

**PARISH ELECTORAL REVIEW - UPDATE
(Report by Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report was to advise Members of the present position in connection with the parish electoral review of the District and to address any issues that have arisen thus far following the publication of draft proposals.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Panel held on 2nd October 2006, Members finalised draft proposals for changes to parish boundaries and electoral arrangements. The public consultation exercise on these draft proposals commenced in December 2006.
- 2.2 Following the publication, it was necessary to convene a further meeting of the Panel on 15th December 2006 to address parish meetings as they had been omitted from the earlier consultation. Proposals for the parish meetings were finalised and circulated for public consultation mid-January 2007. As a result of this omission, the consultation period deadline was extended to the end of March 2007.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Arising from the consultation, a large volume of representations were received in respect of the proposals for the Ramsey and Bury parish boundaries and it was considered necessary to re-visit these proposals prior to the end of the consultation period. As a result, alternative proposals have been drafted for this area and Members are invited to determine which proposal is the most appropriate for further consultation. Maps will be circulated at the meeting.
- 3.2 In order to update the Panel on the present position of the parish electoral review, attached as an Appendix to the report is a summary of representations received to-date. Members are invited to consider whether any of the draft proposals need further consideration or investigation prior to the end of the consultation period.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Having regard to the representations received to-date following the publication of the draft proposals for changes to parish boundaries and electoral arrangements, Members of the Panel are invited to consider –
- (a) the determination of an alternative proposal for Ramsey and Bury parishes; and
 - (b) whether any of the draft proposals need further consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Minutes and Reports of the meetings of the Elections Panel – 22nd August, 2nd October and 15th December 2006.

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