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MEETING:	Full Council
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 23 rd September 2021
SUBJECT:	Community Governance Review (CGR) Timetable Release
AGENDA ITEM No.	21/22 52a
REPORT BY:	Clerk to the Council and Responsible Finance Officer

1. BACKGROUND

What is Community Governance Review?

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 made Principal Authorities fully responsible for governance arrangements at parish level.

A review can consider several issues, including whether to:

- create a new parish
- alter the boundary of an existing parish
- alter the electoral arrangement (for example, warding, number of Cllrs)
- group several parishes together in a grouped parish council

Why is it being conducted?

- Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review of St Albans electoral arrangements concluded in 2020
- Some district ward boundaries have changed, therefore in some cases parish boundaries that used to follow district ward boundaries no longer do so.
- Review will consider each case where a difference exists and consider whether to re-align those affected boundaries.
- Good practice to review all parish arrangements to ensure parishes remain relevant and responsive to any major changes within communities

Guiding principles of the review

- A parish should be based on an area which reflects community identity and is of a size which is viable as an administrative unit of local government.
- Boundaries should be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable
- Parishes must fall within the boundaries of a single principal council's area.
- Any recommendations made ought to result in more effective and convenient delivery of local service



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2. REVIEW TIMELINE

Timetable (subject to minor alteration)

1. Commencement of Review – 1 November 2021
2. Preparation, 2 months (desk research, information gathering, local meetings, terms of reference published) 1 November – 31 December 2021
3. Stage one, 2 months, initial submissions received – 4 January – 28 February 2022
4. Stage two, 2 months, consideration of submissions received, and draft recommendations prepared – 1 March – 30 April 2022
5. Stage three, 3 months, Draft recommendations published and consulted on – 1 May – 31 July 2022
6. Stage four, 2 months, consideration of submissions received, and final recommendations prepared – 1 August – 30 September 2022
7. Stage five, final recommendations published – 1 October 2022
8. Stage six, Council resolves to make a Reorganisation Order – 1 November 2022

3. COUNCIL ACTION

1. Council to note the review
2. The Clerk will take further instructions at Council