

REPORT TO THE MEETING OF COUNCIL

Report No. 10(a)

Date of Meeting	16 May 2007
Title of Report	Area Committees
Link to Corporate Priorities	To promote vibrant, safe and inclusive communities.
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is to explain the changes that are required to the Area Committees following the boundary changes to Wards that are effective from the elections on 3 May 2007.

Officer Recommendations

That the composition of the Area Committees be amended as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

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1. Background Information

- 1.1 The District Council Ward boundaries changed with effect from the recent elections. This has the effect that some Wards now cross the Area Committee boundaries. In order for Ward Members and Parish Council representatives to be able to attend meetings of the Area Committees relating to their localities some changes to the composition of the Committees are required. The details of the suggested changes are set out below.

2. Proposed Changes to Area Committee Composition

- 2.1 The details of the suggested changes are given below:
- (a) The Parishes of Oaksey and Minety now form part of the Minety and Purton Ward, the balance of the Parish Councils (Ashton Keynes, Leigh, Purton and Braydon) are in Area (2). It is recommended that the Oaksey and Minety Parish Councils remain in Area (1). The three Members for the Purton and Minety Ward would be able to attend and receive the papers for both Area Committees. Working on the basis of the number of electors in each Parish, (Ashton Keynes 1,128 Leigh 280, Braydon 38, Purton 3,269, Minety 1,157 and Oaksey 413) it is recommended that the Ward Members are entitled to two votes on the Area (2) Committee and one vote on the Area (1) Committee.
 - (b) The Parishes of Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Tockenham and Clyffe Pypard now form part of the Lyneham Ward and are in Area (2) and the Hilmarton Parish, also within this Ward is in Area (5). It is recommended that the two Members for the Lyneham Ward would be able to attend and receive the papers for both Area Committees but would be entitled to one vote on each.
 - (c) The whole of the Bremhill Ward be moved to the Calne Area (5) Committee as this fits in with the County Council Community Area Boundary. Part of this Ward was previously in Chippenham Area (3).

3. Environment and Community Implications

- 3.1 It is important that communities are able to take an active role in the most important Area Committee.

Appendices:	Proposed Area Committee Membership
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report:

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Area Committees	Council – 20 May 2003	C18