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Lionel Barnard
Chairman
Governance Committee

Dear Mr Barnard

**Governance Committee - Urgent Action Procedure:
Horsham District Council Polling District Review**

I am writing to seek your agreement to the above matter that requires an urgent decision and I enclose a copy of a report prepared by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The report recommends that the County Council supports the aim of the District Council to change the division boundary between Horsham East and Horsham Hurst divisions so that all of Station Road will be located in Horsham Hurst from 2021.

The urgency of this matter is because the proposal cannot wait for the next Committee on 10 September 2018 because the polling district review consultation deadline is July 2018.

If you agree with the above recommendation, I should be grateful if you would kindly sign both the endorsed copy of this letter and the endorsement at the end of the report and return them to me.

This decision will be reported to the next meeting of the Committee and through the Members' Information Service in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

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Tony Kershaw
Director of Law and Assurance

Agreed

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Chairman Governance Committee

Date: 20/7/2018

Action Authorised

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Chief Executive/Director of Law and Assurance

Date: 20/7/18

Governance Committee

July 2018

Part I

Horsham District Council Polling Review

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Electoral Divisions: Horsham East and Horsham Hurst

Recommendation

- (1) That the County Council supports the Horsham District Council proposal to move the division boundary between Horsham East and Horsham Hurst divisions to move all of Station Road, Horsham, into Horsham Hurst division from 2021.

Proposal

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 Half of Station Road is currently in the Horsham East Division and the other half is in Horsham Hurst Division. At the time of the last County Council boundary review, the County Council sought to move the division boundary to the railway line and North Street, to put all of Station Road into Horsham Hurst Division. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England did not agree to this change on the basis that it would not be coterminous with the district ward boundary.
- 1.2 A boundary review has since been completed for Horsham District Council. The new boundaries will come into effect in 2019. One of the changes has been to move the boundary of the district ward to put all of Station Road into a single ward, using the railway line and North Street as a clearer boundary.
- 1.3 Because of the Horsham District boundary changes, the District Council is undertaking a polling district and boundary review, ready for their 2019 elections. Because of the anomaly in the boundary at Station Road, there is an opportunity to amend the County Council division boundary to move it to the railway line and North Street, to regain coterminosity with the district ward boundary.
- 1.4 The District Council intends to pursue this following the polling review. A map is included as an appendix to show the potential impact of the proposal.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the County Council support this change to the boundary so that Station Road would completely fall into Horsham Hurst Division, with effect from the next County election in 2021.

3. Resources

3.1 No implications, as this is a response to the District Council's consultation.

Factors taken into account

4. Consultation

4.1 The local members, Mr Baldwin and Dr Dennis, have been consulted. Both are in support of the proposed change to the division boundaries.

4.2 The Electoral Review Panel, chaired by Mr Acraman, was consulted electronically. All responses received from the Panel were in favour of the proposal.

5. Risk Management Implications

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Other Options Considered

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Equality Duty

7.1 Not applicable as this is a response to a consultation document.

8. Social Value

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Human Rights Implications

10.1 Not applicable.

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Director of Law and Assurance

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Appendices

Map of Station Road area, Horsham

Background Papers

None.

Agreed



Chairman Governance Committee

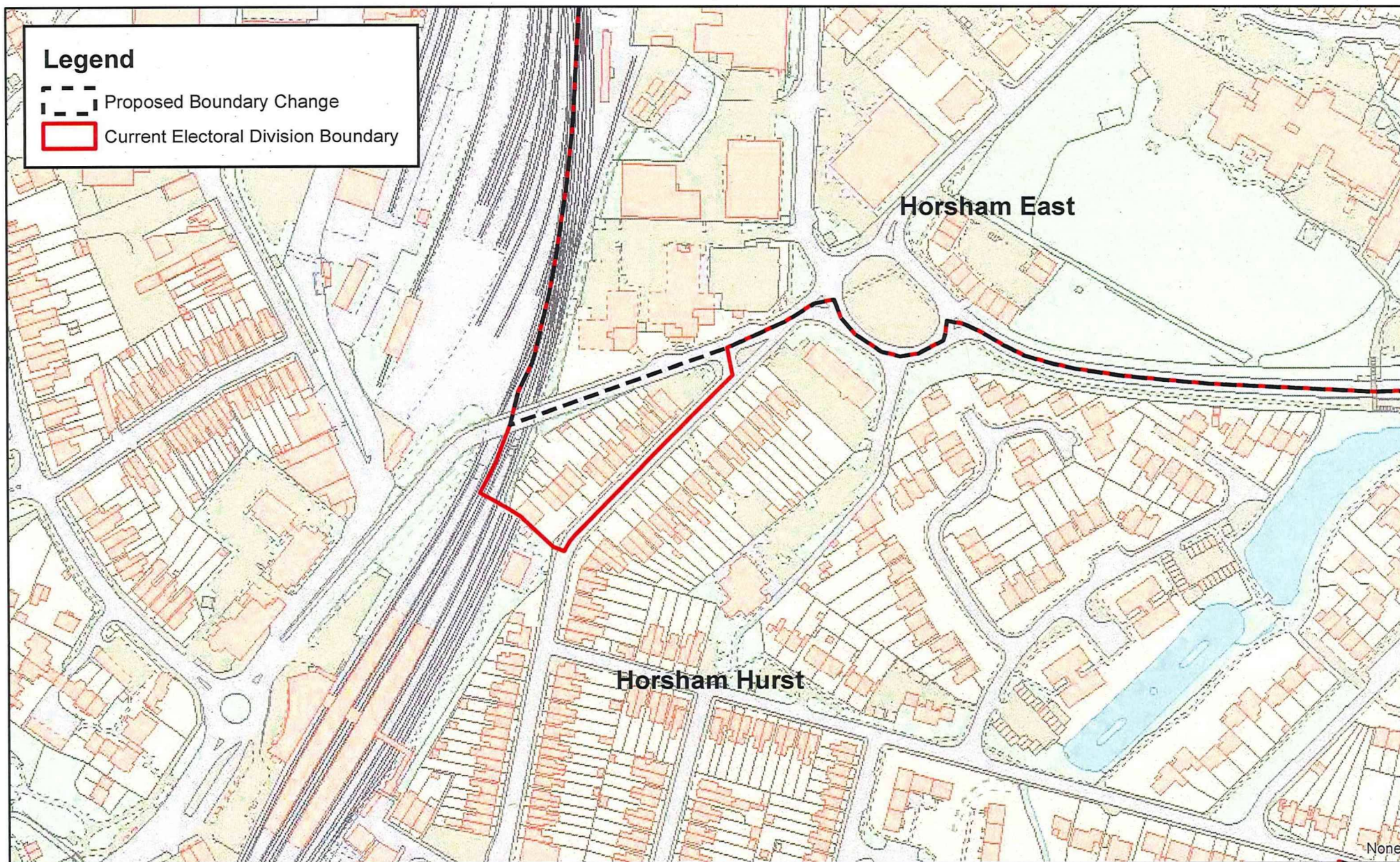
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Proposed Change to Electoral Division Boundaries

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