

**REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013**

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

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1 Purpose Report

- 1.1 To consider consultation responses received with regards to the proposals for changes to community governance arrangements approved by Council on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
- 1.2 To agree the final recommendations of the community governance review with regards to changes to community governance arrangements for consideration by Council.

2 Recommendations:

- 2.1 **That the revised proposals of the community governance review as set out in the attached schedule be agreed and recommended to Council for approval.**

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 This Community Governance Review Committee subsequently agreed a consultation plan for the proposals agreed by Council and this report sets out the responses received as a result of that consultation.
- 3.3 A request has since been received from Shearsby Parish Meeting to create a parish council for Shearsby. This request has been included within the final recommendations to ensure that the matter can be considered within the timeframe of the existing review.

## 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 arise from suggestions received during the initial public consultation exercise and others directly from Officers.
- 5.2 The Community Governance Committee is being asked to consider the responses to the public consultation and to agree final recommendations to Council on any changes to community governance arrangements.
- 5.3 The responses and recommended actions are set out for consideration in the schedule attached to this report.

## 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 undertaking the Community Governance Review have been met from within 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 sets out the responses received as a result of public consultation on the proposals.
  - 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 Consultation Plan
  - 15.2 Responses to consultation submitted by letter and email.
  - 15.2 Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (LGBCE)
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**Previous report(s):** Community Governance Review – Council 17/09/12  
Community Governance Review Committee 10/10/12

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

**Ward Members Notified: N (Ward members have been consulted on individual proposals as part of the consultation plan)**

**Attachment:**

**Schedule of Consultation Responses**

**Appendices:**

- A. Community Governance Review – Initial Consultation Responses**
- B. Plan of Proposed Boundary Change - Dunton Bassett/Broughton Astley**

**C. Plan of proposed Boundary Change – Kibworth Beauchamp/Kibworth Harcourt**