury	Camden	5,016
	Holborn and Covent Garden	Camden	7,466
	Bryanston and Dorset Square	Westminster	5,300
	Churchill	Westminster	5,498
	Hyde Park	Westminster	5,386
	Knightsbridge and Belgravia	Westminster	3,769
	Lancaster Gate	Westminster	5,140
	Marylebone High Street	Westminster	4,772
	St. James's	Westminster	5,952
	Tachbrook	Westminster	4,942
	Vincent Square	Westminster	5,967
	Warwick	Westminster	5,491
	West End	Westminster	4,836
13. Clapham North and Stockwell BC			74,034
	Brixton Hill	Lambeth	9,625
	Clapham Common	Lambeth	8,296
	Clapham Town	Lambeth	9,187
	Coldharbour	Lambeth	10,101
	Ferndale	Lambeth	9,382
	Larkhall	Lambeth	10,139
	Oval	Lambeth	8,870
	Stockwell	Lambeth	8,434
14. Croydon Central BC			72,694
	Addiscombe	Croydon	10,130
	Ashburton	Croydon	10,117
	Broad Green	Croydon	10,859
	Croham	Croydon	10,122
	Fairfield	Croydon	10,688
	Purley	Croydon	10,251
	Waddon	Croydon	10,527
15. Croydon North BC			77,793
	Crystal Palace	Bromley	7,783
	Bensham Manor	Croydon	9,553
	Selhurst	Croydon	10,293
	South Norwood	Croydon	10,268
	Thornton Heath	Croydon	9,557
	Upper Norwood	Croydon	10,068
	West Thornton	Croydon	10,159
	Woodside	Croydon	10,112
16. Croydon South BC			71,401
	Coulsdon East	Croydon	9,211
	Coulsdon West	Croydon	9,900
	Fieldway	Croydon	6,787
	Heathfield	Croydon	9,497
	Kenley	Croydon	10,381
	New Addington	Croydon	6,923
	Sanderstead	Croydon	9,617
	Selsdon and Ballards	Croydon	9,085
17. Dagenham and Rainham BC			73,013
	Alibon	Barking and Dagenham	6,150
	Chadwell Heath	Barking and Dagenham	6,376
	Heath	Barking and Dagenham	6,530
	River	Barking and Dagenham	6,100
	Valence	Barking and Dagenham	6,534
	Village	Barking and Dagenham	6,453
	Whalebone	Barking and Dagenham	6,487
	Elm Park	Havering	9,506
	Rainham and Wennington	Havering	9,203
	South Hornchurch	Havering	9,674

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18. Dulwich and West Norwood BC			71,839
	Gipsy Hill	Lambeth	9,064
	Herne Hill	Lambeth	9,975
	Thurlow Park	Lambeth	8,776
	Tulse Hill	Lambeth	9,522
	College	Southwark	8,312
	East Dulwich	Southwark	9,127
	South Camberwell	Southwark	8,471
	Village	Southwark	8,592
19. Ealing Central and Shepherd's Bush BC			76,085
	Acton Central	Ealing	8,569
	Ealing Broadway	Ealing	8,975
	Ealing Common	Ealing	8,752
	East Acton	Ealing	9,989
	Hanger Hill	Ealing	8,625
	South Acton	Ealing	8,399
	Askew	Hammersmith and Fulham	8,162
	Shepherd's Bush Green	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,837
	Wormholt and White City	Hammersmith and Fulham	7,777
20. Ealing North BC			73,408
	Cleveland	Ealing	9,209
	Dormers Wells	Ealing	9,059
	Greenford Broadway	Ealing	10,465
	Greenford Green	Ealing	8,405
	Hobbayne	Ealing	8,858
	Lady Margaret	Ealing	9,625
	North Greenford	Ealing	8,849
	Perivale	Ealing	8,938
21. East Ham BC			71,687
	Beckton	Newham	7,335
	Boleyn	Newham	8,696
	Custom House	Newham	6,971
	East Ham Central	Newham	8,867
	East Ham North	Newham	8,682
	East Ham South	Newham	8,347
	Plaistow South	Newham	8,290
	Royal Docks	Newham	6,081
	Wall End	Newham	8,418
22. Edmonton BC			72,514
	Bush Hill Park	Enfield	9,872
	Edmonton Green	Enfield	9,491
	Haselbury	Enfield	8,872
	Jubilee	Enfield	8,502
	Lower Edmonton	Enfield	8,849
	Palmers Green	Enfield	9,154
	Ponders End	Enfield	8,441
	Upper Edmonton	Enfield	9,333
23. Eltham BC			71,122
	Coldharbour and New Eltham	Greenwich	9,407
	Eltham North	Greenwich	9,306
	Eltham South	Greenwich	8,252
	Eltham West	Greenwich	7,750
	Kidbrooke with Hornfair	Greenwich	9,180
	Middle Park and Sutcliffe	Greenwich	8,920
	Shooters Hill	Greenwich	8,979
	Woolwich Common	Greenwich	9,328

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24. Enfield BC			75,302
	Chase	Enfield	9,210
	Enfield Highway	Enfield	9,402
	Enfield Lock	Enfield	9,711
	Grange	Enfield	9,321
	Highlands	Enfield	9,630
	Southbury	Enfield	8,782
	Town	Enfield	10,525
	Turkey Street	Enfield	8,721
25. Erith and Crayford BC			77,518
	Barnehurst	Bexley	8,017
	Belvedere	Bexley	7,977
	Brampton	Bexley	8,171
	Christchurch	Bexley	8,117
	Colyers	Bexley	7,179
	Crayford	Bexley	8,631
	Erith	Bexley	7,568
	North End	Bexley	7,329
	Northumberland Heath	Bexley	7,836
	Thamesmead East	Bexley	6,693
26. Feltham and Hounslow BC			72,678
	Bedfont	Hounslow	8,200
	Feltham North	Hounslow	7,198
	Feltham West	Hounslow	9,208
	Hanworth	Hounslow	7,601
	Hanworth Park	Hounslow	7,537
	Hounslow Central	Hounslow	8,939
	Hounslow Heath	Hounslow	8,501
	Hounslow South	Hounslow	7,674
	Hounslow West	Hounslow	7,820
27. Finchley and Southgate BC			76,857
	Brunswick Park	Barnet	10,823
	Coppetts	Barnet	9,989
	East Finchley	Barnet	9,748
	West Finchley	Barnet	8,794
	Woodhouse	Barnet	10,391
	Southgate	Enfield	9,178
	Southgate Green	Enfield	8,805
	Winchmore Hill	Enfield	9,129
28. Finsbury Park and Stoke Newington BC			77,715
	Brownwood	Hackney	5,233
	Clissold	Hackney	8,255
	Stamford Hill West	Hackney	5,114
	Stoke Newington	Hackney	8,967
	Woodberry Down	Hackney	5,378
	Finsbury Park	Islington	9,184
	Highbury East	Islington	8,102
	Highbury West	Islington	10,748
	Hillrise	Islington	7,912
	Tollington	Islington	8,822
29. Forest Gate and Loxford BC			77,497
	Forest Gate North	Newham	8,392
	Forest Gate South	Newham	8,862
	Green Street East	Newham	8,875
	Green Street West	Newham	8,752
	Little Ilford	Newham	8,873
	Manor Park	Newham	8,636
	Plaistow North	Newham	8,215
	Clementswood	Redbridge	8,051
	Loxford	Redbridge	8,841

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30. Greenwich and Deptford BC			77,005
	Blackheath Westcombe	Greenwich	9,103
	Greenwich West	Greenwich	11,499
	Peninsula	Greenwich	10,036
	Blackheath	Lewisham	8,642
	Brockley	Lewisham	10,337
	Evelyn	Lewisham	9,129
	Lee Green	Lewisham	9,182
	New Cross	Lewisham	9,077
31. Hackney Central BC			75,824
	Cazenove	Hackney	7,737
	Hackney Central	Hackney	8,046
	Hackney Downs	Hackney	8,078
	Hackney Wick	Hackney	7,443
	Homerton	Hackney	7,498
	King's Park	Hackney	7,906
	Lea Bridge	Hackney	8,365
	Shacklewell	Hackney	5,290
	Springfield	Hackney	7,686
	Victoria	Hackney	7,775
32. Hackney West and Bethnal Green BC			75,449
	Dalston	Hackney	5,215
	De Beauvoir	Hackney	5,668
	Haggerston	Hackney	7,821
	Hoxton East & Shoreditch	Hackney	6,205
	Hoxton West	Hackney	6,951
	London Fields	Hackney	7,713
	Bethnal Green	Tower Hamlets	11,043
	Spitalfields & Banglatown	Tower Hamlets	6,792
	St. Peter's	Tower Hamlets	10,598
	Weavers	Tower Hamlets	7,443
33. Hammersmith and Fulham BC			77,725
	Addison	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,616
	Avonmore and Brook Green	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,509
	Fulham Broadway	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,394
	Fulham Reach	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,651
	Hammersmith Broadway	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,935
	Munster	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,323
	North End	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,477
	Palace Riverside	Hammersmith and Fulham	4,765
	Parsons Green and Walham	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,218
	Ravenscourt Park	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,632
	Sands End	Hammersmith and Fulham	7,808
	Town	Hammersmith and Fulham	6,397
34. Hampstead and Golders Green BC			75,774
	Childs Hill	Barnet	9,607
	Garden Suburb	Barnet	9,457
	Belsize	Camden	7,099
	Fortune Green	Camden	7,116
	Frognaal and Fitzjohns	Camden	6,160
	Hampstead Town	Camden	6,609
	Highgate	Camden	7,653
	Kilburn	Camden	7,369
	Swiss Cottage	Camden	7,459
	West Hampstead	Camden	7,245

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35. Harrow and Stanmore BC			77,624
	Canons	Harrow	9,272
	Greenhill	Harrow	7,343
	Harrow Weald	Harrow	7,968
	Hatch End	Harrow	8,207
	Headstone North	Harrow	7,593
	Headstone South	Harrow	7,445
	Marlborough	Harrow	7,523
	Stanmore Park	Harrow	8,349
	Wealdstone	Harrow	6,809
	West Harrow	Harrow	7,115
36. Hayes and Harlington BC			78,097
	Barnhill	Hillingdon	8,270
	Botwell	Hillingdon	9,965
	Charville	Hillingdon	8,421
	Heathrow Villages	Hillingdon	6,875
	Pinkwell	Hillingdon	9,033
	Townfield	Hillingdon	9,167
	West Drayton	Hillingdon	9,733
	Yeading	Hillingdon	8,236
	Yiewsley	Hillingdon	8,397
37. Hendon BC			76,756
	Burnt Oak	Barnet	9,756
	Colindale	Barnet	9,764
	Edgware	Barnet	9,901
	Finchley Church End	Barnet	9,733
	Golders Green	Barnet	8,901
	Hale	Barnet	10,495
	Hendon	Barnet	9,159
	West Hendon	Barnet	9,047
38. Hillingdon and Uxbridge BC			73,814
	Northolt Mandeville	Ealing	9,381
	Northolt West End	Ealing	9,598
	Brunel	Hillingdon	7,831
	Harefield	Hillingdon	5,350
	Hillingdon East	Hillingdon	8,481
	Ickenham	Hillingdon	7,945
	South Ruislip	Hillingdon	8,305
	Uxbridge North	Hillingdon	9,225
	Uxbridge South	Hillingdon	7,698
39. Holborn and St Pancras BC			76,685
	Camden Town with Primrose Hill	Camden	7,929
	Cantelowes	Camden	7,429
	Gospel Oak	Camden	7,232
	Haverstock	Camden	7,751
	Kentish Town	Camden	8,619
	King's Cross	Camden	5,625
	Regent's Park	Camden	7,590
	St. Pancras and Somers Town	Camden	8,611
	Junction	Islington	7,888
	St. George's	Islington	8,011
40. Hornchurch and Upminster BC			78,064
	Cranham	Havering	9,798
	Emerson Park	Havering	9,467
	Gooshays	Havering	9,899
	Hacton	Havering	9,635
	Harold Wood	Havering	9,687
	Heaton	Havering	8,987
	St. Andrew's	Havering	10,410
	Upminster	Havering	10,181

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41. Hornsey and Wood Green BC			74,418
	Bowes	Enfield	7,796
	Alexandra	Haringey	7,473
	Bounds Green	Haringey	7,195
	Crouch End	Haringey	8,207
	Fortis Green	Haringey	7,735
	Highgate	Haringey	7,150
	Hornsey	Haringey	7,880
	Muswell Hill	Haringey	7,049
	Noel Park	Haringey	7,078
	Woodside	Haringey	6,855
42. Ilford North BC			78,100
	Aldborough	Redbridge	9,277
	Bridge	Redbridge	7,854
	Chadwell	Redbridge	9,131
	Fairlop	Redbridge	8,328
	Fullwell	Redbridge	8,623
	Hainault	Redbridge	8,154
	Newbury	Redbridge	10,171
	Roding	Redbridge	7,689
	Seven Kings	Redbridge	8,873
43. Islington BC			73,470
	Barnsbury	Islington	7,705
	Bunhill	Islington	8,444
	Caledonian	Islington	8,301
	Canonbury	Islington	8,039
	Clerkenwell	Islington	7,084
	Holloway	Islington	9,633
	Mildmay	Islington	8,541
	St. Mary's	Islington	7,800
	St. Peter's	Islington	7,923
44. Kensington and Chelsea BC			76,454
	Abingdon	Kensington and Chelsea	4,115
	Brompton & Hans Town	Kensington and Chelsea	4,284
	Campden	Kensington and Chelsea	4,218
	Chelsea Riverside	Kensington and Chelsea	5,036
	Colville	Kensington and Chelsea	5,093
	Courtfield	Kensington and Chelsea	3,758
	Dalgarno	Kensington and Chelsea	3,898
	Earl's Court	Kensington and Chelsea	4,288
	Golborne	Kensington and Chelsea	4,709
	Holland	Kensington and Chelsea	4,107
	Norland	Kensington and Chelsea	3,391
	Notting Dale	Kensington and Chelsea	5,185
	Pembridge	Kensington and Chelsea	2,872
	Queen's Gate	Kensington and Chelsea	3,537
	Redcliffe	Kensington and Chelsea	4,158
	Royal Hospital	Kensington and Chelsea	5,151
	St. Helen's	Kensington and Chelsea	3,610
	Stanley	Kensington and Chelsea	5,044
45. Kenton BC			73,722
	Barnhill	Brent	9,956
	Fryent	Brent	8,035
	Kenton	Brent	8,568
	Queensbury	Brent	9,697
	Belmont	Harrow	7,695
	Edgware	Harrow	7,014
	Kenton East	Harrow	7,329
	Kenton West	Harrow	8,036
	Queensbury	Harrow	7,392

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46. Kingston and Surbiton BC			77,995
	Alexandra	Kingston upon Thames	6,494
	Berrylands	Kingston upon Thames	6,287
	Beverley	Kingston upon Thames	6,671
	Chessington North and Hook	Kingston upon Thames	6,254
	Chessington South	Kingston upon Thames	7,335
	Grove	Kingston upon Thames	6,303
	Norbiton	Kingston upon Thames	5,942
	Old Malden	Kingston upon Thames	6,694
	St. James	Kingston upon Thames	6,232
	St. Mark's	Kingston upon Thames	6,136
	Surbiton Hill	Kingston upon Thames	7,026
	Tolworth and Hook Rise	Kingston upon Thames	6,621
47. Lewisham and Catford BC			72,781
	Bellingham	Lewisham	9,019
	Catford South	Lewisham	9,413
	Downham	Lewisham	9,072
	Grove Park	Lewisham	9,249
	Ladywell	Lewisham	8,688
	Lewisham Central	Lewisham	10,532
	Rushey Green	Lewisham	8,053
	Whitefoot	Lewisham	8,755
48. Leytonstone and Wanstead BC			73,833
	Barkingside	Redbridge	8,609
	Clayhall	Redbridge	9,446
	Cranbrook	Redbridge	8,354
	Snaresbrook	Redbridge	8,105
	Valentines	Redbridge	7,891
	Wanstead	Redbridge	8,143
	Forest	Waltham Forest	7,321
	Leytonstone	Waltham Forest	7,691
	Wood Street	Waltham Forest	8,273
49. Merton and Wimbledon Central BC			77,100
	Abbey	Merton	6,376
	Cannon Hill	Merton	6,559
	Colliers Wood	Merton	6,511
	Cricket Green	Merton	7,142
	Dundonald	Merton	6,046
	Hillside	Merton	5,666
	Lavender Fields	Merton	6,198
	Merton Park	Merton	6,329
	Ravensbury	Merton	6,411
	Raynes Park	Merton	6,607
	Trinity	Merton	6,424
	West Barnes	Merton	6,831
50. Old Bexley and Sidcup BC			72,041
	Blackfen and Lamorbey	Bexley	7,845
	Blendon and Penhill	Bexley	8,100
	Cray Meadows	Bexley	8,012
	Danson Park	Bexley	7,845
	East Wickham	Bexley	7,868
	Falconwood and Welling	Bexley	7,966
	Longlands	Bexley	7,828
	Sidcup	Bexley	8,348
	St. Mary's	Bexley	8,229



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51. Orpington BC			78,277
	Biggin Hill	Bromley	7,747
	Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	Bromley	10,957
	Cray Valley East	Bromley	10,685
	Cray Valley West	Bromley	11,553
	Darwin	Bromley	4,041
	Farnborough and Crofton	Bromley	11,388
	Orpington	Bromley	11,479
	Petts Wood and Knoll	Bromley	10,427
52. Peckham and Lewisham West BC			77,356
	Crofton Park	Lewisham	9,579
	Forest Hill	Lewisham	9,201
	Perry Vale	Lewisham	9,807
	Sydenham	Lewisham	9,663
	Telegraph Hill	Lewisham	9,824
	Nunhead	Southwark	9,269
	Peckham Rye	Southwark	9,463
	The Lane	Southwark	10,550
53. Poplar and Limehouse BC			74,863
	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	Tower Hamlets	7,284
	Canary Wharf	Tower Hamlets	6,517
	Island Gardens	Tower Hamlets	7,220
	Limehouse	Tower Hamlets	3,659
	Mile End	Tower Hamlets	10,236
	Poplar	Tower Hamlets	3,418
	Shadwell	Tower Hamlets	7,086
	St. Dunstan's	Tower Hamlets	7,336
	St. Katharine's & Wapping	Tower Hamlets	6,728
	Stepney Green	Tower Hamlets	7,232
	Whitechapel	Tower Hamlets	8,147
54. Queen's Park and Regent's Park BC			72,664
	Kilburn	Brent	9,522
	Queens Park	Brent	8,846
	Abbey Road	Westminster	5,469
	Bayswater	Westminster	4,920
	Church Street	Westminster	6,332
	Harrow Road	Westminster	6,440
	Little Venice	Westminster	5,545
	Maida Vale	Westminster	5,689
	Queen's Park	Westminster	7,054
	Regent's Park	Westminster	6,097
	Westbourne	Westminster	6,750
55. Richmond Park BC			74,740
	Canbury	Kingston upon Thames	7,844
	Coombe Hill	Kingston upon Thames	5,953
	Coombe Vale	Kingston upon Thames	6,365
	Tudor	Kingston upon Thames	6,301
	Barnes	Richmond upon Thames	6,460
	East Sheen	Richmond upon Thames	6,812
	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside	Richmond upon Thames	6,409
	Kew	Richmond upon Thames	7,373
	Mortlake and Barnes Common	Richmond upon Thames	7,255
	North Richmond	Richmond upon Thames	7,120
	South Richmond	Richmond upon Thames	6,848

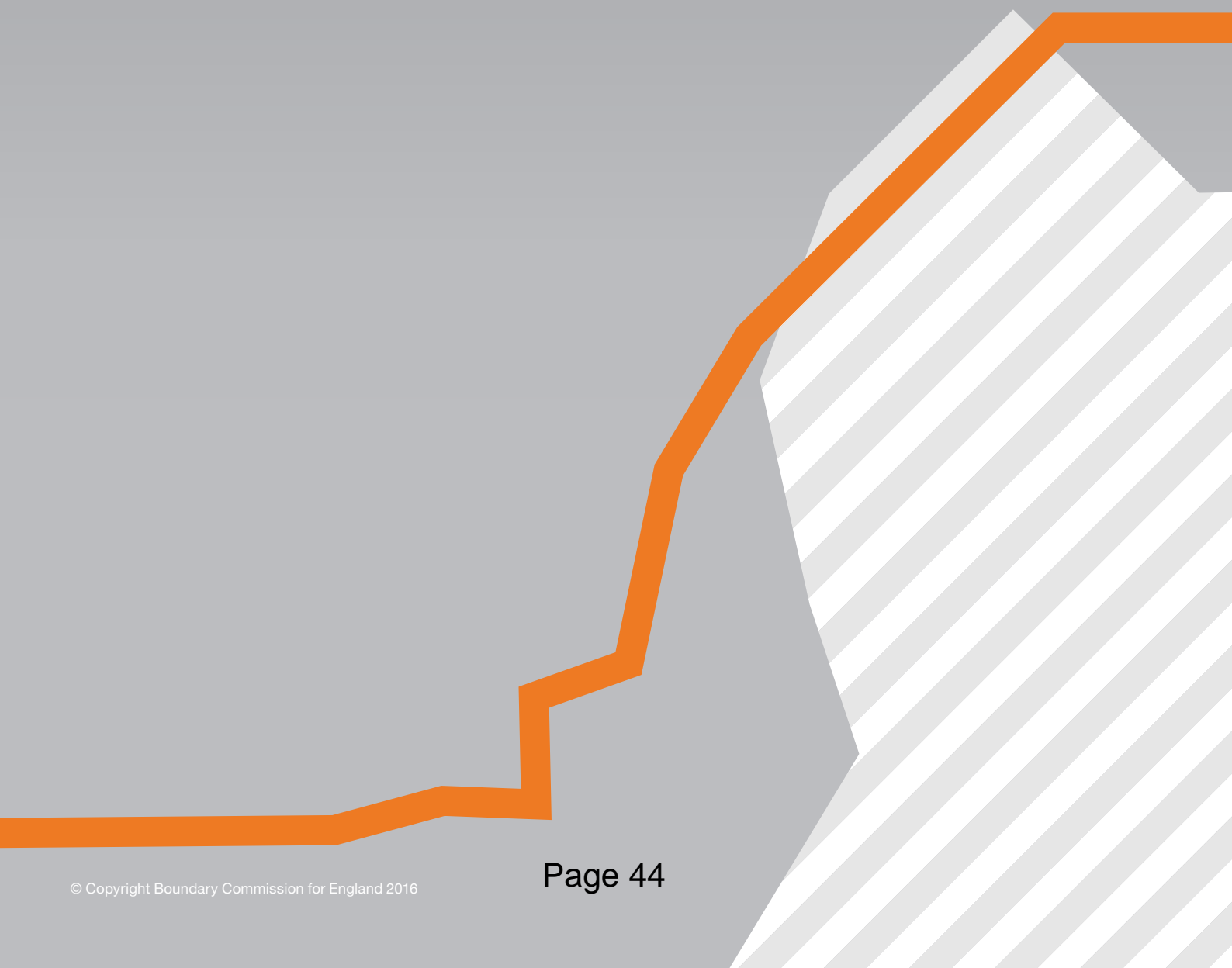
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56. Romford BC			78,179
	Eastbrook	Barking and Dagenham	7,226
	Brooklands	Havering	10,698
	Havering Park	Havering	9,408
	Hylands	Havering	10,250
	Mawneys	Havering	9,352
	Pettits	Havering	10,187
	Romford Town	Havering	11,171
	Squirrel's Heath	Havering	9,887
57. Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner BC			74,037
	Pinner	Harrow	7,825
	Pinner South	Harrow	7,802
	Rayners Lane	Harrow	7,539
	Cavendish	Hillingdon	8,433
	Eastcote and East Ruislip	Hillingdon	9,701
	Manor	Hillingdon	8,236
	Northwood	Hillingdon	7,863
	Northwood Hills	Hillingdon	8,306
	West Ruislip	Hillingdon	8,332
58. Southall and Heston BC			77,237
	Elthorne	Ealing	9,276
	Norwood Green	Ealing	8,974
	Southall Broadway	Ealing	9,353
	Southall Green	Ealing	9,613
	Walpole	Ealing	8,502
	Cranford	Hounslow	7,651
	Heston Central	Hounslow	7,751
	Heston East	Hounslow	8,091
	Heston West	Hounslow	8,026
59. Streatham and Mitcham BC			73,925
	Norbury	Croydon	9,766
	Knight's Hill	Lambeth	8,629
	St. Leonard's	Lambeth	8,684
	Streatham Hill	Lambeth	9,010
	Streatham South	Lambeth	8,241
	Streatham Wells	Lambeth	8,830
	Figge's Marsh	Merton	6,997
	Longthornton	Merton	6,583
	Pollards Hill	Merton	7,185
60. Sutton and Cheam BC			73,858
	Lower Morden	Merton	6,491
	St. Helier	Merton	6,942
	Cheam	Sutton	7,852
	Nonsuch	Sutton	7,922
	Stonecot	Sutton	8,007
	Sutton Central	Sutton	7,145
	Sutton North	Sutton	7,189
	Sutton South	Sutton	6,664
	Sutton West	Sutton	7,322
	Worcester Park	Sutton	8,324
61. Tooting BC			77,288
	Graveney	Merton	5,860
	Bedford	Wandsworth	10,234
	Earlsfield	Wandsworth	10,820
	Furzedown	Wandsworth	9,791
	Graveney	Wandsworth	9,892
	Nightingale	Wandsworth	10,555
	Tooting	Wandsworth	10,498
	Wandsworth Common	Wandsworth	9,638

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62. Tottenham BC			74,648
	Bruce Grove	Haringey	6,953
	Harringay	Haringey	6,907
	Northumberland Park	Haringey	7,143
	Seven Sisters	Haringey	8,276
	St. Ann's	Haringey	7,006
	Stroud Green	Haringey	8,019
	Tottenham Green	Haringey	7,729
	Tottenham Hale	Haringey	8,091
	West Green	Haringey	7,135
	White Hart Lane	Haringey	7,389
63. Twickenham BC			78,247
	Fulwell and Hampton Hill	Richmond upon Thames	7,304
	Hampton	Richmond upon Thames	7,332
	Hampton North	Richmond upon Thames	6,727
	Hampton Wick	Richmond upon Thames	7,401
	Heathfield	Richmond upon Thames	7,062
	South Twickenham	Richmond upon Thames	6,780
	St. Margarets and North Twickenham	Richmond upon Thames	7,509
	Teddington	Richmond upon Thames	7,346
	Twickenham Riverside	Richmond upon Thames	6,720
	West Twickenham	Richmond upon Thames	7,267
	Whitton	Richmond upon Thames	6,799
64. Walthamstow BC			76,575
	Cann Hall	Waltham Forest	6,921
	Cathall	Waltham Forest	6,515
	Grove Green	Waltham Forest	7,387
	High Street	Waltham Forest	7,737
	Higham Hill	Waltham Forest	8,197
	Hoe Street	Waltham Forest	7,960
	Lea Bridge	Waltham Forest	8,459
	Leyton	Waltham Forest	8,067
	Markhouse	Waltham Forest	7,735
	William Morris	Waltham Forest	7,597
65. Wembley and Harrow on the Hill BC			77,515
	Alperton	Brent	8,991
	Northwick Park	Brent	8,919
	Preston	Brent	9,237
	Sudbury	Brent	8,874
	Tokington	Brent	9,540
	Wembley Central	Brent	9,087
	Harrow on the Hill	Harrow	7,357
	Roxbourne	Harrow	8,078
	Roxeth	Harrow	7,432
66. Willesden BC			77,841
	Brondesbury Park	Brent	7,552
	Dollis Hill	Brent	7,699
	Dudden Hill	Brent	8,250
	Harlesden	Brent	8,447
	Kensal Green	Brent	7,766
	Mapesbury	Brent	8,228
	Stonebridge	Brent	9,896
	Welsh Harp	Brent	7,633
	Willesden Green	Brent	7,440
	College Park and Old Oak	Hammersmith and Fulham	4,930

Constituency	Ward	London borough	Electorate
67. Wimbledon Common and Putney BC			72,489
	Village	Merton	5,633
	Wimbledon Park	Merton	7,034
	East Putney	Wandsworth	10,060
	Roehampton and Putney Heath	Wandsworth	8,269
	Southfields	Wandsworth	11,168
	Thamesfield	Wandsworth	10,761
	West Hill	Wandsworth	9,704
	West Putney	Wandsworth	9,860
68. Woolwich BC			74,422
	Lesnes Abbey	Bexley	7,725
	St. Michael's	Bexley	7,954
	Abbey Wood	Greenwich	9,505
	Charlton	Greenwich	9,235
	Glyndon	Greenwich	9,788
	Plumstead	Greenwich	9,485
	Thamesmead Moorings	Greenwich	9,966
	Woolwich Riverside	Greenwich	10,764

# Glossary

<b>Assessor</b>	Statutorily appointed technical adviser to the BCE, being either the Registrar General for England and Wales or the Director General of Ordnance Survey.	<b>Public hearing</b>	Formal opportunity in a given area for people to make oral representations, chaired by an Assistant Commissioner. In each region of England there may be no fewer than two and no more than five hearings, and each may last a maximum of two days.
<b>Assistant Commissioner</b>	Independent person appointed at the request of the BCE to assist it with the discharge of its functions.	<b>Representations</b>	The views provided by an individual, group or organisation to the BCE on its initial or revised proposals, either for or against, including counter-proposals and petitions.
<b>Borough constituency (abbreviated to BC)</b>	Parliamentary constituency containing a predominantly urban area.	<b>Review date</b>	Proposals must be based on the numbers of electors on the electoral registers on this date. Defined in the 2011 Act as the date two years and ten months before the final report is to be submitted (i.e. 1 December 2015 for the review that is to conclude with a final report by 1 October 2018).
<b>County constituency (abbreviated to CC)</b>	Parliamentary constituency containing more than a small rural element.	<b>Revised proposals</b>	The initial proposals as subsequently revised.
<b>Designation</b>	Classification as either a borough constituency or as a county constituency.	<b>Rules</b>	The statutory criteria for Parliamentary constituencies under Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended).
<b>Electorate</b>	The number of registered Parliamentary electors in a given area.	<b>UK electoral quota</b>	The average number of electors in a constituency, found by dividing the total electorate of the UK (less that of the four specific 'protected' constituencies) by 596.
<b>(Statutory) Electorate range</b>	The statutory rule that requires the electorate of every constituency (as at the review date) to be within 5% of the UK electoral quota.	<b>Unitary authority</b>	An area where there is only one tier of local council (above any parish or town council). Contrasted with those 'shire district' areas that have two tiers (i.e. both a non-metropolitan county council and a district/ borough/city council).
<b>Final recommendations</b>	The recommendations submitted in a formal final report to Parliament at the end of a review. They may – or may not – have been revised since the initial proposals in any given area.		
<b>Initial proposals</b>	First formal proposals published by the BCE during the review for public consultation.		
<b>Periodical report</b>	Report to Parliament following a general review of Parliamentary constituencies.		
<b>Places of deposit</b>	In each constituency the Commission will make available hard copies of its initial proposals (including report and maps). The places of deposit where the public may inspect the proposals are usually the offices of the relevant local authority, although other public places such as libraries may be used. The Commission will publish a full list of places of deposit on its website.		



### **Precedent- the previous review (commenced in 2011)**

The City Council's representation was very much focussed on maintaining the historic link between the two Cities, of London and Westminster. The initial proposals took this link away and linked the City of London with an Islington and Camden constituency.

### **Our constituencies currently and in 2011 were as follows:**

#### **Cities of London and Westminster:**

The City of London and Bryanston and Dorset Square, Churchill, Hyde Park, Knightsbridge & Belgravia, Marylebone High Street, St James's, Tachbrook, Vincent Square, Warwick and West End wards.

#### **Westminster North:**

Abbey Road, Bayswater, Church Street, Harrow Road, Lancaster Gate, Little Venice, Maida Vale, Queen's Park, Regent's Park and Westbourne wards.

### **The initial proposals made by the Commission at the previous review were:**

**Camden and Regent's Park** was comprised of four Westminster wards (Bryanston and Dorset Square, Church Street, Marylebone High Street, Regent's Park, plus seven London Borough of Camden wards.

**Paddington** was comprised of nine Westminster wards (Abbey Road, Bayswater, Harrow Road, Hyde Park, Lancaster Gate, Little Venice, Maida Vale, Queen's Park, Westbourne ) plus four Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea wards.

**Westminster and Kensington** was comprised of seven Westminster wards (Churchill, Knightsbridge and Belgravia, St James's, Tachbrook, Vincent Square, Warwick , West End) plus eight Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea wards

### **The City Council made representation as follows:**

The City Council made representation agreed by the General Purposes Committee on 24 November 2011 to the Commission on 30 November 2011. The Commission's revised proposals ( which were never enacted- see below ) were in large part the same as those made by the City Council. In terms of the three parliamentary constituencies which contain Westminster wards, the only differences between the Commission's revised proposals and the City Council's representation were that in Camden Town and Regent's Park constituency the Commission included the Camden wards of Gospel Oak and Kentish Town and not the Camden wards of St Pancras and Somers Town and Belsize as proposed by the City Council.

**The Cities of London and Westminster constituency**

The City of London with 12 Westminster wards

The City of London, Bayswater, Bryanston and Dorset Square, Churchill, Hyde Park, Lancaster Gate, Marylebone High Street, St James's, Tachbrook, Vincent Square, Warwick, West End, Westbourne

**Kensington constituency**

12 Kensington and Chelsea wards with 3 Westminster wards

Abingdon, Brompton, Campden, Colville, Golborne, Hans Town, Holland, Norland, Notting Barns, Pembridge, Queen's Gate, St Charles, Harrow Road (WCC), Knightsbridge & Belgravia (WCC), Queen's Park (WCC).

**Camden Town and Regent's Park constituency**

6 Camden wards with 5 Westminster wards

Camden Town with Primrose Hill, Cantelowes, Gospel Oak, Haverstock, Kentish Town, Regent's Park, Abbey Road (WCC), Church Street (WCC), Little Venice (WCC), Maida Vale (WCC), Regent's Park (WCC).





**City of Westminster**

## General Purposes Committee

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2 November 2016</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>For General Release</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Update to Standing Orders</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Head of Committee and Governance Services</b>
<b>Wards Involved:</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<b>There are no financial implications arising from this report</b>
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### **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to minor changes to Standing Orders to reflect the provision of the notice and related papers being submitted, with their approval, to Members electronically.
- 1.2 Also included is a minor change to the Standing Order 51(7) to reflect updated consultation requirements.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Council be recommended to amend Standing Order 24 as set out in paragraph 4.1 below.
- 2.2 That the Council be recommended to amend Standing Order 51(7) as set out in paragraph 4.3 below.

### **3. Reason for Decision**

- 3.1 The local Government Act 1972 was amended in 2015 to allow Local Authorities to submit the agenda and related papers electronically to those Members who consent to receive them in this way. In view of this change it is necessary to make minor related changes to Standing Orders.
- 3.2 Minor changes to Standing Order 51(7) are also included.

#### 4. Background Information

- 4.1 Following recent changes to legislation it is now possible for Local Authorities to issue summons and related documentation for full Council meetings where the Member has given consent for these documents to be transmitted in electronic form. This report sets out the proposed revised Standing Orders.

##### Standing Order 24 – Notice of Meetings

- (1) At least five clear days before a meeting of the Council:-
- (a) Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be published at the Council's offices, and where the meeting is called by members of the Council the notice shall be signed by those Members and shall specify the business proposed to be transacted; and
  - (b) A summon to attend the meeting, specifying the business and accompanied by such reports as are available, and **authenticated in such a manner as the Chief Executive thinks fit** shall be sent by post to the usual place of residence of every Member of the Council (or by post to such other address as the Member may request) **or if so requested by the relevant Member electronically to an email address supplied for these purposes**. Any summons sent to a Member by post to an agreed address **or electronically to an agreed email address** shall be deemed sufficient service of the summons.

(NB: The words shown in bold have been added).

- 4.2 Officers have also reviewed Standing Order 31, which relates to the notice of meetings of the Cabinet, Committees and Sub-Committee. No change is considered necessary to allow for the submission of papers for these meetings by electronic means, which will also be provided in this way to those Members who request this.

##### 4.3 Standing Order 51(7) – Minor Changes

Minor changes are also proposed to Standing Order 51(7) which relates to the Appointment and Dismissal of Chief Officers. The changes, shown in bold, reflect minor changes to consultation when a delegation to officers is proposed so that this is extended to include the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services who has responsibility for HR and the Director of Law.

- (7) (i) Every appointment of a Chief Officer and a Deputy Chief Officer of the Council shall be made by the Appointments Sub-Committee. In the case of Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers these appointments (and dismissals) shall also be made by the Appointments Sub-Committee except where the relevant Cabinet Member, in **consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate**

**Services**, Chief Executive and the **Director of People Services**, indicates that they wish the Chief Executive or Senior Officers to do on the Sub-Committee's behalf. These arrangements shall also apply to appointments of Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers made as part of the Tri-borough arrangements. For such appointments to be made the Appointments Sub-Committee (or similar) of each of the participating boroughs must have agreed.

## **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 (which relates to the meetings and Proceedings of Local Authorities) has been amended to allow for the provision of summons and related papers for full Council meetings to be sent electronically to those Members who give their consent. Accordingly the Council is being asked to amend Standing Orders to reflect this provision.
- 5.2 Standing Order 51 accords with the requirement to have Standing Orders for the appointment (and dismissal) of Chief and Deputy Chief Officers.

## **6. Other Implications**

- 6.1 None.

**If you have any questions about this report, or wish to inspect one of the background papers, please contact Mick Steward: 7641 3134;  
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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1972  
BACKGROUND PAPERS - None**

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City of Westminster

## General Purposes Committee

**Date:** 2 November 2016

**Classification:** For General Release

**Title:** Programme of Meetings 2017/2018

**Wards Affected:** N/A

**Financial Summary:** There are no financial implications

**Report of:** Head of Committee and Governance Services

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The programme of meetings for 2017/18 has been drafted broadly in accordance with the pattern previously agreed.

### 2. Recommendations

2. 1 That the Council be recommended to approve the dates of full Council Meetings, as follows: 17 May 2017 (Annual); 12 July 2017; 8 November 2017; 24 January 2018; 7 March 2018; 18 April 2018; 16 May 2018 (Annual).
- 2.2 That the Programme of other formal Meetings set out in Appendix A be approved.

### 3. Background Information

- 3.1 The General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee has previously agreed that the programme of meetings be prepared having regard to the following basic principles:

Mondays: Cabinet/Policy and Scrutiny meetings

Tuesdays: Planning/Policy and Scrutiny meetings (if necessary)

Wednesdays: Council Meetings/Group Meetings/other Committee meetings

Thursdays: Licensing meetings daytime.

This strategy allows for easier planning and a more consistent approach. However, given the decision to undertake significant refurbishment works to City Hall and the need to find suitable alternative accommodation for meetings there is a need for a degree of flexibility to the previously agreed pattern, set out in paragraph 3.1. During the decant it is intended that most Committee Meetings are held in the Strand and Licensing Sub-Committees in Portland House. It is expected that Full Council meetings will return to Council House in November 2017.

- 3.2 The programme reflects at least 5 meetings for each of the Policy and Scrutiny Committees but they are empowered by Standing Orders to arrange further meetings or otherwise amend to the programme if required by the needs of their work programme.
- 3.3 The programme includes provision for the Discretionary Housing Panel and the Rating Advisory Panel to meet on a programme basis. The programmes have been developed having regard to the expected weight of business in each case. Again, additional meetings can be added, if required.

#### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The Programme of Meetings in respect of Council meetings is a matter for the full Council to agree. The programme includes provision for Council meetings to be held when it is known full Council decisions will be required - particularly the setting of Council tax prior to 11 March each year and the holding of an Annual Meeting in either March, April or May in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 4.2 The programme of Cabinet meetings is included in the programme for illustrative purposes. The Leader is responsible for approving the programme for these meetings.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 No financial implications.

#### **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The Programme of Meetings has been circulated to the Party Whips and adjustments made where requested. No outstanding issues remain as a result of this consultation.
- 6.2 The Chairmen of the Policy and Scrutiny Committees and other committees have also been consulted and again no issues are outstanding.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

25 January 2017, 1 March 2017 (Council Tax), 3 May 2017, 17 May 2017 (Annual)  
12 July 2017, 8 November 2017, 24 January 2018, 7 March 2018, 18 April 2018,  
16 May 2018 (Annual)

## **CABINET MEETINGS**

20 February 2017, 24 April 2017, 5 June 2017, 10 July 2017, 9 October 2017,  
4 December 2017, 19 February 2018, 16 April 2018

## **WESTMINSTER SCRUTINY COMMISSION MEETINGS**

5 April 2017, 29 June 2017, 30 November 2017, 22 March 2018

## **POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **ENVIRONMENT AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

30 January 2017, 15 March 2017, 2 May 2017, 7 June 2017, 13 September 2017,  
15 November 2017, 8 February 2018, 12 April 2018

### **CHILDREN, SPORTS AND LEISURE**

6 February 2017, 13 March 2017, 15 May 2017, 21 June 2017, 18 September 2017,  
20 November 2017, 5 February 2018, 19 March 2018

### **HOUSING, FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

9 January 2017, 6 March 2017, 10 April 2017, 12 June 2017, 12 September 2017,  
6 November 2017, 15 January 2018, 26 March 2018

### **ADULTS, HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**

1 February 2017, 29 March 2017, 8 May 2017, 19 June 2017, 20 September 2017,  
22 November 2017, 31 January 2018, 9 April 2018



### **AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

9 February 2017, 9 May 2017, 17 July 2017, 18 September 2017,  
23 November 2017, 1 February 2018, 30 April 2018

### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

16 March 2017, 6 July 2017, 7 December 2017, 15 March 2018

### **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

22 February 2017, 5 July 2017, 1 November 2017, 28 February 2018

### **PENSION FUND COMMITTEE**

21 March 2017, 22 June 2017, 12 October 2017, 7 December 2017,  
8 March 2018

### **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

22 March 2017, 5 July 2017, 29 November 2017, 21 March 2018

### **LICENSING SUB – COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.00am except Maundy Thursday, Christmas and  
New Year

### **DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS REVIEW PANEL**

16 January 2017, 13 March 2017, 24 April 2017, 5 June 2017, 10 July 2017,  
11 September 2017, 23 October 2017, 4 December 2017, 15 January 2018,  
12 March 2018, 23 April 2018

### **RATING ADVISORY PANEL**

7 February 2017, 4 April 2017, 13 June 2017, 18 July 2017, 10 October 2017,  
12 December 2017, 6 February 2018, 10 April 2018

### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

19 January 2017, 23 March 2017, 25 May 2017, 13 July 2017, 14 September 2017,  
16 November 2017, 18 January 2018, 22 March 2018

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS MEETINGS**

**Meetings generally held every Tuesday commencing at 6.30pm.  
No meeting during Christmas and New Year periods**

**Meetings dates change and additional dates are added.  
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