

	<b>Regulatory Committee</b> <b>15 August 2011</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Title</b>	Community Governance Review – Boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	Budbrooke	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England Report to Committee on 27 June 2011	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No
<b>Equality &amp; Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	No (If No state why below)
This is a minor change to a parish boundary and will not have any equality or sustainability implications.	

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	19.7.11	Andy Jones
Legal	19.7.11	John Gregory
Finance	19.7. 11	Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder	19.7.11	Michael Doody
<b>Consultation &amp; Community Engagement</b>		
The Community Governance Review authorised by the Committee in June involved an initial consultation exercise which has now been completed.		
<b>Final Decision?</b>	No	
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b> Any recommendations the Committee makes must be published before a final decision can be made.		

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 27 June 2011 the Committee agreed to carry out a community governance review following a request from the Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council for a change to the boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes. The agreed terms of reference for the review were:

To review the Barford/Wasperton parish boundary between points A and B on the plan attached as Appendix 1 with a suggested amendment to show a revised boundary between points A and C on the plan.

- 1.2 The first stage of the review was to undertake a consultation exercise which has been carried out. The closing date for comments is 8 August 2011 and no comments have been received to date. If any comments are received after the dispatch of this report and before the closing date they will be submitted at the meeting.
- 1.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the Council has the power to make Orders about matters such as the creation of parishes and their electoral arrangements including boundaries provided it first carries out a community governance review.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the following recommendation be agreed:

That the parish boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes be amended to follow the line between points A and C on the plan attached as appendix 1

- 2.2 In accordance with the 2007 Act

- a) the recommendation be published; and
- b) such steps as the officers consider sufficient be taken to secure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the recommendation.

- 2.3 If no comments are received during a period of one month from the publication of the recommendation, the recommendation be adopted and the officers be authorised to make the necessary order and do everything necessary to introduce the change of boundary. If comments are received they be submitted to the Committee so it can decide on the action to be taken.

## 3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 When it is decided to what extent the recommendation is to be adopted the decision must be published together with the reasons for making it.

- 3.2 It is accepted that there has been development over the existing boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes and an amendment to the boundary can therefore be justified. In the absence of any significant comments to the contrary and bearing in mind that the change was requested by the local Joint Parish Council the proposed change of boundary is considered appropriate and

reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area and is effective and convenient.

#### 4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

##### 4.1 **Policy Framework**

There are no relevant Council policies affected

##### 4.2 **Fit for the Future**

The recommendations do not contribute to 'Fit for the Future' other than to respond favourably to a request from a Joint Parish Council.

#### 5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

5.1 Costs have been incurred in carrying out the consultation and further costs will be involved in completing the process. These are not expected to exceed £1000 and can be met from within the electoral register general expenses budget.

#### 6. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

6.1 Not changing the boundary would be an alternative option. However, because of the various considerations set out in paragraphs 3.2 and 7.3 this option is not being recommended.

#### 7. **BACKGROUND**

7.1 A request was received from the Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council for a change to the boundary between Barford and Wasperton Parishes and in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the Committee agreed to carry out a community governance review.

7.2 As part of the review a consultation exercise has been undertaken. To date no comments have been received.

7.3 The Council must have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review:

- (a) reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area, and
- (b) is effective and convenient.

7.4 The Council must take into account any representations received in connection with the review.

7.5 After taking a decision on the extent to which the Council will give effect to the recommendations made in a community governance review, the Council must publish its decision and its reasons for taking that decision. It must also take sufficient steps to ensure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the decision and the reasons for it.

7.6 If the Council decides to implement the recommendations made in its review, it does so by way of a Reorganisation Order. Further publicity must be given to the Order.