

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT 28TH JUNE 2011

BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

Prior to the meeting of the 7th June 2011, a presentation was given by the Boundary Commission due to the 2009 legislation - which means that we as a council which elects by thirds are affected by the presumption in favour of all our wards comprising 3 members each. If we retain 24 members, unless there are compelling reasons for variations to this, our current 14 ward structure will be reorganised into 8 wards of 3 members. A review could mean that numbers of members could increase or decrease by 3.

The Commisioners listened to the debate taking into account planning etc so we can provide any projected changes to voter numbers, changes in population patterns etc, the rural geography, parish boundaries, how PDC conducts its business and the workload on members.

Following the preliminary stages and armed with what the Boundary Commission are minded to recommend in terms of member numbers they will ask us and other consultees to produce aspirational warding patterns. Following this, the Boundary Commission will consult on their draft proposals for 10/12 weeks with a view to implementation by an order from Parliament in Jan/Feb 2012. All Members have had to complete a comprehensive schedule of their work load taking everything into account. Whole Council elections will then follow in May 2012.

LICENSING BOARD

A request had been received from the hackney carriage operators for an increase In fares, and after due consideration it was agreed that the initial charge of Tariff 1 be increased to £2.80 and the first mile to £3.43, with the subsequent four miles to £2.52 with every mile after 5 miles being £2.40.

There were also increases agreed on Tariffs 2 & 3 covering public holidays, soiling etc.

Councillor E L Osmond