

**Wiltshire Council**

**Full Council**

**20 July 2021**

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**Area Board Naming – Amesbury Area**

**Summary**

This report sets out a proposed change to the name of Amesbury Area Board

**Proposals**

**That Amesbury Area Board be renamed Stonehenge Area Board, and to delegate any necessary constitutional changes to the Monitoring Officer.**

**Reason for Proposals**

To ensure the name of the Area Board reflects local identity.

**Perry Holmes, Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer)**

### **Area Board Naming – Amesbury Area**

#### **Purpose**

1. To consider the request by the Amesbury Area Board that the Boards' name be changed to Stonehenge Area Board.

#### **Background**

2. The names and Division details of Area Boards are set out in Part 3B Schedule 1 of the Constitution.
3. The terms of reference of the Electoral Review Committee state the it may make recommendations on the composition of Area Boards, following completion of an Electoral Review or Community Governance Review, 'or another reason', for determination by Full Council.
4. Composition of the Area Boards was recommended by the Committee and determined by Full Council at its meeting on 24 November 2020. This included accepting a request from then Chippenham Area Board that they be renamed Chippenham and Villages Area Board.
5. The Committee considered the request of Amesbury Area Board at its meeting on 12 July 2021.

#### **Main Considerations**

6. At the request of some Members of Amesbury Area Board in November 2020 an agenda item was taken to consider and discuss the possibility of re-naming the Amesbury Area Board. This had been proposed in order to be more inclusive of the area represented and as a result of the boundary review changes. It was determined that the parishes should be consulted upon and councillors should discuss the matter further.
7. In December 2020 a survey was compiled, and after being approved by Amesbury Area Board Members the survey link was sent to all Amesbury Parishes and regular area board attendees. The survey was also advertised at the January meeting of the Area Board and ran until the end of January 2021. The results of this survey can be seen at **Appendix 1**. There were 15 respondents, 11 of which preferred the name Stonehenge Area Board, which was the alternative option listed in the survey.

8. In March 2021 this was again discussed at the Area Board meeting but Members felt that as this was the last meeting of the 4 year Council term, it would appropriate for the new Area Board after the May elections to determine whether to support such a name change. A recommendation to consider and adopt the name Stonehenge Area Board was made to the new board.
9. In June 2021 at the first meeting of the Amesbury Area Board after the election the matter was considered, and it was resolved to recommend that the name of the Area Board be changed to Stonehenge Area Board as soon as possible.
10. The Electoral Review Committee considered the proposal at its meeting on 12 July 2021. It considered that there was support from the Board for the name change, and that it had undertaken an exercise to determine if the proposed name change was appropriate or supported.
11. Accordingly, the Committee resolved to recommend that Full Council adopt the name Stonehenge Area Board for the current Amesbury Area Board.

#### **Safeguarding Implications**

12. There are no safeguarding implications.

#### **Public Health Implications**

13. There are no public health implications.

#### **Procurement Implications**

14. There are no procurement implications.

#### **Risk Assessment**

15. There are no risk issues arising from this report.

#### **Equalities Implications**

16. There are no equalities implications.

#### **Environmental and Climate Change Implications**

17. There are no environmental implications.

#### **Workforce Implications**

18. There are no workforce implications.

#### **Financial Implications**

19. There are no financial implications.

## **Legal Implications**

20. There are no legal implications. Naming of Area Boards is an administrative arrangement of Wiltshire Council.

## **Proposal**

21. That Amesbury Area Board be renamed Stonehenge Area Board, and to delegate any necessary constitutional changes to the Monitoring Officer.

## **Perry Holmes - Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer)**

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## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Results of Online Survey regarding the possible renaming of Amesbury Area Board

## **Background Papers**

None