

## Report of the Executive Director

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2021**Purpose of Report

To ask Council to approve changes to parish council boundaries in the south of the borough and the making of an order to bring those changes into effect from May 2023.

Recommendation**Council is asked to RESOLVE that:**

- 1. The changes to parish boundaries set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved and an Order be made to bring those changes into effect from 4 May 2023.**
- 2. The Head of Administrative Services request the Local Government Boundary Commission to make related alterations to the Borough ward boundaries as set out in Appendix 1.**
- 3. In light of the complex relationship between the communities in the north of the Borough and the limited time available to carry out a third consultation, no changes be made to the boundaries of Brinsley, Eastwood, Greasley (with the exception of its boundary with Awsworth parish south of the A610 as identified in Appendix 1), Kimberley (with the exception of its boundary with Awsworth parish at Awsworth Lane as identified in Appendix 1) and Nuthall at the present time.**
- 4. A further review be carried out later in the year, the arrangements to be approved by the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, to identify potential changes to parish boundaries of Brinsley, Eastwood, Greasley, Kimberley and Nuthall Parish Councils which will provide for appropriate governance arrangements for these communities.**

Detail

A review of parish boundaries and governance arrangements (Community Governance Review) started in June 2021. The purpose of the review is to ensure that local governance continues to be effective and convenient and that it reflects the identities and interests of local communities. The recommendations arising from the CGR should deliver improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more efficient delivery of local services.

A Task and Finish Group was set up to consider the representations made during the first stage consultation on the initial proposals agreed by the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on 17 May 2021. Draft recommendations were subsequently published for consultation which took into account the issues raised by parish councils and members of the public. During the second consultation period, a number of alternative arrangements were put forward in respect of parishes in the north of the Borough which were significantly different to the draft recommendations. Given that these proposals included changes which could have an adverse impact on another parish financially and put forward new boundaries which had not been subject to consultation, the Task and Finish Group concluded that further work is

needed to achieve satisfactory arrangements for Brinsley, Eastwood, Greasley, Kimberley and Nuthall where they border each other and which takes into account the complex relationship between the communities in that part of the Borough. In view of the short time to complete that under the current Review timetable and the need to carry out further consultation afterwards, the Group recommended to Council that no changes should be made to the boundaries of those parishes at the present time, but a further review, limited to those areas, be carried out later in the year, with a view to any changes coming into effect for the elections in 2027. However, changes have been proposed in Appendix 1 which affect Kimberley and Greasley but only where those parishes border Awsworth.

However, the Group recommended that the proposed changes to the boundaries of the unparished areas and Awsworth, Cossall, Greasley (in respect of land south of the A610 only), Stapleford and Trowell parishes and should be implemented as they are not contentious and have little or no impact financially. Details of these are set out in Appendix 1. Maps showing the proposed boundaries are shown in Appendix 2. If Council approve the recommendation, the elections to Awsworth, Cossall, Stapleford and Trowell parishes will be run on the new boundaries. In addition, some changes will be required so that borough and parish boundaries are coterminous. These are identified in Appendix 1 and will need to be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for approval.

#### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### Legal Implications

The Council has a responsibility under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to ensure that local governance continues to be effective and convenient and that it reflects the identities and interests of local communities.

#### Human Resources Implications

There are no Human Resources implications.

#### Union Comments

There are no comments from the Union.

#### Data Protection Compliance Implications

There are no data protection implications.

#### Equality Impact Assessment

There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.

#### Background Papers

Nil

## APPENDIX 1

Proposed parish boundary changes**1. AWSWORTH**(i) Awsorth Lane (Awsorth)

Electors	10
Properties	6

From Parish	Kimberley
To Parish	Awsorth
Ward Change	Yes

(ii) The Glebe

Electors	113
Properties	53

From Parish	Awsorth
To Parish	Cossall
Ward Change	No

**2. COSSALL**(i) Robinettes Lane

Electors	8
Properties	4

From Parish	Unparished
To Parish	Cossall
Ward Change	Yes

(ii) Awsorth Development Site

Electors	2
Properties	1

From Parish	Cossall
To Parish	Awsorth
Ward Change	No

**3. GREASLEY**(i) Land south of the A610

Electors	0
Properties	0

From Parish	Greasley
To Parish	Awsorth
Ward Change	No

**4. STAPLEFORD**(i) Ewe Lamb Close

Electors	0
Properties	0

From Parish	Stapleford
To Parish	Unparished
Ward Change	Yes

(ii) North of Stapleford Allocation

Electors	0
Properties	0

From Parish	Stapleford
To Parish	Unparished
Ward Change	Yes

(iii) Stapleford Allocation (Coventry Lane)

Electors	0
Properties	0

From Parish	Unparished
To Parish	Stapleford
Ward Change	Yes

(iv) Trowell Park Drive

Electors	38
Properties	17

From Parish	Stapleford
To Parish	Trowell
Ward Change	Yes

(v) Valmont Road

Electors	28
Properties	14

From Parish	Stapleford
To Parish	Unparished
Ward Change	Yes

**5. TROWELL**(i) Field Farm

Electors	0
Properties	0

From Parish	Trowell
To Parish	Stapleford
Ward Change	Yes

(ii) East of Coventry Lane

Electors	0
Properties	0

From Parish	Trowell
To Parish	Unparished
Ward Change	Yes













