



Report of:  
Councillor Kelham Cooke, the Deputy Leader of the Council and  
Councillor Jacky Smith, Cabinet Member for Communities, Health,  
Wellbeing and Skills

Report to:	<b>Council</b>
Date:	<b>22 November 2018</b>
Subject:	<b>Community Governance Review – Corby Glen Parish Council (LDS328)</b>

<b>Decision Proposal:</b>	Council Decision
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## **SUMMARY**

This report details the outcome of the Community Governance Review undertaken for Corby Glen Parish Council to increase the number of members on the Parish Council from seven to nine.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council approves the increase in membership of Corby Glen Parish Council from seven to nine members; and
2. That Council agrees the draft Reorganisation Order, as set out at Appendix 1, is made in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

## **1. BACKGROUND TO REPORT**

- 1.1 At the 1 March 2018 Council meeting, Members considered and approved the commencement of a Community Governance Review (CGR) for the Parish of Corby Glen following the receipt of a request from the Corby Glen Parish Council.
- 1.2 Corby Glen Parish Council had requested that the number of Councillors on the Parish Council be increased from seven to nine.
- 1.3 The Parish Council considers that an increase in the number of Councillors is needed because of significant growth of the electorate for the Parish, including the building of three new estates over the last 20 years.
- 1.4 Terms of Reference were approved and an initial consultation process was undertaken, which ended on 11 May 2018. During this period of consultation a total of 78 signatures were received from residents supporting the proposal to increase the number of members on the Parish Council from seven to nine. No representations were received against the increase.
- 1.5 Responses from the initial consultation were considered to prepare the draft recommendation to increase the number of Parish Councillors to nine.
- 1.6 A further period of consultation was undertaken on the draft recommendation from 11 June to 17 August 2018. One further response was received during the second consultation period in favour of the proposal as detailed below:  
  
*“I support the proposal of increasing the number of members on Corby Glen Parish Council from 7 to 9.*  
  
*Corby Glen has grown in the last few years with approximately 150 more houses and it is in SKDC's Local Plan for another 280 new homes”*
- 1.7 When considering the electoral arrangements of the Parish, the District Council is required to consider any changes in the number of the electors that is likely to occur in the next five years. The electorate is forecast to increase by 141 electors by 2023, to 988 electors.

- 1.8 Taking into account the results of the consultation exercises and the projected increase in electorate for the Parish, the recommendation is to implement the request made by Corby Glen Parish Council to increase the number of the Parish Councillors for the Parish by two, from seven to nine.
- 1.9 This will secure the community governance arrangements within the area and reflect the identities and interests of the community.
- 1.10 If approved, the number of Corby Glen Parish Councillors will not increase or take effect until the next set of ordinary Parish Council elections which are scheduled to take place in May 2019. A Reorganisation Order, included as an Appendix to this report, will also need to be made.

## **2. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 The Council may decide not to approve the final stage of this Community Governance Review but this may not be considered appropriate given the responses to the consultation.

## **3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no resource implications applicable to this report.

## **4. RISK AND MITIGATION**

- 4.1 Risk has been considered as part of this report and no specific high risks were identified.

## **5. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS (EQUALITY, SAFEGUARDING etc.)**

- 5.1 An equality analysis is not applicable in respect of this report.

## **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications relating to this report.

## **7. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 While the Council must provide resources to conduct the community governance review and any subsequent Order, there will be no ongoing financial liability to the Council.

## **8. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

- 8.1 Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 devolved power from the Secretary of State to principal councils to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements. The Community Governance Review was undertaken in accordance with this Act.

8.2 To implement the outcome of the review, the Council will be required to make a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order.

## **9. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES**

9.1 None

## **10. APPENDICES**

10.1 Appendix 1: draft Reorganisation of Community Governance Order 2018

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Guidance on conducting community governance reviews:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/8312/1527635.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/8312/1527635.pdf)
- Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/28/part/4>
- Corby Glen Community Governance Review Terms of Reference and Draft Proposal: <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=13428>