

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

6th June 2021

Dear Commissioners,

I write with regard to the City of Wolverhampton's Council request to push back by a year the all-out election as a consequence of the boundary review Wolverhampton is currently undergoing.

We believe that the all-out election should go ahead in May 2022 as originally envisioned and that so long as LGBCE sticks to its timetable Wolverhampton Council should be able to administer the election in a smooth and efficient manner.

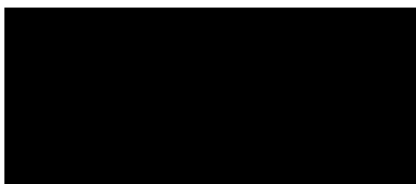
It is our view that the Council can begin making suitable preparations from the 2nd November onwards when the final proposal is published by the LGBCE. Whilst it is feasibly possible that the order laid before Parliament is rejected we consider this to be highly unlikely.

In addition to this unless there are drastic revisions made to the draft proposal Wolverhampton may see no changes made to three wards, only minor changes made to seven wards and changes to a further three wards making polling districting easier rather than harder.

Furthermore, we consider it strange that electors across the city will be voting for candidates on a warding pattern that by the time of election will be outdated.

Whilst we respect the concerns of the Council, we feel that with the right resources and the can-do attitude displayed so well during the pandemic Wolverhampton Council can administer an accurate, inclusive and well-run election. In Wolverhampton we are fortunate to have an excellent Electoral Services team and we have confidence in their ability to deliver to the citizens of Wolverhampton.

Yours faithfully,



Cllr Wendy Thompson
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