

REPORT TO: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 25th February 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.
- 1.2 The consultation has taken place and the purpose of this report is to set out the results and to seek approval to proceed with the Review

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Council note the consultation responses received and the recommendations from Ethics Committee.
- 2.2 That Council approve the making of an Order in the form, or in a similar form, as shown in Appendix 1.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To give effect to recommendations of the Ethics Committee
- 3.2 To ensure that community governance within the affected areas reflects the identities and interests of the areas and is effective and convenient.
- 3.3 To ensure that Parish and District Ward boundaries are the same.

4 REPORT

- 4.1 Following previous decisions 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.
- 4.7 The consultation responses were reported to Ethics Committee on the 23rd January and it recommended to proceed with the Order.
- 4.8 As has been referred to before, 3 of the proposed changes (Mill on the Mole, Mount Sandford Green and Westacott) will bring parish boundaries into line with the boundaries of the new District Council wards. The other, Gunn, has been driven by the local community who wish to see the area move to the Goodleigh Parish. If Council approve that proposal a recommendation will be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission to alter the District Ward boundary to ensure that the boundaries are the same. It will be for the LGBC to determine whether they wish to do this or not.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The carrying out of the CGR is being managed within existing budgets.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
Article 4	Delegated

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
 - Recommendations from Ethics

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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