

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** 

**REPORT 28/22** 

14 MARCH 2022

The purpose of this Report is to ask Members if they wish to respond to the Boundary Commission for England's Second Consultation.

## No. DETAILS

## I) BACKGROUND

- a) The Boundary Commission for England carried out a review of English Parliamentary Constituencies under a legal requirement to make sure that each constituency in England has between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, excluding two 'protected' constituencies for the Isle of Wight.
- b) Their proposals were subject to a national consultation between 8 June and August 2021.
- c) The proposed arrangement for the Island was for an East/West split with Ventnor in the West leaving the two constituencies at 57,000 electors in the East and 54,712 in the West.
- d) Only four comments from the Ventnor Area are recorded on the consultation web site with County Councillor Gary Peace arguing for Ventnor to be in the East instead of the proposed East and Ventnor Councillor Ian Bond being broadly supportive of its West placement.

## 2) SECOND CONSULTATION

- a) The Commission is required to conduct a second consultation that is open between 22 February and 4 April 2022.
- b) A Briefing Pack on the consultation has been issued by the Commission and is available from this <u>link</u>.

## 3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to consider its response to the consultation.