

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND  
ELECTORAL REVIEW OF DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL - REVISED PROPOSALS FOR NORTH DEVON**

Report of the County Solicitor

**Recommendation:** that the Committee consider its response to the Commission's revised recommendations for part of North Devon in light of the views and suggestions set out in this Report and the attached schedule.

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was to have announced, on 29 September 2015, its final recommendations for the County Council's electoral arrangements but delayed doing so pending a further limited period of consultation on revised proposals for part of North Devon, which will run until 26 October 2015.

A copy of the Commission's revised proposals were circulated to all Members of the Council on 29 September last with an invitation to submit any views thereon for consideration at this meeting.

This further consultation is **strictly limited** to the 4 North Devon Divisions referred to in the Commission's letter of 29 September 2015. There is no opportunity to comment further on the Commission's proposals for the rest of the County and the Commission's final recommendations for the whole Council will now be published on 19 January 2016.

The Committee, which has been authorised to determine the Council's response to the Commission's proposals, may also wish to consider expressing its concern at the inevitable impact upon those organising elections of the unnecessarily lengthy delay in the announcement of the Commission's final proposals caused by this further limited consultation.

This Report has no specific equality, sustainability, legal or public health implications that will not be assessed and appropriate safeguards and/or actions taken in line with relevant election law and guidance.

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[Electoral Divisions: All]

**Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers**

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| <b><u>Background Paper</u></b> | <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>File Reference</u></b> |
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Nil

*[NB: The LGBCE's recommendations and detailed maps are available on the Commission's website at [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) and [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk) and also on the Council's website at: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/elections-and-voting/electoral-review-of-devon-county-council/>]*

| Boundary Commission<br>Proposed Divisions<br>(Sept 2015) | Comment on/Suggested change to Division Boundaries | Comment on/Suggested change to Division Name                                                                                     |
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| Combe Martin Rural                                       | <i>No comment received</i>                         |                                                                                                                                  |
| Ilfracombe                                               | <i>No comment received</i>                         |                                                                                                                                  |
| Landkey & Chittlehampton                                 | <i>No comment received</i>                         | Previously, the Committee suggested <i>Chulmleigh and Landkey</i> as a more appropriate name for a division of this construction |
| South Molton                                             | <i>No comment received</i>                         |                                                                                                                                  |