

**MINUTES OF
RV BOUNDARY REVIEW WORKING GROUP
26 JULY 2021 – 2.00pm**

PRESENT:

Cllr Stephen Atkinson	Marshal Scott
Cllr Simon Hore	Michelle Haworth
Cllr David Peat	
Cllr Stewart Fletcher	
Cllr Robert Thompson	
Cllr Mark Hindle	

APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr Jonathan Hill

PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP

- To consider and formulate a response on behalf of the Council to the consultation on the Boundary Commission for England review of 2023 Parliamentary Constituencies.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July were approved as a correct record.

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The working group considered various options that Michelle Haworth had worked out based on keeping the 3 wards proposed to be added to Hyndburn constituency in the Ribble Valley constituency.

It was felt that as little movement as possible should be proposed with few deviations from those proposed by the Boundary Commission.

It was also important to thank the Boundary Commission for recognising and respecting Ribble Valley as a constituency.

It was proposed that

- Billington & Langho, East Whalley, Read & Simonstone and Whalley & Painter Wood wards be retained in the RV constituency;
- Greenfield and Worsley wards be added to the Hyndburn constituency; and
- Ribbleton and Fishwick wards be added back to the Preston constituency.

The Council's response recognises that this creates a problem for the size of Preston but stresses that there are no geographical or community links to the Ribble Valley.

The 3 Ribble Valley wards had distinct geographical links to Ribble Valley.

ACTION: Marshal and Michelle would draft the response and circulate it to the working group before submitting it to the Boundary Commission by the 2 August 2021.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm