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Notice of Meeting

To All Members of Chichester District Council

A meeting of **THE COUNCIL** will be held in **Committee Rooms - East Pallant House** on **Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 2.00 pm**

MEMBERS: Mrs E Hamilton (Chairman), Mr H Potter (Vice-Chairman), Mrs C Apel, Mrs T Bangert, Mr G Barrett, Miss H Barrie, Mr M Bell, Rev J H Bowden, Mr B Brisbane, Mr R Briscoe, Mr J Brown, Mr A Dignum, Mrs J Duncton, Mr J Elliott, Mr G Evans, Mrs J Fowler, Mrs N Graves, Mr F Hobbs, Mrs D Johnson, Mr T Johnson, Mrs E Lintill, Mrs S Lishman, Mr G McAra, Mr A Moss, Mr S Oakley, Dr K O'Kelly, Mr C Page, Mr D Palmer, Mrs P Plant, Mr R Plowman, Mrs C Purnell, Mr D Rodgers, Mrs S Sharp, Mr A Sutton, Mrs S Taylor and Mr P Wilding

AGENDA

- 6 **Recommendation from the Boundary Review Panel - 1 March 2022**
The Council is requested to approve recommendations from the Boundary Review Panel who held a meeting on 1 March 2022:

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

1. The Boundary Review Panel have considered the next round of the consultation on the proposed changes to the Parliamentary boundaries and after reviewing the responses published on the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) website it recommends that Council agree the following additional response is submitted to the BCE for this round of consultation:
2. Chichester District Council have reviewed the responses to the first round of the consultation published on the BCE website and strongly maintains the points raised in its original submission. In particular we would like to re-iterate importance of not splitting the Manhood Peninsula as per the proposed boundaries to avoid the damage that this would do to the local communities and their existing connections and sense of place. The whole of the peninsula shares many consistent issues and works together as a cohesive area and community, the whole of the peninsula also has strong links to Chichester as its major settlement. To split the peninsula would negatively impact its communities, local economy, local common environmental issues and adversely affect the representation of its common issues in Parliament. An example of this is would be the splitting of Primary and Secondary school catchments. The travel links within the proposed Bognor Regis ward would mean

that the areas within that ward on the Manhood Peninsula would need to travel to Chichester to access the rest of the Constituency, again highlighting the lack of the proposed boundary being a coherent area. We note the strength of feeling in the responses from local people and Parish Councils that reflect this whilst other responses from more centralised organisations show an absence in understanding of the local issues.

3. Our alternative worked up proposal in our last response protects the completeness of the Manhood Peninsula and its community whilst maintaining the areas of the Chichester District with the closest relations to the City of Chichester and the A27 Chichester by-pass within the Chichester constituency. The ongoing debate on the future of the A27 and a potential Chichester by-pass is an example of a current issue that affects the whole of the Manhood Peninsula in its common areas of housing development, local transport links and community cohesion. It also removes the orphan Ward in your original proposal. As a result it ensures that the objectives of your review are met within the Chichester District. We acknowledge that our proposal may cause some knock on effects in constituencies to the east of Chichester but feel that the BCE should work to resolve these issues whilst maintaining the Manhood Peninsula within a single constituency.
4. The Boundary Review Panel also recommend that a representative of the Panel makes representation at one of the upcoming hearings associated with this round of the consultation.