

To: City Executive Board

Date: Date of the meeting: 20th March 2018

Report of: Electoral Registration Officer

Title of Report: City Ward Boundary Review 2018

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	To brief the City Executive Board on the ward boundary review and ask it to recommend a ward scheme to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Key decision:	Yes
Executive Board Member:	Councillor Susan Brown, Leader
Corporate Priority:	None
Policy Framework:	None
Recommendation: That the City Executive Board resolves to:	
Propose a new scheme of wards based on a council size of 48 councillors to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.	

Appendices	
Appendix 1	City Boundary Working Group Submission on a ward scheme
Appendix 2	Indicative A4 map
Appendix 3	Risk Register

Introduction

1. At its meeting on 27th November 2017 the City Executive Board agreed to recommend a council-size of 48 to the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Commission accepted the Council's recommendation and now invites any interested parties to submit ward schemes based on that total number.

Stages of the review

2. The review is carried out under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and is split into six stages.
3. After Stage One had started it was discovered that the electorate statistics published on the Commission's website were not accurate. They had included overseas electors which are not part of this review as they cannot vote in local elections. These have now been corrected and the Commission has decided to extend the timetable by a short period. Below is the revised timetable.

Stage	Timing	Function
Preliminary	June–December 2017	Now complete.
Stage One	9 th Jan-2 nd April 2018	The Commission will publish a council size it is minded to recommend and invite ward proposals based on that council size.
Stage Two	5 th June-13 th August 2018	The Commission will publish a draft ward scheme for consultation.
Stage Three	2 nd October 2018	The Commission will publish its final recommendations.
Stage Four	October-December 2018	The Commission's draft order giving effect to its recommendations is laid in both houses of parliament. Parliament can either accept or reject the recommendations. It cannot modify them.
Stage Five	May 2020	The new electoral arrangements will come in to force.

4. We are now in Stage One.

Cross-party working group

5. As the Board knows a cross-party member working group has been set up in order to make recommendations. The Working Group has met several times and has agreed a recommended ward scheme. The Working Group was not unanimous but the scheme as proposed is supported by the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups.

Below are the new wards electorate figures and suggested names:

Area/Ward	Sum of July 17 Electors	Target Electors	Variation (must be +/-10%)	Variation (number)
North-Eastern				
Barton	5018	4834	103.81%	184
Churchill	4990	4834	103.23%	156
Headington	5230	4834	108.19%	396
Marston	4728	4834	97.81%	-106
Quarry and Risinghurst	5255	4834	108.71%	421
Headington Hill and Northway	4646	4834	96.11%	-188
Area/Ward	Sum of July 17 Electors	Target Electors	Variation (must be +/-10%)	Variation (number)
South-Eastern				
St Clement's	4638	4834	95.95%	-196
Bartlemas	5100	4834	105.50%	266
Donnington	4538	4834	93.88%	-296
Rose Hill	4879	4834	100.93%	45
Cowley	5074	4834	104.96%	240
Littlemore	4967	4834	102.75%	133
Northfield Brook	4729	4834	97.83%	-105
Blackbird Leys	4552	4834	94.17%	-282
Temple Cowley	4579	4834	94.72%	-255
Lye Valley	4718	4834	97.60%	-116
Western				
Wolvercote	4762	4834	98.51%	-72
Cotteslowe	4947	4834	102.34%	113
Summertown	4925	4834	101.88%	91
Walton Manor	4621	4834	95.59%	-213
Jericho	5062	4834	104.72%	228
Osney and St Thomas	5078	4834	105.05%	244
Holywell	4546	4834	94.04%	-288
Hinksey Park	4441	4834	91.87%	-393
Grand Total	116023	116016		

6. A textual description of the scheme is described in Appendix 1. An A0 map will be displayed at the Board meeting. An A4 indicative version is attached at Appendix 2.

Financial implications

7. There are no financial implications.

Legal issues

8. There are no legal implications.

Level of risk

A completed Risk Register is attached at Appendix 3.

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