

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – 21ST APRIL, 2014

REPORT ON: FIFTH STATUTORY REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN SCOTLAND

REPORT BY: HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES

REPORT NO: 208-2014

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this Report is to decide upon a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's proposal regarding the number of Elected Members on Dundee City Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council agree to support the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's proposal that Dundee City Council should consist of 31 Members.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising out of this Report.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland are currently undertaking their Fifth Statutory Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements in Scotland. The Review will result in the Commission making recommendations to Scottish Ministers regarding the number of Councillors and Electoral Ward Boundaries in each of Scotland's 32 Local Authorities and will be conducted in two phases – firstly, consultation on Councillor numbers for each Council and secondly, consultation on Ward Boundaries.
- 4.2 The Commission wrote to the Chief Executive on 21st February, 2014 in connection with the first phase of the Consultation proposing that Dundee City Council should consist of 31 Councillors, an increase of 2 from the current 29 Councillors. It is recommended that the Council should agree to support this proposal.
- 4.3 After deciding on Councillor numbers the Commission will move on to the second phase of the Consultation and propose Ward Boundaries. It is anticipated that this will be carried out during 2015 and the Council will be consulted further regarding these proposals at that time.
- 4.4 The Commission expects to make its recommendations to Scottish Ministers in 2016 and any resultant changes will take effect from the Local Government Elections in May 2017.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Services have been consulted regarding this Report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter to Chief Executive from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland dated 21st February, 2014.

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DATE: 10th April, 2014