

**9 June 2022****Agenda Item: 13****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE AND  
EMPLOYEES****BASSETLAW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – STAGE 2****Purpose of the Report**

1. The report summarises the final draft recommendations relating to Bassetlaw District Council's Community Governance Review and asks for the approval of the Council's response to the consultation (**Appendix A**).

**Information**

2. Bassetlaw District Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review, which is a legal process that considers the most suitable ways of representing the people in the area identified in the review. Outcomes could include:
  - a. Creating, merging or abolishing parishes
  - b. The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes and the creation of town councils
  - c. The electoral arrangements for parishes (for instance, the ordinary year of election, council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding)
  - d. Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes
  - e. Other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings
3. At its meeting on 16 December 2021, the Governance and Ethics Committee considered Bassetlaw District Council's initial draft proposals. It agreed to send a holding response, noting that the proposals were subject to consultation, with suggestions welcomed from any local stakeholder, that could influence the final proposals and any response that the Council might wish to make later in the process.
4. The deadline for the initial phase of consultation closed on 1 January 2022 and the responses that were received were used by Bassetlaw District Council to produce its final draft proposals ([Agenda for Council on Thursday, 3rd March, 2022, 6.30 pm - Modern Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)). The County Council has now been invited to comment on these.
5. The recommendations and final proposals of Bassetlaw District Council on which this Council is being asked to comment are set out in the following table:

Area	Recommendation / Proposal
Ranskill and Torworth	That further consultation be undertaken by Bassetlaw District Council on the boundary between Ranskill and Torworth in the rear of Field View Gardens before formulating a proposal. There are no proposals presented to change boundary on the western side of the A638.
Carlton in Lindrick and the unparished area of Worksop	The area defined by the Rippon Homes development at Blyth Road / Thievesdale Lane to be transferred from the parish of Carlton in Lindrick to the unparished area of Worksop (this would affect the district Ward boundary). Any final decision on this boundary would need the approval of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Council and Cuckney and Norton Parish Council	That proposals to merge Holbeck and Welbeck Parish Council with Cuckney and Norton Parish Council are supported in principle
Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council	To increase the number of parish councillors from 7 to 8
Beckingham cum Saundby Parish Council	To reduce the number of parish councillors from 11 to 8

6. Since the conclusion of the first stage of consultation, a proposal to increase the number of parish councillors on Misson Parish Council has been withdrawn.
7. While the consultation period for this stage of the review closes on Friday 27 May 2022 (before the Committee meets), Bassetlaw District Council has agreed that the Council could submit a draft response (**Appendix A**), with a final response being provided once the Committee has made its decision. Responses received during this stage of consultation will be considered by Bassetlaw District Council at its Council meeting on 23 June 2022.
8. In preparing the draft Council response to the final draft recommendations, all of the County Councillors whose Divisions are in Bassetlaw District were consulted.
9. A Council undertaking a Community Governance Review may ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make changes to boundaries at district or county level to reflect reviewed parish boundaries and coterminosity. The proposals that are subject to the current consultation exercise would not impact on County Divisions. This is consistent with the draft proposals considered by the Governance and Ethics Committee in December 2021. This means that the Council does not need to make any requests for related alterations as part of its response.

### Other Options Considered

10. The Council could choose not to submit a response to the consultation.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

11. The report submitted to Bassetlaw's full Council meeting on 3 March 2022 sets out the feedback received during the first consultation period and how this has been taken into account in drafting the final proposals.
12. If any individual Councillor or group wishes to make their own comments on these proposals, they are able to make them directly to Bassetlaw District Council.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Implications for Service Users**

14. From a County Council perspective, it is not anticipated that the proposals will have any effect on service users.
15. There are wider impacts of the review, which will be for Bassetlaw District Council to consider when it develops its final proposals and subsequently votes on the final recommendations. These implications are an effect of the wider review and do not relate to County Divisions. These implications include the potential for affected residents' precept to change if they move from one parish to another, their representation at parish council level, and ensuring that there is consistent community identity within neighbourhoods.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Chief Executive be authorised to submit the response at **Appendix A** to the report to Bassetlaw District Council as Nottinghamshire County Council's response to the consultation on the final draft proposals of its Community Governance Review.

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## **Constitutional Comments (LW 05/05/2022)**

16. Governance & Ethics Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

## Financial Comments (SES 03/05/2022)

17. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

## Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- [Community Governance Review | Bassetlaw District Council](#)
- [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#)
- [Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Guidance on community governance reviews](#)

## Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All County Councillors whose divisions fall within the Bassetlaw area are listed below; those Divisions shown in bold include the parishes listed within the terms of reference of the review:

- Blyth and Harworth – Councillor Sheila Place
- **Misterton – Councillor Tracey Taylor**
- Retford East – Councillor Mike Introna
- Retford West – Councillor Mike Quigley
- **Tuxford – Councillor John Ogle**
- Worksop East – Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle
- **Worksop North – Councillor Callum Bailey**
- **Worksop South – Councillor Nigel Turner**
- Worksop West – Councillor Sybil Fielding