

West Sussex County Council

Urgent Action

The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Director of Law and Assurance.

Decision Title	Mid Sussex District Council Boundary Review Consultation 2021
Committee Responsible for Decision	Director of Law and Assurance
Electoral Divisions	All in Mid Sussex
Purpose	<p>The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has launched a Review of the electoral boundaries for Mid Sussex District Council and is consulting on a proposed scheme for wards. The County Council is able to respond to the consultation, as may any other individuals, organisations and councils.</p> <p>The County Council's Electoral Review Panel met on 20 October 2021 to consider the Commission's proposals and discussed a number of alternative options. A response to the consultation was agreed by majority and is attached at Appendix A. The Commission's draft recommendations are largely supported. The Panel recommended a change to the name of two proposed wards to better reflect community identity and two changes to warding patterns, in both cases finding ways to split three-member wards into a two-member ward and a one-member ward.</p> <p>Following consultation with the Chairman of Governance Committee, this decision has been taken by the Director of Law and Assurance in accordance with Standing Order 3.45(d).</p>
Decision	That the proposed response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's consultation as outlined in Appendix A be approved as the County Council's response to the consultation.
Interest and nature of interest declared	The Chairman of Governance Committee, Cllr Pete Bradbury, declared personal interests as a member of Mid Sussex District Council and as his partner is also a member of Mid Sussex District Council.
Reason for urgency	Deadline for response is 8 November, before the next meeting of Governance Committee
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Background Papers	See report for details