

**Report to COUNCIL**

# **Council Size Submission – Electoral Review of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council**

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## **Executive Summary**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's local government electoral arrangements. The outcome of the review will be implemented for the 2023 Council elections.

The attached document has been produced to help inform the first part of the review on Council Size. The Commission will form its view regarding Council Size for Oldham by considering the following;

- The Governance Arrangements of the Council
- The Council's Scrutiny Functions
- The representational Role of Councilors

## **Recommendations**

That Full Council approves the Council Size Submission to the Local Government Boundary Review Commission for England.

1 **Background**

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has informed the Council of its decision to carry out an Electoral Review of the Council and the number of wards and ward boundaries for the Council.

2 **Current Position**

- 2.1 Under stage 1 of the review, the Council is required provide the Local Government Boundary Commission with a Council Size Submission which provides the Council's view on the appropriate number of Councils (council size) using relevant supporting evidence. The submission date to the Local Government Boundary Commission is 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.
- A cross departmental officer working Group produced the submission and this was presented to Group Leaders. The recommendation contained within the submission is that the Council size remains the same.
- Individual Members and Groups are able to submit their own representation to the LGBCE if required.

3 **Options/Alternatives**

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to produce the information requested by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in relation to Council Size.

If Members disagree with the submission and recommendations an alternative proposal can be submitted which meets the statutory criteria.

4 **Financial Implications**

Included in the report (Mark Stenson)

5 **Legal Implications**

Included in the report (Paul Entwistle)

6 **Co-Operative Agenda**

Comments are included in the report (Jonathan Downs)

7 **Background papers**

The following is a list of the background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents, which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by that Act.

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8 **Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council – Council Size Submission.
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