

1.	Meeting:	Council Meeting
2.	Date:	3rd June, 2015
3.	Title:	Community Governance Review- Orgreave Parish
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

The Council have received a petition from Orgreave Parish Council requesting a Community Governance Review. This report explains the statutory background, outlines the proposed timetable and the role of the Council role in carrying out the review.

6. Recommendations

- that Council agrees to undertake a community governance review in the parish of Orgreave;
- that Council approves the terms of reference for the review ; and
- that a further report be submitted with the results of the consultation exercise

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 devolves the power to take decisions about matters such as the creation of parishes to the 'Principle' Council Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council now, therefore, has the power to carry out a Community Governance Review.

7.2 The Council has received a petition from Orgreave Parish Council asking that a Community Governance Review be undertaken in the Orgreave Parish Council area. The first page of the petition is at Appendix 1. The petition is a valid petition under the provisions of the Act.

7.3 The petition asks for a Community Governance Review to be undertaken with a view to altering the existing boundary of the parish of Orgreave to enable a separate parish to be formed for the new development known as Waverley. A map of the existing site and the proposals is at Appendix 1.

7.4 The reasons provided for the request are outlined in the terms of reference at Appendix 2 to this report.

If a valid petition is received, by the Council, is obliged to undertake out a review

Criteria

Section 93 of the Act require the Council to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- Reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area
- Effective and convenient

When considering the criteria the Council should take into account

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion and
- The size population and boundaries of a local community or parish

The Council is required to publish terms of reference for the review and this is at Appendix 2. Also at Appendix 2 is the proposed timetable for the review.

Government advice is that any community governance review should be completed within twelve months and any changes introduced on the 1st of April in the relevant year.

8. Finance

8.1 There will be a cost to undertaking the review. The terms of reference need to be publicised and the review advertised.8.2 There will be a cost for the advertising and a cost in officer time in undertaking the review.

It is considered that this should not exceed £10,000.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

9.1 Until the review is completed it will not be known whether the proposals will fulfil the criteria outlined in the guidance. It is a Council decision whether to accept any conclusions of any review and a further report will be submitted to Council with recommendations on the completion of the review.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

10.1 Correspondence between Council officers and Orgreave parish council guidance on Community Governance Reviews - Local Government boundary commission for England 2010.

Files held by Legal Services.

10.2 Initial Consultation has been undertaken by Orgreave Parish Council which resulted in submission of the petition. Further consultation, as part of the review, will be carried out including

1. The Boundary Commission
2. The local community
3. Members
4. The Parish Council

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