

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT

REPORT TO: Civic Affairs Committee

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TRUMPINGTON MEADOWS COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Purpose

1. To inform the Committee that the Chief Executive has recently received a letter from the Chairman of Haslingfield Parish Council outlining their request to this Council for a Community Governance Review ("CGR") to be undertaken in respect of Trumpington Meadows pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act ("the 2007 Act"). A copy of the letter is annexed to this Report.

Recommendation

2. To note the letter at this stage and await a more detailed report with recommendations at the next CAC meeting.

Background

3. The letter points to fundamental differences between the long established community in the parish of Haslingfield and the new community that is beginning to establish itself and grow at Trumpington Meadows.
4. The letter urges SCDC to undertake a CGR with a view to creating a new parish and parish council at Trumpington Meadows.

Considerations

5. (i) Section 93 of the 2007 Act allows the Council to decide how to undertake a CGR provided that it complies with the duties specified in the 2007 Act namely undertaking consultation; reflecting identities and interests of the community; governance arrangements must be effective and convenient; and the SCDC must take into account existing/potential arrangements and also representations made.
6. (ii) Officers intend to present a detailed Report to CAC at the next meeting for full consideration of the Parish Council's application.

Implications

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Financial	If a CGR is to be undertaken there will be associated costs of publicity and consultation which need to be met by the Council. It is not possible to quantify those costs at this stage.
Legal	Compliance with the 2007 Act and associated guidance will help avoid challenge to the process or the outcome.
Staffing	It is expected that a CGR can be carried out within existing staff resources in community and legal.
Risk Management	None
Equal Opportunities	None

Consultations

8. None at this stage of the process.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Letter from Haslingfield Parish Council dated 13th February 2013

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