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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Linn Area Partnership

Report from the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council

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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements – Outcomes for Ward boundary arrangements and community councils.

Purpose of Report:

To confirm the new Ward boundary arrangements to the Linn Area Partnership and the outcome in terms of community councils in Glasgow.

Recommendations:

1. Note the contents of the report.
2. Note that any further report/s will be presented to a future meeting of the Area Partnership.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBC-Scotland) has responsibility for reviewing local government boundaries and electoral arrangements in Scotland. LGBC-Scotland was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and is an independent, non-political body.
- 1.2 LGBC-Scotland is required to conduct electoral reviews of each local authority at intervals of 8 to 12 years. The most recent review (which was the fifth review since 1974, and the first since 1998) was subject to consultation during 2015.
- 1.3 Legislation provides that LGBC-Scotland had to first of all consult on its proposals with local authorities, and after consideration of these responses, a public consultation followed.
- 1.4 LGBC-Scotland submitted its report and final recommendations, for the number of councillors and the electoral Ward boundaries in Glasgow, to Scottish Ministers on 26 May 2016. On 14 September 2016 Scottish Ministers agreed with LGBC-Scotland's recommendations for Ward boundaries across Glasgow.
- 1.5 LGBC-Scotland scheduled the Ward boundaries review so that its recommendations were capable of being implemented following the local government elections in May 2017.

2. Context

- 2.1 The previous electoral arrangements for the number of councillors and the electoral Ward boundaries in Glasgow provided for 79 Councillors in 21 Wards, comprising 16 Wards each returning 4 Councillors and 5 Wards each returning 3 Councillors.
- 2.2 The current electoral arrangements for the number of councillors and the electoral Ward boundaries in Glasgow now provides for 85 councillors in 23 Wards, comprising 16 Wards each returning 4 Councillors and 7 Wards each returning 3 Councillors.
- 2.3 As a result of the above, i.e. the increase in the number of Wards and changes to boundaries from May 2017, further consideration was required in relation to appropriate adjustment to the number and boundaries of Area Partnerships.
- 2.4 As a result of further consideration, the number of Area Partnerships has now increased from 21 to 23, with each of the two new Area Partnerships being established in the North East i.e. Dennistoun (Ward 22) and North West i.e. Partick East / Kelvindale (Ward 23).
- 2.5 In addition to the above, there have also been changes to some of the existing Wards e.g. Ward 5 Govan; Ward 6 Pollokshields; Ward 11 Hillhead; Ward 15 Maryhill.

2.5 The table included with this report as appendix 1 illustrates the impact that the implementation of LGBC-Scotland's recommendations have had for the Wards and Area Partnerships, and community councils, within each of the Sectors across the City.

3 Next Stage

- 3.1 There may need to be further consideration of the appointment of members to Area Partnerships, including the appointment of community representatives. Any consideration may be subject of a report to the relevant Council Committee, which would then be discussed with Community Planning partners prior to developing appropriate proposals.
- 3.2 If any of the above steps are initiated then a further report/s will be presented to the Area Partnership at the appropriate time.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Linn Area Partnership is asked to:
1. Note the contents of the report.
 2. Note that any further report/s will be presented to a future meeting of the Area Partnership.