

DCIir Lucille Hagues – February Newsletter.

2023 PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN ENGLAND REVIEW

The Boundary Commission in England (BCE) is undertaking the next stage of the ‘2023 Review’ of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries across England. The Review will set boundaries for 650 constituencies of which 47 are in East Midlands region.

The BCE will publish all submissions they received during the first consultation stage on 7th February 2022, to give people time to consider them in advance of the secondary consultation period launching on 22nd February 2022.

The Review aims to achieve improved electoral balance arrangements so that a constituency contains no less than 69,724 Parliamentary electors, and no more than 77,062 (except two ‘protected constituencies’ for the Isle of Wight).

The Sleaford and North Hykeham Constituency is within the East Midlands Region. As a District it is proposed that North Kesteven is split between three constituencies of ‘Sleaford and North Hykeham’, ‘Grantham and Lincoln’ and ‘Lincoln’. The current constituency electorate is just under 95,000, so the Sleaford and North Hykeham constituency is not within the tolerance.

More information including the proposals for the North Kesteven District can be viewed on the Boundary Commission website - BCE website 2023 Review page

The second six week stage of the consultation will be run from Tuesday 22nd February until Monday 4th April 2022. You will be able to make written consultation submissions and the BCE will publish the different ways this can be done on the start of their consultation period on their website. NKDC will also publicise this information.

The BCE will also host between two and five public hearings in each region. The booking system for the public hearings is now open, with details of the specific venue for each location where hearings will be taking place. For those who wish to make an oral representation then a timed slot should be booked in advance. To book visit the dedicated public hearings page on the BCE website and click on your chosen hearing. You will then be invited to register via the booking platform Eventbrite.

NK LOTTERY UPDATE

At last Saturdays draw, January 22nd a total of 1,136 tickets were sold, 60% of which will benefit the pool of (currently) 50 good causes. There were also 26 prize winners: each £1 ticket has a one in 50 chance of winning. To participate in the NK Lottery, see what the good causes Are local to you and promote it locally, see www.NKlottery.co.uk

SUPPORT THE NHS BOOSTER DRIVE

Despite having already given more than 459,000 booster vaccinations the NHS in Lincolnshire has significant capacity to vaccinate people and is keen for anyone not yet boosted, or who hasn’t had their first/second doses to come forward as soon as possible particularly those under 50.

Sadly those who are admitted to hospital in Lincolnshire is being driven by the mostly unvaccinated, or at least the not fully vaccinated younger people.

You can get your booster at a number of places including The Meres in Grantham, some community pharmacies and similar locations, and the Mass Vaccination Centres at PRSA in Boston and the Lincolnshire Showground.

PLEASE NOTE Due to the success of the booster campaign locally, NHS Lincs are temporarily changing the opening hours of the two Mass Vaccination Centres at PRSA in Boston and the

Lincolnshire Showground until 31st January 2022. They are operating from 2pm until 7.30pm weekdays and the hours at weekends remain unchanged from 8.00am until 7.30pm. You can book your booster online via the NATIONAL BOOKING SYSTEM or by calling 119. There is also some walk-in provision at the two mass vaccination centres, although it is recommended to book. GP practices are offering vaccination appointments locally and you can wait to be called by your GP at one of these. Please do not contact your GP surgery without having been contacted first.

MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS (MEES)

As the cold weather starts to rear its head this winter, coupled with increasing energy prices, its now even more important to keep homes warm and well insulated. For tenants living in private or rented accommodation in NKDC, it is the responsibility of the landlord to ensure the property meets the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) regulations. This requires landlords to maintain the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) at a rating of E or above. If a tenant believes they are living in a property that does not meet these energy efficiency standards and has an EPC rating of For G they should get in contact with NKDC and let them know. Tenants can report issues with their tenancy through the report form at Tenants-your rights and responsibilities Landlords can also seek advice at Landlords - complying with the law Or alternatively get in contact with NKDC private sector housing team on 01529 308287

ALSO FOR LANDLORDS CALL BEFORE YOU SERVE

A new scheme in partnership with DASH Landlords has been established- call before you serve - encouraging Landlords to contact the scheme before serving an eviction notice.

Designed to help Landlords tackle tenancy issues, and thereby prevent homelessness with:

Rent arrears

Mediation Communication Issues

Help and Advice

Advice on renting a property.

Phone number 01529 414155

Best Wishes

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