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Dear Mr Coiffait

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published final recommendations setting out new electoral arrangements for Central Bedfordshire. Details of the recommended changes are contained in a report which explains how they have been developed, including how we have taken into account local views.

The report and interactive mapping are available on our consultation site <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/18789>. The full library of information relating to the review is available on our main website <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/bedfordshire/central-bedfordshire>.

The recommendations only become law once they have received parliamentary approval. The formal document (a draft Order) to start that process will be laid in Parliament shortly. The draft Order will provide for the new electoral arrangements for Central Bedfordshire to come into effect for local elections in 2023.

We have informed all relevant parish and town councils, MPs, the police authority, the national headquarters of the main political parties and all those who took part in our consultations of the recommendations.

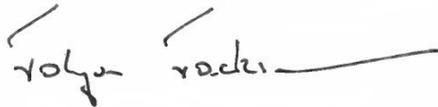
On behalf of commissioners and staff I would like to thank you and your colleagues for your co-operation and assistance throughout the review. We are a learning organisation and are always looking at how we can improve our review processes. We would like your help with this. I have included with this letter a number

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of questions. If you could provide some thoughts in response, we would appreciate it. Please e-mail your responses to [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk).

In addition, I would also like to invite you to participate in our online opinion survey: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/lgbce-opinion-survey> which we send to all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely



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In order to support our continual improvement of our review process we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions and provide any other feedback you wish to give.

Please email your response to [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) by 09/02/21

Questions to the Chief Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council:

1. Pre-review activity

- Did we give you enough information to guide you through the review process?
- How effective and helpful were the preliminary meetings that we held at your offices?
- What impact did the review have on your resources?

2. The consultation process

- Were there any surprises in the draft or final recommendations? If so, please explain further.
- How well did you feel you understood how we balanced the statutory criteria?

3. Member involvement

- How effective and helpful was the briefing to all members at the beginning of the review? Are there any other messages you think we should include for members in future?
- How effective and helpful was the briefing to group leaders at the beginning of the review?

- Did members understand the review process?

4. Overview of the process

- What do you wish you had known if you were doing the review again?