

**COUNCIL
13 NOVEMBER 2019
7.30 - 7.45 PM**



Present:

Councillors Mrs McKenzie (Mayor), Ms Merry (Deputy Mayor), Allen, Angell, Atkinson, Bhandari, Dr Barnard, Bettison OBE, D Birch, Mrs Birch, Brossard, Brown, Dudley, Finch, Ms Gaw, Gbadebo, Mrs L Gibson, MJ Gibson, Green, Mrs Hamilton, Harrison, Mrs Hayes MBE, Ms Hayes, Heydon, Mrs Ingham, Kennedy, Kirke, Leake, Mrs McKenzie-Boyle, McLean, Mossom, Neil, Parker, Porter, Skinner, Temperton, Tullett and Wade

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Brunel-Walker, Mrs Mattick, Turrell and Virgo

28. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

29. Local Government Boundary Commission for England Electoral Review - Stage 1 Submission

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) was undertaking an electoral review of the Council which has two stages; the first determines the Council size and the second will look at future warding patterns. The Council considered the recommendation from the cross-party Boundary Review Working Group that the Council proposed to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) that, with effect from the Borough elections in 2023, the size of the Council should be 40 elected Members. The submission had full cross party support.

On the proposition of Councillor Birch, Chairman of the Boundary Review Working Group, seconded by Councillor Temperton, Labour Group leader

it was **RESOLVED** that the cross-party Boundary Review Working Group recommendation to propose a future Council size of 40 to the LGBCE be agreed and the supporting information at Annex A of the agenda report be approved for submission to the Commission by 15 November 2019.

30. Vote of thanks to Boundary Review Working Group

Councillor Bettison OBE delivered a vote of thanks to the cross-party Boundary Review Working Group and the officers who have supported the preparation of the submission proposal.

CHAIRMAN