

# INFORMATION ITEM



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RESOURCES DORECTORATE		FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	26 SEPTEMBER 2016	15
2018 PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW				

## PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Boundary Commission for England has published its Initial Proposals for new constituency boundaries. If adopted, the changed constituencies would become effective at the next general election, expected to be in 2020. The proposals and maps for the nine English regions have been published on the website. The 12-week public consultation period has commenced. This will be the first time the public will get a chance to see what their new constituencies might look like, and give the Commission their views on the proposals.

The proposals have a significant impact on the parliamentary representation of the Fylde district. Presently, the whole of the council's district is within the Fylde parliamentary constituency, which also includes the Lea area of Preston. The Commission (in paragraph 33 on page 14 of the proposals document) proposes the following:

*"On the Fylde, we noted that the electorates of both Blackpool constituencies were very low and that both needed additional wards to increase their electorates to within the electoral quota. We propose that the Blackpool North constituency extend northwards to the mouth of the estuary of the River Lune and include the towns of Fleetwood and Thornton. In the north-east of the proposed constituency, the River Wyre would form a physical boundary between it and our proposed Fylde constituency. We propose that the Blackpool South constituency be extended both northwards and southwards, with the inclusion of the St. Leonard's and Kilnhouse wards around Blackpool Airport. We considered that this allowed the town of Lytham St. Anne's to remain largely undivided in our reconfigured Fylde constituency, which, in order to increase its electorate to achieve the electoral quota, also includes the town of Poulton-le-Fylde."*

The proposals would therefore include some Fylde electors in the parliamentary constituency of Blackpool South, rather than in Fylde, as at present.

The initial proposals will subject to public consultation until 5 December. Representations can be made in writing (via a dedicated website, [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)) or at any of a series of five public hearings to be held during October. The Commission reminds anyone making representations to bear in mind the tight constraints place upon the Commission by rules set by Parliament and the need for any counter-proposals to take account of knock-on effects in neighbouring areas (see generally pages 23-25 of the proposals document).

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

Boundary Commission for England

**LINK TO INFORMATION**

[Initial Proposals for Constituency Boundaries in the North West](#)

See also: [Guide to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies](#), [interactive map of proposals](#).

**WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?**

The proposals make significant changes to the pattern of parliamentary constituencies in Fylde, which will in turn affect electoral administration. Electoral administration is within the committee's terms of reference.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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