

Agenda Item 8

Pendle Borough Council Proposed Change to the Cycle of Elections:

The Clerk received the following email regarding proposed changes which may be seen as a progression from the proposal to reduce the number of Councillors from 49 to 30. The current cycle is one third for three out of every four years with the County elections on the fourth year.

Pendle Council is considering whether to change its current cycle of electing Borough councillors by thirds to all out elections every four years. If the change is made it is likely the first elections under the new system would be in May 2020.

It is carrying out a consultation exercise to inform its decision on this and your views would be welcome. Please send your comments to Tracy Turner (tracy.turner@pendle.gov.uk) preferably by email by 11th September. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are intending to hold a special council meeting on 25th September to consider the decision on this.

This question is linked to another proposal to reduce the number of Borough Councillors from 49 to 30 again from May 2020. This will be the subject of a detailed review by the Local Government Boundary Commission which is expected to start in the near future. I will be in contact with you again about this.

Regards

Philip Mousdale
Corporate Director