



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER
ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2016 AT 5.39PM**

- PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor P Budge)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tupper)
Councillors Apel, Bell, P M Budge, Dignum, M Evans, P Evans, Galloway,
Keyworth, Kilby, Plowman, Scicluna and Sharp
- APOLOGIES : Councillors J French and T French
- ABSENT : Councillors Dempster, Holman, Joy and Macey
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager
Philip Coleman - Member Services Manager, Chichester District Council

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had formally commenced an electoral review of Chichester District Council at the request of the District Council to reduce the number of District Councillors from 48 to 36. The District Council had asked that the City Council's comments on the review be submitted by Monday 14 March 2016. There were no changes to the number of City Councillors involved in this exercise.

Mr Philip Coleman, Member Services Manager Chichester District Council, explained that following the presentation to the City Council on the Electoral Review in January 2016, the District Council had held workshops to discuss changing the ward boundaries. He advised that the aim of the Boundary Commission was to deliver electoral equality, however retaining or creating community identity was important to the City.

The District Council review and the separate West Sussex County Council review of the electoral boundaries would have an effect on the City. The District Council review was increasing the current four wards in the City to five, the details of this and associated changes were explained with the aid of a large scale map. The wards would be North, South, East, West and Central; the proposal was that these wards would be served by nine District Councillors.

With the current number of City Councillors being twenty, the five wards could be served by four members in each Ward.

Members raised concerns that if the County, District and City electoral ward boundaries were not the same, the electors would be confused as there could be the potential for electors having to vote in different wards.

Councillor Kilby proposed and was duly seconded and it was RESOLVED that the City Council support the District Council's proposal of five wards in the City represented by nine District Councillors and that the City boundary wards be conterminous.

Councillor Apel had left the meeting before the vote was taken.

The meeting closed at 6.34pm