

The  
Boundary  
Committee  
for England

Part of the Electoral Commission

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Dear Councillor Whalley

**Proposed Cornwall unitary authority: request for additional council size evidence**

The Boundary Committee for England met on 15 May 2008 to discuss the additional evidence that it had received from the Cornwall Implementation Executive following the meeting with members of the IE on 12 May, and the additional evidence it received on the 90-member proposal.

The Committee did not consider that there was sufficient evidence on either proposal to enable it to make a decision on council size. It still has serious concerns about the methodology that the IE has employed in calculating a figure of 130, particularly in the role of members on Community Network Areas (CNA) and indeed the Executive's deliberations on the number CNAs.

The Committee has therefore decided to carry out a further stage of public consultation on council size. We are currently drawing up the exact details, but it is envisaged that it will commence in about two weeks and be for a period of six weeks.

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As you will be aware from my letter of 1 May, the need for further consultation now means that it is very unlikely that the Electoral Commission will be in a position to implement any Boundary Committee recommendations in time for elections in May 2009. In the event that the Electoral Commission is unable to implement new electoral arrangements in time for elections in May 2009, the county's elections will proceed on the existing basis of 82 councillors. Once the Committee concludes the review, the Commission will take a view on what is best to implement the Committee's recommendations, taking into account any representations on the matter.

If you have any questions please contact Paul Kingsley, at [pkingsley@boundarycommittee.org.uk](mailto:pkingsley@boundarycommittee.org.uk) or 020 7271 0673.

Yours sincerely

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