

**REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

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**Status:** For Decision  
**Title:** Community Governance Review Consultation Plan  
**Originator:** Corporate Services Manager  
**Where from:**  
**Where to next:** Council

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1 Purpose Report

- 1.1 To approve further public consultation arrangements with regards to the recommendations for changes to community governance arrangements approved by Council at its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

2 Recommendations:

- 2.1 **That the consultation plan set out in Appendix A of this report be approved and that further consultation with residents, parishes and other stakeholders be carried out in accordance with that plan.**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Council approved further public consultation on a number of proposed changes to community governance arrangements within the district arising from the review of community governance arrangements currently being undertaken in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 3.2 Guidance on conducting community governance reviews published by the Boundary Commission for England recommends that two consultation exercises should be undertaken as part of a review. The first of these should seek the views of residents and other stakeholders in developing proposals. This initial consultation phase took place between 12<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The second consultation phase should then seek views on those proposals and it is to this second consultation phase that this report relates.

4 Impact on Communities

- 4.1 The review aims to ensure that local councils continue to reflect the identities and interests of the communities they represent and facilitate the delivery of effective and convenient services.
- 4.2 The Localism agenda places greater emphasis on the role of local councils and keeping local governance arrangements under review is a means to ensuring that they are structured in a way that best meets these demands.

## 5 Key Facts

- 5.1 The recommendations approved by Council relating to the current community governance review fall into two main categories, those relating to parish boundaries and those relating to council size in terms of the overall number of parish councillors on the parish council. Some of these recommendations for further consultation arise from suggestions received during the initial public consultation exercise and others directly from Officers.
- 5.2 A consultation plan has been drawn up which addresses each of the recommendations and is attached at Appendix A.
- 5.3 The Community Governance Committee will be asked to consider the responses to the public consultation undertaken in accordance with the consultation plan before making final recommendations to Council on any changes to community governance arrangements.

## 6 Legal Issues

- 6.1 The Council will need to make a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order under Section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 in order to bring any changes to community governance arrangements into being.

## 7 Resource Issues

- 7.1 The costs of the proposed consultations arrangements can be met from existing budgets.

## 8 Equality Implications

- 8.1 None identified as a result of this report.

## 9 Impact on the Organisation

- 9.1 The District Council has a duty to keep under review arrangements for community governance within the district.

## 10 Community Safety Implications

- 10.1 None identified as a result of this report.

11. Carbon Management Implications

11.1 None identified as a result of this report.

12. Risk Management Implications

12.1 None identified as a result of this report.

13 Consultation

13.1 This report proposes a public consultation exercise with regards to the recommendations for changes to community governance arrangements within the district approved by Council on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

14 Options Considered

14.1 Not making any recommendations for change. The Council would not be meeting its duty to keep arrangements under review or to address areas where existing arrangements may be inappropriate or outdated.

15 Background Papers

15.1 Report to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Council - 'Community Governance Review'

15.2 Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (LGBCE)

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**Previous report(s):** Community Governance Review – Council 17/09/12

**Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: N**

**Ward Members Notified: N (will be consulted as part of plan)**

**Appendices:** *list any appendices here including title and filename in brackets (e.g. Performance Data 2010 (perfddata.doc)).*

**A. Community Governance Review Consultation Plan**

**B.**

**C.**

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