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Dear Ian,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Today we have published our final recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Kingston Council. The report and interactive mapping of the final recommendations are available on the Commission's consultation portal: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/> and our main website: www.lgbce.org.uk.

We have informed the national headquarters of the main political parties, MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in the area, all parish and town councils, the police authority, and all respondents to the consultation.

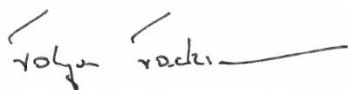
The Commission has now completed its review of Kingston upon Thames. The changes proposed must now be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for Kingston upon Thames to be implemented at the local elections in 2022.

Finally, Commissioners and staff wish to join me in thanking you and your colleagues for the co-operation and assistance that has been shown throughout the review. We are very grateful and wish you all the very best in the future.

We are continually looking at ways in which we can improve our review processes. Accordingly, overleaf are a number of questions that I would be grateful if you could respond to. Your answers to these questions will help us improve our review process.

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 by 1 December 2020.

Questions to the Chief Executive of Kingston upon Thames 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?

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