

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL : SUBMISSION ON COUNCIL SIZE

At its meeting on 11th November 2013, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee received a report of the Director of Policy, Performance and Communications, outlining the evidence received by the Committee concerning the optimum size of Council, and putting forward a draft submission on Council size to be sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in preparation for the Further Electoral Review of Sheffield City Council which will take place from February 2014.

Relevant extracts of the Committee's minute is set out below, and the Council is asked to approve the submission on Council size, appended to this report, as indicated at paragraph (b) of the resolution:-

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL REVIEW - UPDATE ON REVIEW, PREPARATION AND DISCUSSION PAPER ON COUNCIL SIZE

6.1 The Director of Policy, Performance and Communications, submitted a report containing a summary of the evidence which had been presented to an informal meeting of the Committee held on 11th July 2013, by organisations and members of the public, regarding the size of the City Council and the proposed submission on Council size. The report was accompanied by the draft submission on Council size, which was to be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. A paper containing the results of a survey of Elected Members, undertaken in order to inform the Council's submission on Council size, together with details of the methodology used as part of the survey were circulated at the meeting.

6.6 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the report now submitted, together with the additional information circulated;
- (b) in the light of the comments received as part of the survey and the comments made at this meeting, approves the draft submission on Council size, as attached to the report now submitted, and refers it to the Full Council meeting to be held on 8th January 2014, prior to its submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; and
- (c) thanks Victoria Penman and her colleagues in Policy, Performance and Communications for the excellent work undertaken.

(NOTE: A copy of the draft submission on Council Size is appended to this report.)

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