

Renaming of Amesbury Area Board

Purpose

1. To consider the recommendation of the Amesbury Area Board that the Boards' name be changed to Stonehenge Area Board.
2. To prepare comments or recommendations for consideration by Full Council.

Background

3. The names and details of Area Boards are set out in Part 3B Schedule 1 of the Constitution.
4. 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.
5. Following the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council which was confirmed by Parliament in March 2020, the Committee undertook a review of the council's Area Board structure and made recommendations to Full Council, which determined the new arrangements at a meeting in November 2020.
6. This included amending the name of the Chippenham Area Board to the Chippenham and Villages Area Board, at the request of that Board.

Main Considerations

7. 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.
8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. The Committee is asked to consider the request and its reasoning, and if it considers it appropriate recommend the proposal to Full Council.

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 the Committee consider the request from Amesbury Area Board and whether to recommend Full Council change the name of the Board to Stonehenge Area Board.

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Appendices

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

Background Papers

None