

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**

**BOUNDARY REVIEW**

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Boundary Commission Key Lines of Enquiry on Council size.

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1 To present to the Overview and Scrutiny Board an outline of the purpose of this meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. Members of the Board are recommended to receive the information and address the topic of the Boundary Review at this meeting, which was approved by the Board at their meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**BACKGROUND**

3. The Board considered a number of subjects at its meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> February for inclusion into the Scrutiny work programme. One of those subjects was the Boundary Commission's intention to review Middlesbrough Council. as Middlesbrough met the criteria for a boundary review. Members have already received an introductory session from the Commissioners and this meeting is to build on and develop from that initial session.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

4. The purpose of this meeting is to gain a greater understanding of the principles behind the Commission's review and to look at the rationale, which will be applied to Middlesbrough. The Board has already indicated that it would want to explore the issues associated with single and multi Member wards and how this would best support the shape of Middlesbrough as it is today and its anticipated future.
5. The Board will receive a comprehensive range of information and areas for Member consideration from the Council's Members Office Manager. The presentation is aimed to guide Members through the issues of the Boundary Review and also to assist the Board in the formulation of their Terms of Reference.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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