

<b>Committee(s):</b> Policy and Resources	<b>Dated:</b> 21/09/2023
<b>Subject:</b> Parliamentary Boundary Review	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	4
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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### Summary

This paper outlines the final recommendation for the City of London's parliamentary constituency published by the Boundary Commission for England on 28 June 2023 and to take effect from the next General Election.

The final recommendation maintains the longstanding link between the City of London and the City of Westminster. This was published after the due date for reports to this Committee's July meeting but is being reported now for the record and the information of Members.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the Boundary Commission's final recommendation for the City of London's parliamentary constituency, which maintains the City of London's link with wards in the City of Westminster. It accords with earlier representations from the Corporation and others following initial proposals for a link with Islington South.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Following the passing of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 in December 2020, and the publication of the relevant Parliamentary electorate data in January 2021, the Boundary Commission published its initial proposals for the review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England in June 2021.

2. The Boundary Commission's initial proposals provided for the current Cities of London and Westminster seat to be broken up with the City, instead, forming part of a new constituency named 'The City of London and Islington South'. This would have comprised the City of London and 9 local government wards in the London Borough of Islington, which currently fall within the Islington South and Finsbury constituency.
3. The City Corporation submitted evidence in opposition to this proposal in July 2021 during the initial consultation period, and submitted supplementary evidence regarding the representations made to the Boundary Commission on the initial proposals in April 2022.
4. The Boundary Commission published revised proposals in November 2022, which maintained the constituency link between the Cities of London and Westminster, with a constituency formed of the following wards: City and County of the City of London, Abbey Road, Hyde Park, Knightsbridge and Belgravia, Marylebone, Pimlico North, Pimlico South, Regent's Park, St James's, Vincent Square, and West End. The constituency would have an electorate of 73,140, within the threshold set by the Boundary Commission.
5. In accordance with the policy of this Committee, a note in support of these revised proposals was submitted by the City Corporation to the Boundary Commission in late 2022.
6. The submissions made by the City Corporation during the course of the boundary review process can be found in the annex to this report.

### **Current Position**

7. The Boundary Commission published its final report into parliamentary constituency boundaries in June 2023. The report and associated documents can be found at this address – <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/>.
8. The final recommendation maintains the constituency link between the Cities of London and Westminster, with the report noting "the broad support for [the] revised Cities of London and Westminster constituency."
9. The new constituency boundaries will be used at the next General Election, and will come into effect following an Order in Council being approved personally by HM The King at a meeting of the Privy Council. The legislation states this must be no later than four months after the final reports have been laid in Parliament unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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## **Appendices**

- City Corporation submission to the Boundary Commission for England – July 2021.
- City Corporation submission to the Boundary Commission for England – April 2022.
- City Corporation submission to the Boundary Commission for England – November 2022