

COUNCIL 13th FEBRUARY 2018

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Andy Halliday Library issues

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

P	01	Question from:	Bryn Jones
Will councillors take action to minimise the potential damage to democratic representation contained in the current Local Government Boundary Commission recommendations by objecting to the Commission's proposals for single member wards in the city?			
Answer from:			Councillor Tim Warren
<p>The Council corporately is not making a submission to the current consultation on the draft warding proposals put forward by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. However, Councillors individually are free to do so, as are residents, local organisations or any member of the public. I am aware that the Bath City Forum discussed the ward boundary proposals at their recent meeting, and I believe that some concerns were expressed about a number of the proposals, with the following resolution passed by the Forum:</p> <p>The forum voted on three points that they wished to have included in the letter being written to the Electoral Boundary Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Staying within the City boundary (Yes - 15 / No - 0)(ii) Placing a greater emphasis on community identity and cohesion (noting submissions from local groups and residents) (Yes - 17 / No - 0)(iii) Seeking for wards to be predominantly with 2 Cllrs (Yes - 12 / No - 3)			