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NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

10th September 2018

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executive

Report Title	Community Governance review – draft Terms of Reference
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 9th July 2018 the Council agreed to consider establishing a community governance review Cross Party Working Group to oversee a community governance of the unparished areas of the Borough of Northampton

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That following the 'Cross Party Working Group – Community Governance Review' at its meeting on the 10th September 2018 Council be recommend to agree to the following:
- 2.1.1 that a CGR under Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 be undertaken in respect of the whole Borough area, rather than in respect of the unparished areas only
- 2.1.2 that the draft Terms of Reference at Appendix 1 of this report are approved; and
- 2.1.3 that it delegates authority to the Working Group to determine the timetable for the Community Governance Review to be included in the Terms of Reference, (including determining the date of commencement of the CGR).

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 On 31st August 2018, the Cross Party Working Group considered the enclosed copy of the report (at Appendix 1 of the report) and concluded that before formulating any options for a proposed Town Council that could go forward for consultation via a CGR, it would be useful to consider the early views of existing Parish Councils and Residents Associations, particularly on issues relating to the size of a proposed Town Council, how this would relate to existing Parish Councils and the issue of community geography in the unparished area of Northampton (shown on map at appendix 2).
- 3.1.2 Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the Council must aim to ensure that any community governance arrangements across the Borough must reflect the identities and interest of the community in that area.
- 3.1.3 At the Cross Party Working Group held on the 6th September 2018, it was agreed that the draft skeleton terms of reference be recommended to Council to ensure that the review be conducted in a succinct and timely manner and would comply with the relevant statutory provision for conducting a community governance review
- 3.1.4 The CGR process needs to commence as soon as possible and the CGR process needs to be both lawful and effective in canvassing the opinion of residents of Northampton and various organisations in the life and work of the Borough.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

- 4.1.1 There is no specific policy reference for this report.

4.2 Resources and Risk

- 4.2.1 These are referred to in the body of the attached report (Appendix 1)

4.3 Legal

- 4.3.1 These are referred to in the body of the attached report (Appendix 1)

4.4 Equality

- 4.4.1 There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

4.5 Other Implications

- 4.5.1 None

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 None

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Cross Party Working Group – Community Governance Review - Terms of Reference agenda 6th September 2018

Appendix 2 - Map showing parish and ward boundaries of Northampton Borough