

LGBCE (21-22) 23 Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 17 March 2022 at 09:30 am. All Commissioners and officers attended the meeting via Teams.

Commissioners Present

Professor Colin Mellors OBE (Chair)
Susan Johnson OBE
Peter Maddison QPM
Amanda Nobbs OBE
Andrew Scallan CBE
Steve Robinson

LGBCE Officers Present:

Jolyon Jackson CBE	Chief Executive
Lynn Ingram	Director of Corporate Services
Glynn McDonald	Communications & Public Affairs Manager
Alison Evison	Review & Programme Manager
Richard Buck	Review Manager
Richard Otterway	Review Manager
Rebecca Pritchard	Review Officer (item 1)
Alex Jones	Review Officer (item 2)
Angela Hendry	HR Lead (minutes)

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1 Liverpool Draft Recommendations – LGBCE (21-22)204

The review of Liverpool City Council had commenced on 23 September 2021. According to the latest available electoral figures, 30 per cent of wards had variances greater than 10 per cent.

At its meeting on 23 September 2021, the Board had been minded to agree a council size of 85 and the Draft Recommendations being considered had been prepared on the basis of such a council size.

In preparing the draft scheme, the team had taken into consideration both the submissions it had received and the statutory criteria. The Draft Recommendations proposed a pattern of one three-, 10 two-, and 62 single-member wards in total.

The Board considered the recommendations in detail informed by the statutory criteria and taking into account the advice of officers and the submissions received.

As a result of this further consideration and, on the basis of the evidence, the Commission agreed to move away from the original proposed warding pattern and agreed a pattern of one three-, 12 two-, and 58 Single-member wards.

It agreed the Draft Recommendations as presented with amendments in the following areas:

- Anfield area
- Bell Vale area

Agreed

Draft Recommendations for Liverpool Council as modified.

2. Correspondence about Stockton-on-Tees Review

The Commissioners discussed the correspondence and agreed that the Chair would respond.

3. Stockton-on-Tees Final Recommendations – LGBCE (21-22)205

The review of Stockton-on-Tees had commenced on 20 October 2020. According to the latest available electoral figures, 23 per cent of wards had variances greater than 10 per cent.

At its meeting on 20 October 2020, the Board had been minded to agree a council size of 56 and had subsequently, on 20 April 2021, agreed Draft Recommendations. The Board originally considered its Final Recommendations and Further Draft Recommendations at its meeting on 19 November 2021.

Following publication, 119 submissions had been received commenting on the Further Draft Recommendations which had been considered carefully in the context of the statutory criteria.

The Final Recommendations proposed a pattern of 5 three-, 19 two-, and three single-member wards in total.

The Board considered the Final Recommendations in detail, informed by the statutory criteria and taking into account the submissions received following publication of the Further Draft Recommendations.

It agreed the Final Recommendations as presented.

Agreed

1. Final Recommendations for Stockton-on-Tees as presented.
2. The Board agreed to the laying of a draft Order before Parliament giving effect to its final recommendations for 'Stockton-on-Tees' Council'.

AOB

There were no other items.

Close of Business