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**Key Decision – No**

## **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>Title/Subject Matter:</b>	Community Governance Review – Glatton and Conington Parishes Consultation Response
<b>Meeting/Date:</b>	Corporate Governance Committee – 9th July 2025
<b>Executive Portfolio:</b>	Councillor J Harvey – Executive Councillor for Governance and Democratic Services
<b>Report by:</b>	Elections and Democratic Services Manager
<b>Ward affected:</b>	Stilton, Folksworth & Washingley

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### **Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Community Governance Review (CGR) of Glatton and Conington parishes following public consultation.

The report sets out the outcome of the consultation with responses received and further guidance on the CGR process in order to assist the Committee in determining a way forward for final decision.

### **Recommendation(s):**

The Committee is

### **RECOMMENDED**

to consider the request to amend the parish boundaries of Glatton and Conington and to decide (and provide reasons) to either –

- (a) recommend to the Council the drafting of a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order for the amendment of the parish boundaries between the parishes of Glatton and Conington; or
- (b) decline to recommend to the Council the drafting of a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order for the amendment of the parish boundaries between the parishes of Glatton and Conington.

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken as part of the Community Governance Review (CGR) following the request received from Glatton Parish Council to review the parish boundary between Glatton and Conington parishes.
- 1.2 The Committee is requested to determine whether to proceed with making recommendations for amendments to the parish boundaries or whether to make no changes to the existing parish boundaries. The Committee should provide reasons for taking their decision.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”) provides for a Principal Council to conduct a review of the community governance arrangements for the whole or part of its area for the purpose of considering whether or not to make changes to parish boundaries or size and/or the creation of new parishes; and the review of the electoral arrangements for new and/or existing parishes.
- 2.2 On 17th April 2024 a request was received from Glatton Parish Council following a resolution at a meeting of the Parish Council on 1st March 2024 for Huntingdonshire District Council to review the parish boundary between Glatton and Conington.
- 2.3 The Committee at their meeting on 25th September 2024 declined to instigate a CGR and requested that Glatton Parish Council either seeks to reach an agreement with Conington Parish Council and/or submit a petition to the Council with the requisite number of signatories from the area expressing support for the proposed boundary change. This was as a result of the response provided by Conington Parish Council stating that it “preferred to respect the historical boundaries and maintain the status quo”.
- 2.4 A valid community governance petition was submitted by Glatton Parish Council on 12th November 2024. A principal council is under a duty to carry out a CGR if it receives a valid petition. The petition set out that the review was to consider the alteration of boundaries of existing parishes of Glatton and Conington.
- 2.5 The Terms of Reference of the CGR were approved at the meeting of the Committee on 29th January 2025 and were published on 3rd February 2025. The maps set out in the Terms of Reference detailing the proposals are attached for completeness at Appendices A and B.

## **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Public consultation opened on 3rd February 2025 and details were published on the District Council’s website with an e-form for submission of comments, also shared directly with Glatton and Conington parishes and they were encouraged to publicise the review locally.

- 3.2 The consultation was open for submissions for a period of eight weeks and closed on 31st March 2025. In total, 82 responses were received, with a split of 53 for and 29 against the proposal to amend the boundaries. The responses have been anonymised and summarised in the Appendices C and D attached.
- 3.3 The Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area and effective and convenient. In doing so, a CGR is required to take account of –
- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
  - The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.
- 3.4 The impact on community cohesion is linked specifically to the identities and interests of local communities. The Guidance states that *“In many cases a boundary change between existing parishes, or parishes and unparished areas, rather than the creation of an entirely new parish, will be sufficient to ensure that parish arrangements reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government”*. It also provides an opportunity to put in place strong boundaries and remove anomalous boundaries.

#### **4. KEY IMPACTS**

- 4.1 Undertaking a CGR gives residents the opportunity to engage with local democracy and help determine parish boundaries. The Council has the power to amend parish boundaries. Any changes to parish boundaries as a result of a Council decision will come into effect at the next scheduled Parish elections in May 2026.

#### **5. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN**

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the responses received to the public consultation exercise and determine whether or not it wishes to recommend to Council changes to the parish boundaries and reasons for their recommendations.

#### **6. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

[\*\(See Corporate Plan\)\*](#)

- 6.1 The undertaking of a Community Governance Review aligns with Priority 2: Creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations set out in the Corporate Plan 2023 to 2028.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Council has power under Section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct CGRs. A CGR must be

conducted in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 100(4) of the 2007 Act. These requirements are highlighted in section 3 of this report.

## **8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no significant resource implications arising from this report.

## **9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS**

- 9.1 There is a requirement to keep community governance under review to ensure that it is reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area and is effective and convenient.
- 9.2 The Committee is required to consider the outcome to the public consultation exercise of the Community Governance Review of Glatton and Conington parish boundaries and based upon the responses received, and taking into account the legislation and guidance, whether it wishes to proceed to recommend to Council or not the amendment of the parish boundaries.

## **10. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED**

Appendix A – Glatton Boundary  
Appendix B – Conington Boundary  
Appendix C – Responses from public consultation for proposals  
Appendix D – Responses from public consultation against proposals

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#)  
[Communities and Local Government - Guidance on community governance reviews](#)

Report and Minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee – 25th September 2024 and 29th January 2025

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