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SUBJECT:	ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 The Council's instructions on a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England are requested.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider the Council's response to the draft recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the new electoral arrangements for South Derbyshire.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Members are reminded that the Council's formal submission in response to the consultation on the new electoral arrangements for South Derbyshire was approved at the Full Council Meeting on 21st January 2010.

3.2 On 25th May 2010, the Commission published its draft recommendations, on which comments are invited by 19th July 2010. A full copy of the report and accompanying maps have previously been circulated to all Members. A summary of the report together with a table outlining the proposals for 36 councillors serving 15 wards are attached at Annexes 'A' and 'B' respectively. The main changes proposed to the existing arrangements are as follows:-

- The removal of the current North West Ward and the division of its parishes between the Etwall and Hilton Wards, with the latter Ward increasing to 3 councillors.
- The removal of the current Hartshorne and Ticknall Ward and the transfer of Ticknall and Calke parishes to the Repton Ward, the transfer of Smisby parish and the Hartshorne village and Goseley Estate areas of Hartshorne parish to the Woodville Ward and the transfer of the Lower Midway area of Hartshorne parish to the Midway Ward.

- Arising from the above, the division of Hartshorne parish into two parish wards, being Lower Midway (returning 9 parish councillors) and Hartshorne & Goseley (returning 6 parish councillors).
- The transfer of the Swadlincote Woodlands area of Woodville Ward into the Swadlincote Ward.
- The Church Gresley and Woodville Wards each increasing to 3 councillors.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is conducting a review and has made draft 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.

5.0 Community Implications

5.1 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.

6.0 Background Papers

6.1 Draft Recommendations on new Electoral Arrangements