



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

27 OCTOBER 2008

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executives

Report Title	PARISH COUNCILS: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS
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1. Summary

Cabinet at its meeting held on 26 September 2008 considered the report attached as Appendix 1 in respect of Community Governance Reviews of Wootton and East Hunsbury and Upton Parish Councils and have made a recommendation to Council.

2. Recommendations

That Community Governance Reviews of Wootton and East Hunsbury and Upton parishes be undertaken.

3. Report Background

Much of the background is contained in Appendix 1 of this report and has therefore not been rehearsed in this report.

3.1 Wootton and East Hunsbury

Following the results of a parish poll conducted on 19 June 2008 in the parish of Wootton and East Hunsbury on the proposition "That the existing Parish is split to create two new parishes each separately serving the areas of:-

- Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor; and
- East Hunsbury"

3.2 Upton

At the meeting of Council on 8 September 2008 Upton Residents Association presented a petition to vary the Upton parish boundary.

Cabinet considered the attached report in terms of what further action should be taken and concluded that Council should be recommended to approve that Community Governance Reviews of Wootton and East Hunsbury and Upton Parishes be undertaken. Cabinet also decided, separately, that the costs of a Borough wide Community Governance Review (of the

remaining Borough area) should be assessed by officers and reported as part of the annual budget process.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

A further report will be submitted to Cabinet in respect of the resources issues of carrying out the Community Governance Reviews of Wootton and East Hunsbury and Upton Parish areas.

4.2 Legal

Under the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government, Public Involvement and Health Act 2007, the Council is required to respond to the parish poll and parish petition.

4.3 Other Implications

There are no other implications arising directly from this report.

5. Background Papers

Report to Cabinet 26 September 2008, Parish Councils: Community Governance Reviews.

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