

**REPORT TO:** Civic Affairs Committee

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## **Community Governance Update**

### **Executive Summary**

1. This report outlines the current status of a potential Community Governance Review which will be brought before Civic Affairs Committee with appropriate Terms of Reference at the next Civic Affairs meeting on 03 September 2019. This report is for information only, to keep members informed and up to date of progress.

### **Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that the Committee notes the status of this potential Community Governance Review as outlined in the report.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

3. Update for information only

### **Details**

Sawston and Babraham Parish boundaries:

4. It has been noted that a new development in close proximity to Sawston Village, has recently been granted planning permission. The granted permission is currently in the Parish of Babraham. Recent meetings with representatives of Sawston and Babraham Parish Councils have concluded that further negotiation is required to mitigate the impact of the new development, around s106 contributions and their appropriate split between the parishes. It is hoped that agreement will be reached imminently as both parties are willing to work with each other to conclude arrangements. It is therefore anticipated that Terms of Reference will be brought before the next Civic Affairs Committee meeting (expected early September 2019) seeking authorisation to commence the review once agreement has been reached.
5. The current electorate for Sawston is 5452.
6. The current electorate for Babraham is 227.

7. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”) provides for a Principal Council to conduct a review of the community governance arrangements for the whole or part of its area for the purpose of considering whether or not to make any changes to Parish boundaries or size, and/or the creation of new parishes; and the review of the electoral arrangements for new and/or existing parishes. Section 93 of the 2007 Act allows principal councils to decide how to undertake such a review, provided that they comply with the duties in the Act which apply to councils undertaking reviews. If, following a review, the Council decides that changes should be made to the electoral arrangements they may make an Order giving effect to the changes.
8. The Community Governance Review process, once commenced must be concluded within 12 months of the publication of the terms of reference.

### **Options**

9. Update for information only

### **Implications**

10. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:-

#### ***Staffing***

11. Staff time will be required to carry out the review; however, this is likely to be minimal given the nature of the review. The time will be spent consulting interested parties, taking account of any representations received and reporting back to the Committee.

#### ***Equality and Diversity***

12. The Council will work with Sawston and Babraham Parish Council to identify and consult with interested parties..

### **Effect on Council Priority Areas**

13. **A modern and caring Council.** Appropriate community governance arrangements will help the Council to sustain and improve community cohesion and resilience.

### **Background Papers**

None

### **Appendices**

None

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