

8. 5TH GENERAL REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH MINISTERS

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) had now submitted its final report and recommendations on councillor numbers and wards to Scottish Ministers and that any comments were to be made within six weeks of 26 May 2016.

The recommendations for West Lothian remained as no change to councillor numbers, ward names or ward boundaries.

The LGBCS had initially proposed that the number of councillors in West Lothian increase from 33 to 34 and following consultation with the council it was agreed that a formal response be submitted and was to include that the council believed that the current of 33 elected members remained an appropriate size for West Lothian.

Following consultation LGBCS had now submitted its final report and recommendations to Scottish Ministers. There was now a six week period, commencing on 26 May 2016 where comments on the report could be submitted to the Scottish Government.

Therefore Council Executive was asked to consider whether to submit any comments on the report and recommendation in respect of West Lothian.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To agree no further action be taken.