

Cherwell District Council

Council

15 May 2018

Community Governance Review – Graven Hill 2018

Report of Chief Executive

This report is public

Purpose of report

To consider the Terms of Reference for the Graven Hill Community Governance Review (CGR) and to request the appointment of Members to a working group for the CGR.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review (appendix 1)
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Assistant Director Law and Governance, in consultation with Group Leaders, to appoint two Members per Political Group to a Working Group to consider the Community Governance Review of the area known as Graven Hill.
- 1.3 To delegate authority to the Assistant Director Law and Governance, in consultation with the Working Group, to make any minor amendments to the Terms of Reference and the timetable for the review if required.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 On 18 December 2017 Full Council resolved to hold a Community Governance Review as soon as practical to consult on the principle of including the development of Graven Hill within the boundaries of Bicester Town Council. The report is available on the council's website.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 A CGR Working Group needs to be established in order to work through the details of the proposals agreed in the consultation document for distribution to the existing parishes and to make recommendations to full Council for consideration.
- 3.2 Any changes agreed as part of the CGR would come into force during the next ordinary year of election, which for Bicester Town Council would be 2019. It is expected that the consultation will be completed by October 2018.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 Cherwell District Council committed to undertake a CGR relating Graven Hill.
- 4.2 A working group is required to undertake the CGR relating to Graven Hill.

5.0 Consultation

None in the preparation of this report

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Not to approve the terms of reference and establish a Working Group to carry out the Community Governance Review. This is rejected as Council has already agreed to conduct a CGR and a working group will support the process..

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The costs of carrying out the review can be met from existing budgets.

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Legal Implications

- 7.2 The Council is empowered to undertake a Community Governance Review by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. In undertaking the review it must take steps to ensure that the outcome of the review reflects the identities and interests of the area being reviewed and the need to ensure effective and convenient community governance. Statutory guidance on the process can be

found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/8312/1527635.pdf

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

Bicester South and Ambrosden.

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

N/A

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

| Appendix No | Title |
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| Appendix 1 | Proposed Terms of Reference for Community Governance Review |
| Appendix 2 | Map of the Area |
| Background Papers | |
| None | |
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