

5 September 2012

Dear Councillor

ELECTORAL WORKING GROUP

A meeting of the Electoral Working Group will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Wednesday, 12 September 2012 at 7.00pm.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

- 1 Appointment of Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 2 Apologies and declarations of interest.
- 3 Minutes of the meeting of the Electoral Working Group held on 9 November 2011.
- 4 Business arising.
- 5 Further Electoral Review – give preliminary consideration to drafting a revised warding scheme based on a council size of 39 (see attached report and attachments).
- 6 Any other urgent business.

To: Councillors R Chambers, J Davey, A Dean, J Freeman, E Hicks, J Ketteridge, M Lemon and J Rose

Lead Officer: Peter Snow

Democratic Services Officer: Linda Bunting

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