

Community Governance Review Committee

Monday, 31 January 2011

Present: Councillor Peter Goldsworthy (Chair) Greg Morgan, Beverley Murray, Mark Perks, Geoffrey Russell, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

Also in attendance: Carol Russell (Democratic Services Manager), Alex Jackson (Senior Lawyer), Phil Davies (Principal Corporate Support Officer) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

11.CGR.06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

11.CGR.07 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No declarations of any interest were declared.

11.CGR.08 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Community Governance Review Committee meeting held on 25 November 2010 be held as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

11.CGR.09 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE BUCKSHAW AREA: TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee received a report of the Director of Transformation introducing the Terms of Reference document for the Community Governance Review of the Buckshaw Area.

The Terms of Reference was the legal document that provided;

- The scope of the Review;
- A framework for the conduct of the Review;
- The factual background on which recommendations would be based; and
- Potential outcomes

Its purpose was to ensure that all parties involved in the process were clear as to what issues were to be considered and what information would be used to prepare any recommendations.

The Chair drew Members attention to some of the key elements contained within the document, particularly in relation to the possible outcomes, consultation arrangements and timescales for the Review.

The Review would look at all options for future parish governance arrangements, that included:

- creating a new parish for Buckshaw made up of parts of the current Euxton and Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Councils;
- status quo, with current parishing arrangements remaining unchanged;
- the unparishing of some or all of the area under consideration;

- the unparishing of some or all the area under consideration, with a recommendation to reconsider the position if district boundaries are reviewed by the Boundary Commission for England which put all of Buckshaw Village under one District Council; and
- any other arrangements which come out of the consultation process for the review and receive significant support.

During the Review the Council proposed to use the following mechanisms to keep consultees informed:

- General press releases;
- Council website;
- Key documents on deposit at the Town Hall, Chorley library and relevant branch libraries.
- Briefings/public meetings with Buckshaw Village Community association, Euxton Parish Council, Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council and RMG, the Management Company who manage and maintain the community facilities and open spaces on Buckshaw Village.
- Direct personal communication.

The Committee had previously agreed a timeframe for the conduct of the Review with information and proposed deadlines on each of the stages. It was proposed that the draft recommendation stage be put back to the end of May/early June. Changes to dates, would be published on the Council's website.

It was acknowledged that the Community Governance Review would be a lengthy process but the regulations required that the Review be concluded within a 12 month period and the Committee was confident that this would be achieved.

The Final Proposals and request to make a Resignation Order, if required, would go before a Full Council meeting in the autumn of 2011 to allow for any changes to be implemented by 1 April 2012.

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference be approved for publication, including the revised timeframe indicated in the document.

Chair