



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Council 1 November 2022

Wards affected: All wards

Community Governance Review – draft recommendations

Report of the Chief Executive

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To present the final recommendations in respect of the community governance review.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The recommendations contained in paragraphs 3.8.1 to 3.8.4 be approved.

2.2 The Director (Corporate and Street Scene Services) be authorised to make the necessary Orders for change.

3. Background to the report

3.1 In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, each local authority is required to periodically undertake a community governance review of its local authority area. This is an exercise where the parish electoral arrangements across the whole area are reviewed to ensure that they are appropriate and relevant.

3.2 The council is undertaking a review at this time because a period of ten years has elapsed since the last review in 2012. This is in line with government guidance that it is good practice to conduct a review every 10-15 years.

3.3 Furthermore, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has requested an electoral review of the ward boundaries which is provisionally scheduled to commence in 2026. They advise that a community governance review is undertaken prior to an electoral review.

- 3.4 Council approved the terms of reference for the review at its meeting on 22 February 2022. There was then a period of public consultation from 23 February to 18 May 2022.
- 3.5 Consultation was undertaken in a variety of ways. These are outlined in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.2 of appendix A.
- 3.6 The Community Governance Review Working Group considered the responses and made draft recommendations which were approved for further consultation by Council on 12 July 2022.
- 3.7 Consultation on the draft recommendations took place from 13 July to 7 September 2022. More detail about this consultation can be found in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 of appendix A.
- 3.8 The Community Governance Review Working Group met on 29 September to consider the responses to the consultation on the draft recommendations. The working group agreed the following final recommendations. Please note that only those areas where change is recommended are listed below. See section 7 of appendix A for detailed consideration of each parish.

3.8.1 Bagworth & Thornton

Final recommendation

Major changes:	None
Parish Council name and style:	Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council (no change)
Parish name:	Bagworth and Thornton (no change)
Warding arrangements:	Bagworth, Thornton (no change)
Seats:	8 overall (no change) Bagworth ward: increase from four to five Thornton ward: decrease from four to three

Current representation

Parish ward	Number of councillors	Electors per councillor (2027 projection)
Bagworth	4	327
Thornton	4	234

New representation

Parish ward	Number of councillors	Electors per councillor (2027 projection)
Bagworth	5	278
Thornton	3	283

Reasons

Based upon the evidence currently available, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change by increasing the number of councillors representing Bagworth ward to five and decreasing the number of councillors representing Thornton ward to three would:

- Help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community
- Help to secure more effective and convenient governance of the area.

3.8.2 Peckleton

Final recommendation

Major changes:	None
Parish Council name and style:	Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton and Stapleton Parish Council
Parish name:	Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton and Stapleton
Warding arrangements:	Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton, Stapleton (no change)
Seats:	6 (no change)

Reasons

Based upon the evidence currently available, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change by amending the name of the parish to “Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton and Stapleton Parish” and the name of the parish council to “Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton and Stapleton Parish Council” would:

- Help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community
- Help to secure more effective and convenient governance of the area.

3.8.3 Stoke Golding

Major changes:	None
Parish Council name and style:	Stoke Golding Parish Council (no change)
Parish name:	Stoke Golding (no change)
Warding arrangements:	N/A
Seats:	8 – an increase of one councillor

Current representation

Parish	Number of councillors	Electors per councillor (2027 projection)
Stoke Golding	7	266

New representation

Parish	Number of councillors	Electors per councillor (2027 projection)
Stoke Golding	8	232

Reasons

Based on the evidence currently available, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change to increase the number of councillors from seven to eight would:

- Help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community
- Help to secure more effective and convenient governance of the area.

3.8.4 Sutton Cheney

Major changes:	None
Parish Council name and style:	Dadlington and Sutton Cheney Parish Council
Parish name:	Dadlington and Sutton Cheney
Warding arrangements:	Dadlington, Shenton, Sutton (no change)
Seats:	8 – an increase of one councillor (for Dadlington parish ward)

Current representation

Parish ward	Number of councillors	Electors per councillor (2027 projection)
Dadlington	3	79
Shenton	2	43
Sutton	2	56

New representation

Parish ward	Number of councillors	Electors per councillor (2027 projection)
Dadlington	4	59
Shenton	2	43
Sutton	2	56

Reasons

Based on the evidence currently available, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change to amend the name of the parish to “Dadlington and Sutton Cheney” and the name of the parish council to “Dadlington and Sutton Cheney Parish Council” and to increase the number of councillors representing Dadlington ward from three to four would:

- Help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community
- Help to secure more effective and convenient governance of the area.

3.9 Subject to approval by Council, the relevant Orders will be made for the changes to come into effect on 4 May 2023.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

4.1 To be taken in public session.

5. Financial implications (IB)

5.1 None.

6. Legal implications (MR)

6.1 None.

7. Corporate Plan implications

7.1 The community governance review supports all objectives within the corporate plan by ensuring community governance is appropriate.

8. Consultation

8.1 Initial consultation with stakeholders listed in the terms of reference took place between 23 February and 18 May 2022. Consultation on the draft recommendations took place between 13 July and 7 September 2022.

9. Risk implications

9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) risks

Risk description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Electorate dissatisfaction with revised arrangements	Maximise public awareness of the consultation and give due consideration to all responses received	Chief Executive
Non-compliance with government policy	Council to be mindful of government guidelines and policy	Monitoring Officer

Potential for judicial review	Council to ensure that decision making processes are followed and decisions are supported by clear reasons	Democratic Services Manager
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10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

- 10.1 The review invited communities to input into the governance arrangements that affect them.
- 10.2 The review impacts parish councils but this will be minimised where changes to current arrangements are imposed and parish councils will be supported through any changes.
- 10.3 The consultation processes were accessible to all residents.
- 10.4 Equality impact was assessed at all stages, including in forming the final recommendations.

11. Climate implications

- 11.1 Consultation has taken place online where possible to reduce paper usage.
- 11.2 The recommendations within this report will not have direct climate implications.

12. Corporate implications

- 12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
- Community safety implications
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset management implications
 - Procurement implications
 - Human resources implications
 - Planning implications
 - Data protection implications
 - Voluntary sector

Background papers: Report to Council, 22 February 2022
Report to Council, 12 July 2022

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