

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 2nd September 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Sheerin (the Mayor in the Chair); Councillors Ali Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shakil Ahmed, Daalat Ali, Sultan Ali, Bamford, Besford, Blundell, Boriss, Brett, Burke, Cocks, Dale, Davidson, Dearnley Dutton, Neil Emmott, Susan Emmott, Emsley, Gartside, Harley, Heakin, Holly, Howard, Hussain, Joinson, Kelly, Malcolm Massey, Meredith, Mir, Nickson, Nolan, O'Neill, Paolucci, Rana, Rashid, Robinson, Rowbotham, Rush, Angela Smith, Susan Smith, Sullivan, Taylor, Wardle, Wazir, Donna Williams, Peter Williams, Wraighte, Zaheer and Zaman.

OFFICERS: S. Rumbelow (Chief Executive), J. Murphy (Chief Finance Officer), M. Brooke, C. Wolfenden (Neighbourhoods Directorate), M. Garraway, A. James, C. Poole, N. Suleman and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

12 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beswick, Farnell, Hornby, McCarthy, Martin, O'Rourke, West and Winkler.

13 **PROPOSED PATTERN OF WARDS FOR THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF ROCHDALE**

The Council was informed that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) was undertaking a review of Rochdale Borough Council's (the Council) local government electoral arrangements. The outcome of the review was to be implemented at the 2022 Council elections.

The submitted report, considered by Members, set out the Council's response to the invitation from the LGBCE to put forward its preferred future pattern of wards for the Borough.

In developing the future pattern of wards the Council had recognised the importance of electoral equality to a fair democratic process and had also understood and considered that delivering the Council's priorities was reliant on ward boundaries that reflected the communities they served, thus bringing partners and communities with common interests and identities within clearly recognised geographical boundaries.

Resolved:

that the Council approves the proposed pattern of new wards to be presented to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, as set out in the submitted report and in the supporting documents appended to the report.