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## **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Title/Subject Matter:** Reorganisation of Community Governance Order  
- Glatton and Conington

**Meeting/Date:** Council – 17th December 2025

**Executive Portfolio:** Councillor J Harvey – Executive Councillor for  
Governance and Democratic Services

**Report by:** Elections and Democratic Services Manager

**Ward affected:** Stilton, Folksworth and Washingley

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### **Executive Summary:**

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

The recommendations within the report have been endorsed by the Corporate Governance Committee at their meeting on 9th July 2025.

The Council is

### **RECOMMENDED**

**to approve the drafting of a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to be made in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 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.

## **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 Section 93 of the 2007 Act allows principal councils to decide how to undertake such a review, provided they comply with the duties in the Act which apply to council’s undertaking reviews. If, following a review, the Council decides that changes should be made to the parish boundaries they may make an Order giving effect to these changes.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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”.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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 for boundary changes 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.
- 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.
- 3.5 The Committee at their meeting on 9th July 2025 considered the outcome of responses received to determine a way forward for final decision. Member of the Committee acknowledged that the decision was not straightforward but considered it a rational request, taking into account the guidance and legislation, and agreed that a recommendation be made to the Council for the drafting of a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to amend the parish 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. The proposed amendments to the parish boundaries fall within the existing ward of Stilton, Folksworth and Washingley and there is no requirement to make a formal request to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for a related alteration to the District Ward boundary.

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

[See Corporate Plan](#)

- 5.1 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.

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 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 governance arrangements. The Community Governance Review was undertaken in accordance with this Act.
- 6.2 To implement the outcome of the review, the Council will be required to make a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order.

## **7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 The Council is required to consider the outcome of the Community Governance Review of Glatton and Conington parish boundaries and, and taking into account the legislation and guidance, consider the recommendation for the drafting of a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to amend the parish boundaries in accordance with the review as undertaken by the Corporate Governance Committee that has taken into account all evidence presented. .

## **9. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED**

Appendix A - Glatton Boundary  
Appendix B - Conington Boundary

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

Report and Minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee – 25th September 2024, 29th January 2025 and 9th July 2025

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