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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM06

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That a Working Panel be established to consider the Council's response for recommendation to the Full Council.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To consider the establishment of a Working Panel to consider the Council's proposals in response to the consultation on the forthcoming Electoral Review for South Derbyshire.

4.0 Detail

4.1 Following the presentation to the Full Council Meeting on 1st October 2009 by representatives from the Boundary Committee for England, a similar presentation was provided to Parish Councils on 7th October. This will also be provided at the current cycle of Area Forums and Members are reminded that the formal consultation period will commence on 27th October.

4.2 In 1997, when a Periodic Electoral Review for Derbyshire was undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission, a Working Panel was established which prepared a draft submission for consideration by the Full Council following a series of Meetings. Accordingly, this approach is again recommended and Members are requested to consider nominations to the Panel.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The Boundary Committee for England will conduct a review and make recommendations aiming to improve electoral equality, whilst at the same time trying to reflect communities in the area and provide for convenient and effective local government. The review process is normally in four distinct stages, totalling approximately 44 – 52 weeks.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The main aim of an electoral review is to try to ensure electoral equality, which means that all councillors in a single authority represent approximately the same number of electors.

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 26 Feb 09 Report to Full Council