



Exeter City Council

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held at the **GUILDHALL, HIGH STREET, EXETER** on **WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015**, at 6.00 pm, at which you are hereby summoned to attend.

The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

1. **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF EXETER**

To receive the recommendation of minute 36 below of the Executive meeting held on 17 March 2015. 3 - 18

The report of the Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support as submitted detailing the Council's proposed submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), on new ward boundaries for the City.

Councillor Henson, having given notice under Standing Order no.44 spoke on this item. He raised concerns regarding the change of boundary in the northern area of Thornpark Rise and if this would have an impact on the Parliamentary Boundaries.

The Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support clarified that this submission was for the ward boundaries within the city only and did not involve the Parliamentary boundaries which would be the subject of a separate review at some point in the future. The proposals were to reduce the number of wards from 18 to 13 and sought to balance the number of electorate within the wards. The Council's official submission was required to be submitted to the LGBCE by 30 March 2015.

The Leader stated that any proposed changes to the ward names could be put forward when the submission was considered by Council at its meeting on 25 March.

Whilst the majority of Members supported the proposals, two Members reserved the right to submit alternative proposals.

Members commended all officers involved in putting this submission together.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the proposed ward boundaries, as indicated on the map and narrative attached to the report presented to the Executive, form the Council's official submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, in response to its current consultation on the electoral review of Exeter.

(In accordance with Standing Order 43, Councillors Fullam and Leadbetter requested their abstention from voting be recorded)

A plan of seating in the Guildhall is attached as an annexe.

Date: 17 March 2015

Karime Hassan
Chief Executive &
Growth Director

NOTE: Members are asked to sign the Attendance Register