

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

### **DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### Composition:

The Working Group will be cross party and comprise one councillor from each political group on the Council, each of whom shall be nominated by their respective group. The Executive will appoint a Chairman for the Working Group. Substitutes shall be permitted.

#### Officer support:

Officers from Democratic Services and Elections, Legal Services, and Communications will provide support to the Working Group.

#### Scope:

The Working Group has been established to progress the review of warding arrangements being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) scheduled to begin in January 2021.

#### Functions

To develop options, review any representations made, and make recommendations to Council using the guidance issued by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, relating to proposals for the future warding of Guildford borough, including the names, number and boundaries of wards, and the number of councillors to be elected to each, and which attempt as far as possible to:

- (a) achieve equality of representation in each ward;
- (b) establish electoral arrangements which avoid splitting local ties and where boundaries are easily identifiable; and
- (c) deliver effective and convenient local government