

COMMUNITY GOVERANCE REVIEW

DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR

CORBY GLEN PARISH COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

South Kesteven District Council received a request from Corby Glen Parish Council to increase the number of Councillors for the Parish Council from seven to nine.

The Parish Council considers that an increase in the number of councilors is needed because of the significant growth of the electorate for the parish during recent years, including the building of three new estates over the last 20 years.

South Kesteven District Council resolved to carry out a Community Governance Review on 1 March 2018. The <u>Terms of Reference</u> for the review were published on 5 March 2018 in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

CONSULTATION

Publication of the Terms of Reference started a 10 week period of consultation from 5 March to 11 May 2018. The consultation included:

- Publishing a notice of review and the terms of reference on the Council's website together with a submission form
- Making the terms of reference available for inspection at the Council's offices in Grantham,
 Bourne, Stamford and Market Deeping
- Publishing a notice of review and the terms of reference on notice boards within the parish
- Sending a copy of the notice and terms of reference to the Corby Glen Parish Council clerk for local review and for publication on the Corby Glen Parish Council website
- Sending a copy of the notice and terms of reference to :
 - All Corby Glen Parish Councillors;
 - o The District and County Councillors for the area; and
 - Lincolnshire County Council

RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

During the initial period of consultation, a total of 78 signatures were received from residents supporting the proposal to increase the number of members from seven to nine. No representations were received against the proposal. The proposal has the support of the ward member Councillor Nick Robins.

ELECTORATE GROWTH & FORECAST

When considering the electoral arrangements of the parish, the District Council is required to consider any changes in the number or distribution of the electors which is likely to occur in the period of five years beginning with the day when the review starts.

The existing parish electorate is 851 (Electoral Register of December 2017). The electorate is forecast to increase by 141 electors to 992 electors by 2023.

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All responses from the initial consultation have been considered to prepare a draft proposal. All responses received were in support of the increase to the number of members. The five year electorate also confirms the future growth within the parish. Taking into account the guidance, the statutory obligations and the responses received during the initial consultation exercise, the draft proposal is:

Draft Proposal:

To increase the number of Parish Councillors on Corby Glen Parish Council from seven to nine, to come into effect for the Parish Council elections in May 2019.

FURTHER CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PROPOSAL

A further period of consultation on this draft proposal will take place for a period of 10 weeks from 11 June 2018 to 17 August 2018.

Any comments on this draft proposal must be received by no later than **5.00pm on 17 August 2018**.

MAKING REPRESENTATIONS

Comments and representations to the consultation can be made in the following ways:

- Send your comments by email to <u>elections@southkesteven.gov.uk</u>
- Complete the submission form available on the South Kesteven District Council website www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CGR-2018 and sending it to elections@southkesteven.gov.uk
- Write to:

Corby Glen Community Governance Review Legal & Democratic Services South Kesteven District Council Council Offices St. Peter's Hill Grantham NG31 6PZ

Written comments must be received by 5.00pm on 17 August 2018. Any submissions received after this date may not be taken into account.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After the end of this second phase of consultation, the final recommendation will be prepared taking into account all responses received. The final recommendation will be considered by the Council at the meeting to be held on 22 November 2018.

Any changes to the electoral arrangements will require the District Council to adopt a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order. Copies of this Order, and the other documents that set out the reasons for the decision (including any decision to make no change) will be placed on deposit at the Council's offices and area offices and the Council's website. A copy will also be available from the Corby Glen parish council clerk.

Any changes to electoral arrangements arising from the review will come into effect at the next ordinary election to the parish council, which will be held on 2 May 2019.

PUBLICATION OF DRAFT PROPOSAL

This draft proposal document will be published on the South Kesteven District Council website www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CGR-2018 and is available for inspection at the offices of the Council

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