

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 30 June 2010

Subject: Community Governance Reviews – Appointment of New Committee

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs D Collins
(Leader of Council)

Item: 10(c)

1. RECOMMENDING

(1) That a non-executive Committee be appointed with the following terms of reference:

Title: Community Governance Review Committee

Purpose of Committee:

(a) To consider and make recommendations to the Council on

(i) on requests for community governance reviews and they should be carried out;

(ii) on the outcome of such reviews;

(b) To be responsible for progressing such reviews, including conducting public consultation in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Membership:

5 Councillors appointed by the Council in accordance with pro rata requirement.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

To be appointed each year by the Council.

Meetings:

The Committee shall meet as a when necessary.

The Committee will meet in public session, be open to all District Councillors and shall be authorised to invite external organisations to attend for the purpose of fact finding and consultation.

Conduct of Reviews

The Committee shall be authorised to agree the detailed arrangements for consulting local communities on such reviews subject to the policy and budget approved by the Council.

Policy Issues

The Committee shall if necessary consider and make recommendations to the Council on future policy to be adopted in regard to such reviews.

(2) That the Council appoint five Councillors to the new Committee as follows:

- 3 – on the nomination of the Conservative Group**
- 1 – on the nomination of the LRA Group**
- 1 – on the nomination of the Liberal Democratic Group**

(3) That the Council appoint this meeting:

- (a) a Chairman**
- (b) a Vice-Chairman**

from among the members appointed under recommendation (2) above.

- 1.1 Pursuant to the earlier report concerning the community governance review requested by Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers Parish Council, the Cabinet has requested the Returning Officer to draw up terms of reference for its preferred option for taking that review forward, namely a non executive Committee.
- 1.2 The proposed terms of reference are set out in recommendation (1) and the appointments required are set out in (2) and (3).
- 1.3 In summary, the Committee will not be a Cabinet Committee and will report direct to Council on specific reviews or policy in this respect. A total of 5 members have been put forward. If the Council prefers, a large number of members can be appointed with appropriate changes to the pro rata calculation. The decision on whether any review is to take place will be reserved to the Council. In other respects, it will be the responsibility of the Committee to progress reviews in consultation with officers.
- 1.4 We recommend accordingly.