

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD**

### **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – K.JONES**

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

#### **SECTION B – MATTER FOR INFORMATION**

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

#### **COMMUNITY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

##### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Members of an additional public consultation exercise in relation to further proposals relating to the review of community arrangements within the County Borough area.

##### **Background**

On 1 June 2013 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council initiated a community review to consider what changes, if any, are needed to existing community arrangements across the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

The first stage of the review, which concluded on 30 September, was to ask all residents and interested parties to consider the current arrangements and submit their view of support or proposals for change. These submissions were reviewed and draft proposals drawn up and made available for further public consultation.

**Please note Maps of all boundary alterations will be available in the Members Rooms at Neath and Port Talbot Civic Centres.**

##### **Progress**

Following the publication of the draft proposals and on advice from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, a further short four week consultation period will be undertaken from 13 April, 2015. This additional consultation will include some minor alterations to resolve certain community ward boundary anomalies primarily due to urban development.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the Screening Assessment, it has been determined that this policy does not require a Full Equality Impact Assessment and is considered unlikely to have any significant equality impact.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended as follows:-

- (a) That Members note the commencement of a period of public consultation from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 in relation to the Community Review further proposals.

## **Appendices**

Community Review – Stage 2 Draft Further Proposals  
Terms of Reference

Community Review – Stage 2 Draft Further Proposals  
(Appendix A) – Background Research

Community Review – Stage 2 Draft Further Proposals  
(Appendix B) – Aberavon

Community Review – Stage 2 Draft Further Proposals  
(Appendix C) – Neath

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