

REPORT TO: ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date: 23RD JANUARY 2019

TOPIC: Community Governance Review

REPORT BY: HEAD OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members will recall that Full Council approved the commencement of a Community Governance Review and also agreed to carry out a consultation on the draft Proposals as attached (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The consultation has taken place and the purpose of this report is to set out the results and to seek a recommendation to proceed with the Review

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Committee note the consultation responses received.
- 2.2 That the Committee consider whether to proceed with the Review

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To allow members to consider the responses and to make a recommendation o full Council on the next course of action.

4 REPORT

- 4.1 Following Ethics Committee on the 17th October, consultation was undertaken on the draft Proposals approved by members. The consultation involved public notice in the press, correspondence with affected Parishes, a letter sent direct to all addresses affected and also an online consultation supported by social media.
- 4.2 The consultation concluded on 2nd January 2019 and a summary of the responses for each affected area is attached (Appendix 2).
- 4.3 Members will note that the responses that have been received relate only to the Gunn and Mill on the Mole proposals. No responses were received in respect of the other proposals.
- 4.4 In respect of Mill on the Mole, members will see that one of the responses has raised the issue of whether there would be any additional financial impact. As mentioned in previous reports, the impact on the residents would be that a higher Council tax would be paid as from 20/21.

4.5 In respect of the proposals affecting Mill on the Mole, 2 responses could be considered to be against the proposals and 1 is in favour.

4.6 In respect of Gunn, all responses are in favour of the proposals.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The carrying out of the CGR is being managed within existing budgets. However, there are knock on effects, not least the fact that if approved, the Proposals will see a number of dwellings being re-valued for council tax purposes. This will involve a significant amount of work and may require software changes for the Council's current system.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
Part 3 Annexe 1	Referred

7 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

7.1 This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report :

- Terms of reference
- Legislation and Guidance
- Responses from Parish Councils
- Consultation responses

The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

9 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

9.1 The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and officers.

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