

# County Council

20 March 2013

## The Charter Trustees Boundary



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### Report of Corporate Management Team

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#### Purpose of the Report

- 1 To advise Council that following a meeting of the Constitution Working Group on 12 March 2013, proposals will be brought to the Council meeting on 20 March to formalise the appointment of the Charter Trustees to comply with the boundary changes that have taken place in the electoral divisions in the City of Durham area.

#### Background

- 2 When the Local Government Boundary Commission for England completed its review of electoral boundaries for the County in 2012, it revised the electoral boundaries for the areas comprising the electoral divisions of:-
  - Belmont
  - Brandon
  - Coxhoe
  - Deerness Valley
  - Durham South
  - Elvet
  - Framwellgate Moor
  - Gilesgate
  - Nevilles Cross
  - Newton Hall
  - Sherburn
3. For ease of reference, the area comprising these electoral areas is referred to as "the original Charter Trustee Area".
4. Whilst some of the new Electoral Divisions are wholly contained within the original Charter Trustee area, there are some electoral areas that now extend across the boundary of that area.
5. The Constitution Working Group is due to meet on 12 March in order to discuss options for a resolution to the issues raised by the boundary changes, and a more detailed report will be submitted with recommendations to Council before 20 March 2013.

## **Recommendations and Reasons**

6. To note that a further report will be circulated to all members before the Full Council meeting on 20 March on the options for the Charter Trustees that takes into account boundary changes that have taken place in the electoral divisions in the City of Durham area.

## **Background Papers**

- 7 The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Other Provision) Order 2009  
The Charter Trustees Regulations 2009

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** – to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Staffing** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Risk** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Accommodation** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Crime and Disorder** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Human Rights** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Consultation** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Procurement** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**Disability Issues** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.

**State Aid** – None specific within this report.

**Legal Implications** - to be addressed where appropriate in the detailed report.