

REPORT TO: Civic Affairs Committee
LEAD OFFICER: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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Trumpington Meadows Community Governance Review

Purpose

1. To update Civic Affairs Committee with regard to progress so far as regards the potential changes to parish boundaries at Haslingfield and Grantchester, in order create a new parish for the development at Trumpington Meadows.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Committee notes progress is in line with the June 2013 Civic Affairs Report.

Background

3. In June 2013 Committee agreed that a Community Governance Review should be undertaken to consider the future governance arrangements for the new community at Trumpington Meadows. Officers then begun informal discussions with interested parties, including Haslingfield and Grantchester Parish Councils..

Considerations

4. Grantchester Parish Council has agreed in principle to take the small triangle of land (locally referred to as Lingey Fen) near to Byron's Pool. This means that Officers can now begin informal public consultations on the full proposals, which includes transferring the aforementioned triangle of land to Grantchester parish (currently in the parish of Haslingfield). A new boundary line can be drawn at the same time to establish a new parish for Trumpington Meadows.

- (i) Informal discussions will take place as follows:

Jan - Feb 2014 Residents of Haslingfield and Grantchester Villages as well as Haslingfield and Grantchester Parish Councils
Mar 2014 Cambridge City Council Officers and Members via Briefing Notes and meetings; Residents of Trumpington Meadows and Cambridge City through the Southern Fringe Community Forum

- (ii) By April, Officers should be able to informally agree the new boundary arrangements. Officers should also have more details as to exact timings for planning applications in the Haslingfield part of Trumpington Meadows, and therefore develop an accurate time line as to when the formal consultation period should begin.

Implications

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

Financial

6. 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

7. Compliance with the 2007 Act and associated guidance will help avoid challenge to the process or the outcome.

Staffing

8. It is expected that a CGR can be carried out within existing staff resources in New Communities and Legal

Risk Management

9. There are no significant implications

Equality and Diversity

10. There are no significant implications

Climate Change

11. There are no significant implications

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

12. No formal consultations have taken place at this time. The Youth Council will be consulted early in 2014.

Background Papers: None

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