

**COUNCIL**

11th December 2013

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Cartwright, Copeland, Cossins, Crudass, Crumbie, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Francis, Galletley, Harker, Harman, I. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, Hutchinson, B. Jones, Kelley, Knowles, Landers, Lawton, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Macnab, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, Mrs. H. Scott, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Thistlethwaite, J. Vasey, L. Vasey, Wallis, Wright and York. (42)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors L. Haszeldine, Mrs. D. Jones, Lee, Lewis, Lister, A. J. Scott, Stenson and Swainston. (8)

**ABSENT** – Councillors Coultas, Grundy and L. Hughes. (3)

**37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**38. COUNCIL REPORTS – Further Electoral Review – Warding Arrangements -**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to a joint proposal from the Labour and Conservative Groups for the warding arrangements for Darlington, for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

The submitted report stated that the Council had been given the opportunity to make a submission to the LGBCE on the future warding arrangements for Darlington. It was highlighted that, as part of the second stage of the review, the Labour and Conservative Groups had considered the warding arrangements for Darlington, and proposed a total of 22 wards, 4 rural wards and 18 urban wards, which contained between one and three councillors. The proposed submission was attached at Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

The following amendment to the recommendations detailed in the submitted report was moved by Councillor Kelley, seconded by Councillor Macnab, and lost:

That all after 'Darlington' in the second line of the recommendation be deleted, and the following be inserted:-

'as submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group, for submission to the LGBCE, as this Council's submission.'

(The original motion moved by Councillor Dixon was thereupon put to the meeting and was carried.)

**RESOLVED** – That the proposed warding arrangements for Darlington, as attached at Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be approved as this Council’s submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

**REASON** – To enable Members to consider the proposed warding arrangements prior to submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.