

Governance Committee

October 2018

Part I

Horsham District Council Community Governance Review

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Electoral Divisions: Billingshurst and Southwater & Nuthurst

Recommendation

That a response be made to Horsham District Council that no changes should be made the boundary between Shipley and Southwater parishes until the development is complete and the new residents have given their view, but if the parish boundary is changed, the county division boundary should be moved with it.

Proposal

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 Southwater and Shipley parishes are located in Horsham district. The boundary between the parishes lies immediately to the south of Southwater village. A new housing development is being built immediately to the south of Southwater and the Parish Council has asked the District Council to undertake a Community Governance Review to change the boundary so that the new development will be located within Southwater Parish, rather than Shipley.
- 1.2 The existing boundary between the parishes of Southwater and Shipley is also the boundary between the county divisions of Billingshurst and Southwater & Nuthurst.
- 1.3 The District Council has invited comments on this Community Governance Review. The terms of reference for the review and a map are included as appendices to show the potential impact of the proposal.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 The report recommends that the County Council comments on the consultation, because the outcome of the review could result in a change of the county division boundary between Billingshurst and Southwater & Nuthurst.
- 2.2 The recommended response is that no changes should be made until the development is complete and the new residents have given their view, but if the parish boundary is changed, the county division boundary should be moved with it.

3. Resources

3.1 No implications, as this is a response to the District Council’s consultation.

Factors taken into account

4. Consultation

4.1 The local members, Mr and Mrs Jupp, have been consulted. Both would like local residents of the new development to be consulted before any change is made to boundaries.

4.2 The Electoral Review Panel, chaired by Mr Acraman, was consulted electronically. All responses received from the Panel were in agreement that the local members’ view should be expressed, but in the event that a change to the boundary goes ahead, the county division boundary should be changed at the same time.

5. Risk Management Implications

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Other Options Considered

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Equality Duty

7.1 Not applicable as this is a response to a consultation document.

8. Social Value

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Human Rights Implications

10.1 Not applicable.

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Appendices

- A. Terms of reference for the Review
- B. Map of the affected area

Background Papers

None.

<p>Agreed</p> <p></p> <p>Chairman Governance Committee</p> <p>Date..... 31. Oct 2018</p> <hr/> <p>Action Authorised</p> <p></p> <p>Chief Executive/Director of Law and Assurance</p> <p>Date 1/11/18</p>
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