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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 May 2011 17:13

To: FOI@ (LGBCE)

Subject: FOI REQUEST - ELECTORAL REVIEWS OF THE LONDON BOROUGHS

Dear Local Government Boundary Commission for England,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request report LGBCE (11) 36 ("Electoral Review Programme 2011/12 and 2012/13") as considered by the Commission at its meeting on 8th March 2011. In addition, I would like to request the relevant supporting information in respect of any consideration given at officer or Commission level to electoral reviews of the London Boroughs - not just the two London Boroughs referred to within the minute on the item - including the local government electorates by ward for each London Borough (ideally in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet or one of a compatible format).

Please feel free to contact with any queries about this request by email.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: Knag, Daniel
Sent: 13 June 2011 15:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI Response 12/11

Attachments: LGBCE (11)36 - Electoral Review Programme 2011-12 and 2012-13 - 2011-03-08.doc; LGBCE (11)36 - Electoral Review Programme 2011-12 and 2012-13 Appendix A1 - 2011-03-08.xls; LGBCE (11)36 - Electoral Review Programme 2011-12 and 2012-13 Appendix A2 - 2011-03-08.xls; LGBCE (11)36 - Electoral Review Programme 2011-12 and 2012-13 Appendix B - 2011-03-08.xls; LGBCE (11)36 - Electoral Review Programme 2011-12 and 2012-13 Appendix C - 2011-03-08.xls; London-Pivot-Table-2011-01-26.xls

Dear ,

Our Ref: FOI 12/11

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2011 requesting information about reviews of London Boroughs under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested:

I would like to request report LGBCE (11) 36 ("Electoral Review Programme 2011/12 and 2012/13") as considered by the Commission at its meeting on 8th March 2011. In addition, I would like to request the relevant supporting information in respect of any consideration given at officer or Commission level to electoral reviews of the London Boroughs - not just the two London Boroughs referred to within the minute on the item - including the local government electorates by ward for each London Borough (ideally in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet or one of a compatible format).

I have attached the report requested (LGBCE(11)36) which the Local Government Boundary Commission for England considered at its meeting on 8 March 2011. I have also attached the ward data in an excel pivot table that is the basis on which the Commission decided which authorities to review in its 2011 – 2013 work programme for London.



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The report itself sets out the Commission's approach. However, in brief, the Commission receives ward and division level data for all local authorities in England on an annual basis. This is provided by the local authorities themselves and compiled by Local Government Chronicle Elections Centre at Plymouth University. The data in question is usually from December of each year. The Commission has an intervention criteria for determining which authorities should potentially be subject to an electoral review. Furthermore, the Commission receives quite a number of requests from local authorities seeking an electoral review, to the extent that, in formulating its programme, it has had to prioritise them.

In order to meet its objectives, the Commission has looked first to address those review requests from local authorities where electoral variances are such as to meet its criteria for an electoral review. Therefore, if either of the following conditions are found to exist, then consideration is given to the need for a review:

- Any local authority with a division or ward that has an electoral variance in excess of 30%. This

means a division or ward having at least 30% more (or less) electors in it than the average for the authority as a whole; and/or

- Any local authority where more than 30% of the divisions or wards have an electoral variance in excess of 10% from the average for that authority.

As you will see from the data, only the three London Boroughs listed in the work programme qualified under the criteria and were therefore selected by the Commission to be reviewed.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the reference number above in any correspondence.

If you wish to request a review of our response, please write to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
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If you are not happy with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision; details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Yours Sincerely,

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