

Community Governance Review (Parish Boundaries)

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of the report is a) to update members with progress on the Community Governance Review (CGR) and b) to seek approval to take no further action in respect of some reviews, for which there is no identified local support

Background

2. In February 2014, the Council approved the Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review to look at boundaries, warding and seats across the county at parish, town and City level. Unitary Divisions are outside the scope of that review.
3. A Working Party was set up to oversee the review, and it is now in a position to give members an interim update. A number of successful “fact finding” meetings were held with parishes just before Christmas, and the various schemes now fall into two categories

The further consultation category

4. Having heard proposals from parishes, sometimes with counter-proposals from their neighbours, the Working Party will shortly be publicising its own proposals and inviting further consultation from councils and any residents affected in the following areas. In some cases the Working Party will be seeking comments on more than one option.

Ref	Area
B3	Nomansland
B4	Tisbury and West Tisbury
A1, A2, B7	Salisbury and surrounding areas
A3, A4	Trowbridge and surrounding areas
B2	Bishopstrow
B1	Lyneham
A9	Melksham, Melksham Without and neighbours
A8	Corsham / Box
A6, B6	Devizes and surrounding areas
A7	Calne
A5	** Chippenham

5. In most cases, only parts of the parishes mentioned are involved. The larger schemes will require discussion at public meetings arranged and

conducted by Wiltshire Council, such meetings being coordinated and publicised through the relevant Area Board. The working party will shortly be agreeing a timescale for consultation.

6. ** At the Chippenham area fact-finding meeting, there was consensus that further consideration of the boundaries around Chippenham should be deferred pending further consultation on the Settlement Area boundaries. However, the proposal to incorporate land inside the line of the A350, currently in Corsham parish, was supported in principle by the Working Party and will be the subject of further consultations. Decisions on CGR can only be made by full Council, and this area will be brought back to council in due course.

The “No Further Action” category

7. Many of the original schemes contained in the Terms of Reference were either long standing casual requests for information, or were schemes for which there is no longer any local support. The Working Party has concluded there should be no further action on the following schemes:

Ref	Area
B5	Durrington (although the army re-basing may result in a review of the area in due course)
C1	Compton Chamberlayne
C2	Horningsham and the Deverills
C3	All areas - potential for amalgamation of parishes
C4	Sutton Mandeville
C5	Grafton
C6	Idmiston
C7	Gt Somerford
C8	Urchfont

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

8. There are no particular equalities issues arising from these proposals.

Risk Assessment

9. There are no particular risk issues arising from these proposals.

Financial Implications

10. There are unlikely to be any significant financial consequences arising from this review.

Legal Implications

11. The CGR process is set out in the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and guidance issued from time to time by government departments.

Recommendations

12. Council is recommended:-

- a) **To note the current position on the community governance review**
- b) **To agree that no further action be taken as part of this review on the schemes listed in the table in paragraph 7 above, which were originally suggested for review, but for which there is no identified local support or perceived need for change at this time.**

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Background Papers

Letters and notes contained on the 2014 CGR review file in Electoral Services

Appendices

None