



Report to Cabinet

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Subject: Periodic Electoral Reviews - Consultation Paper

The Boundary Committee for England is a statutory committee of the Electoral Commission and is required to review the electoral arrangements of every local authority in England. The current programme of periodic electoral reviews (PERs) ended in October 2004, and the Commission has begun an evaluation of the policies and processes used to guide PERs.

The Commission has issued a consultation paper raising 14 questions. The full consultation paper is attached at **Appendix 1**. Views are sought on five areas:

- The statutory criteria;
- Timing and scheduling of reviews;
- Issues and information considered during a review;
- Electorate forecasts;
- Review processes.

The consultation questions are set out in the paper and Cabinet is asked to consider what response they would wish to make to the consultation.