

APPENDIX A

MINUTES of a meeting of the ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville on MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2024

Present: Councillor M B Wyatt (In the Chair)

Councillors K Merrie MBE, A C Woodman, M B Wyatt, D Bigby (Substitute for Councillor C A Sewell) and J Legrys (Substitute for Councillor S Sheahan)

In Attendance: Councillors P Moulton, M Ball, A Barker, D Cooper, R Johnson and D Everitt

Officers: Mrs C Hammond, Miss E Warhurst, Mr R Beesley and Mrs A Thomas

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors C Sewell and S Sheahan.

38 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

39 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024.

By affirmation of the meeting it was

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024 be approved as an accurate record of the proceedings.

40 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE - WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Officers presented the report to members and drew their attention to the comments that had been at the all member briefing and that had been received following it. They then presented to updated proposals document, with the amendments shown in tracked changes, to the group and they considered each ward in turn taking into account any changes that had been made following the briefing.

Heather and Packington

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Ravenstone and Snibston

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Worthington and Coleorton

Chair's initials

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Breedon and Belton

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Castle Rock

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Bardon

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Kegworth

Changes had been following the proposal and were set out in tracked changes in the document. The proposed name change to Kegworth South and Long Whatton was noted.

The group discussed and considered the changes.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document, as amended following the briefing, was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Daleacre Hill

Changes had been made following the briefing and were set out in tracked changes in the document. The proposed name change to Kegworth North and Daleacre Hill was noted.

The group discussed and considered the changes.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document, as amended following the briefing, was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Castle Donington Ward Group

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Measham Ward Group

Changes had been made following the briefing and were set out in tracked changes in the document.

The group discussed and considered the changes.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document, as amended following the briefing, was agreed unanimously.

Ashby and Woulds Groups

Changes had been made following the briefing and were set out in tracked changes in the document. As the changes made to the Ashby Wards had a knock-on effect to the Woulds wards later in the document, it was agreed to consider both groupings together.

The group discussed and considered the changes to both groups, including the option of a three-member ward for the Woulds grouping, therefore not splitting any of the communities in that area. Proposed ward names were put forward for Ashby Money Hill (Ashby Knights Chase) and Blackfordby (Ashby Blackfordby Annswell).

Ashby Group

The decision to include the proposals as set out in the document and amended following the briefing, and the name of Ashby Blackfordby Annswell, was agreed unanimously. It was agreed that the current ward member would be consulted on the suggested ward name of Ashby Knights Chase.

Woulds Group

The decision to include the option of a three-member ward for the Woulds group as set out in the document and amended following the briefing was agreed unanimously. It was agreed that the current ward members for the areas included in the new ward be asked to submit suggestions for the ward name.

Coalville Ward Group

Changes had been made following the briefing and were set out in tracked changes in the document.

The group discussed and considered the changes.

The decision to include the proposal for the ward group without the changes following the briefing was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Ellistown and Ibstock Ward Group

No changes since the briefing.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Whitwick Ward Group

Changes had been made following the briefing and were set out in tracked changes in the document. A verbal update was provided on suggestions that had been made over the weekend, since the publication of the agenda.

Chair's initials

The group discussed and considered the changes.

The decision to include the proposal for the ward group without the changes following the briefing was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

Hugglescote Ward Group

Changes had been made following the briefing and were set out in tracked changes in the document.

The group discussed and considered the changes.

The decision to include the proposal as set out in the document, as amended following the briefing, was agreed 3 votes for, with 2 abstentions.

The recommendations were then put to the vote.

An amendment to recommendation 3 was moved by Councillor D Bigby and seconded by Councillor J Legrys to request that a Extraordinary meeting of Council be held in between 7 May and 27 May to consider the Council's submission, therefore allowing more time for consultation on the proposals.

The amendment was put to the vote and LOST.

It was moved Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor K Merrie and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The comments made by the working party be noted and the final document be updated;
2. Ward members be consulted on ward names as agreed by the working party;
and
3. The document be endorsed for consideration at Annual Council on 7 May 2024.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.07 pm