
REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 10
DATE OF MEETING:	1st MARCH 2017	CATEGORY:
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - BARROW UPON TRENT, TWYFORD & STENSON AND STENSON FIELDS: FINAL PROPOSALS	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ASTON AND STENSON WARDS	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members note the results of the Draft Proposals consultation.
- 1.2 That Members agree to the publication of the results of the Draft Proposals consultation.
- 1.3 That Members consider and determine the outcome(s) of the Community Governance Review for Barrow upon Trent, Twyford & Stenson and Stenson Fields (the Review), as outlined at 3.11 of this report.
- 1.4 That Members approve the publication of the Final Proposals.
- 1.5 That Members delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, to make the necessary Reorganisation of Community Governance Order, if required, to implement the final recommendations from the Review.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To report the outcome of the Draft Proposals consultation which took place in Barrow upon Trent, Twyford & Stenson and Stenson Fields on the proposal to alter the Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and Stenson Fields Parish Council boundaries (under the provisions of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007).
- 2.2 To determine the next action(s) for the Review.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Council is responsible for undertaking any Community Governance Review within its electoral area. The decision to do so was made by Council on 7th April 2016. All subsequent decisions are made by Full Council prior to any Reorganisation of Community Governance Order being made, if applicable.
- 3.2 The Review was instigated following the submission of a valid joint request from Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and Stenson Fields Parish Council, as attached at **Appendix 1**, for a Community Governance Review, primarily requesting that their parish council boundaries be altered.
- 3.3 In effect, Barrow upon Trent Parish Council wishes to divest itself of approximately 153.5 acres of land in the north-west area, as marked in yellow on the map at **Appendix 2**, in favour of Stenson Fields Parish Council. Stenson Fields Parish Council has indicated its willingness to incorporate this land into its area.
- 3.4 In addition, Stenson Fields Parish Council has stated its wish to incorporate approximately 197.1 acres of land in the south-west area, as marked in green on the map at Appendix 2, which currently sits in the unparished area of Twyford and Stenson. Members should be aware of housing developments in the area proposed to be incorporated into Stenson Fields, with approximately 490 homes recently constructed, the majority of which have now been occupied.
- 3.5 The initial consultation period was held from 11th July 2016 to 4th September 2016. Letters detailing the consultation and containing the Terms of Reference document, **Appendix 3**, were issued to all addresses within Barrow upon Trent, Twyford and Stenson and Stenson Fields (a total of 2,267 addresses), together with Ward Members, Derbyshire County Councillors for the area and neighbouring areas, the Member of Parliament, Derbyshire County Council, neighbouring Parish Councils and community representative groups.
- 3.6 A total of 272 responses were received to the initial consultation, of which one was discounted as received after the consultation end date of 4th September 2016. A summary of the remaining 271 responses is shown below. Full details are attached at **Appendix 4**.

Proposal	In favour	Against	Other
That the parish boundaries be altered as requested by Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and Stenson Fields Parish Council.	269	0	2*

*Two representations were received expressing neither clear support nor opposition to the Proposals.

- 3.7 Having taken into account all consultation responses made during the first stage of consultation and mindful of the need to ensure that community governance within the area reflects the identities and interests of the community, as well as being effective and convenient, the draft recommendation of officers is: 'To accept the majority representation from the people of Barrow upon Trent, Twyford & Stenson and Stenson Fields and implement the parish boundary changes jointly requested by Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and Stenson Fields Parish Council.'
- 3.8 Whilst the primary motive for this Community Governance Review related to the joint request made by the Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and Stenson Fields Parish Council to alter their parish boundaries, Government guidance recommends that

Reviews are undertaken if there have been changes in population in certain areas, aimed at considering the impact this has had on community cohesion, the size, population and boundaries of the area and what arrangements have been, or could be, made for the purposes of community representation or community engagement.

3.9 In accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed by Council on 30th June 2016, the Draft Proposals, as attached at **Appendix 5**, were agreed by Council on 3rd November 2016, leading to a period of further consultation ending on 15th January 2017. Further letters detailing the consultation and containing the Draft Proposals document, were again issued to all addresses within Barrow upon Trent, Twyford and Stenson and Stenson Fields, as well as to other persons and bodies as detailed at 3.5 above.

3.10 Members are asked to consider the following:

A total of 168 representations were received to the second consultation, as summarised below. Details relating to these responses are attached as **Appendix 6**.

Proposal	In favour	Against	Other
That the parish boundaries be altered as requested by Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and Stenson Fields Parish Council.	164	2	2*

*Two representations were received expressing neither clear support nor opposition to the Proposals.

3.11 In considering its final decisions on the matter, Council has a number of options to consider, namely:

Option 1) To take no action.

Option 2) To determine the Final Proposals relating to the various Draft Proposals (Appendix 5) submitted for consideration by Council.

With regard to the **Option 1)**, if taken, then no further action would be required other than to publicise this outcome, with reasons given, in the form of a Final Proposal.

If **Option 2)** were chosen, determinations would then be required, with reasons given, for each of the Draft Proposals, as summarised below:

- a) Agree the boundaries of the parish council areas.
- b) Determine whether an unparished area should be constituted as a parish and have a parish council (or other body) created.
- c) Determine the name and style of any newly constituted parish.
- d) Determine whether the number of parish councillors on an existing parish council should be changed.
- e) Determine whether or not, as a result of the Review, the area of any other existing neighbouring parish should be retained, merged, altered or abolished.
- f) Determine whether a parish council should be warded or whether existing parish wards should be altered to reflect changes in the local community.
- g) Determine whether the name of a parish council should be changed.
- h) Determine whether existing parish councils should be grouped.

In the event that **Option 2)** is chosen the District Council would subsequently publish a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order, confirming all revisions, **to take effect from 1st April 2017**.

- 3.12 A timetable detailing the actions required within the permitted twelve month period is contained within the Terms of Reference document (Appendix 3).
- 3.13 A copy of the Communities and Local Government Guidance on Community Governance Reviews is attached at **Appendix 7**.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 In the event that any final recommendation leads to the re-alignment of parish boundaries, it is likely to result in a precept adjustment to those properties already subject to a Council Tax precept and for those properties currently in the unparished area with no precept, to become subject to a Council Tax precept with effect from 1st April 2017.
- 4.2 This will require a bespoke change to the IT system at a cost of £6,600 which will need to be financed from the General Fund Reserve. In addition, costs of approximately £3,000 have been incurred in stationery, printing and postage regarding the consultation exercise. However, these costs were met within the Print and Postage Contract of the Council's Service Provider at that time.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 There are none relating to this report.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The Review and subsequent recommendations will determine the local governance arrangements for Barrow upon Trent, Twyford & Stenson and Stenson Fields.

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 Joint request from Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and Stenson Fields Parish Council (Appendix 1).
- 7.2 Area map (Appendix 2).
- 7.3 Community Governance Review Terms of Reference (Appendix 3).
- 7.4 Schedule of responses made by local residents to the initial Terms of Reference Consultation (Appendix 4).
- 7.5 Community Governance Review Draft Proposals (Appendix 5).
- 7.6 Schedule of responses made by local residents to the Draft Proposals Consultation (Appendix 6).
- 7.7 Communities and Local Government Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (Appendix 7).