

## **Eastleigh Borough Community Governance Review (CGR):**

### **Background**

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, local authorities have the power to stimulate debate in respect of parish boundaries. Community Governance Reviews can take place for the whole, or part of, the Borough to consider one or more of the following:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
- The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes;
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election; council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the Council, and parish warding), and
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.

The Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- Reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- Is effective and convenient.

In doing so the community governance review is required to take into account:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

At its meeting on 20 November 2017, the Administration Committee agreed to carry out a Community Governance Review within the Borough.

At the first stage consultation parish councils were invited to make proposals regarding changes to their boundaries, warding arrangement and number of councillors along with a rationale for any change proposed. These proposals were subsequently subject to second consultation with residents and businesses. The outcome was considered by the Council's Administration Committee and then by the Full Council who recommended the implementation of a number of changes to both parish boundaries and warding arrangement.

### **Outcome:**

#### **Parish Boundary changes:**

##### **Bursledon Parish**

1. Transfer the northern part of the parish to Hedge End parish, creating a new boundary along the M27. Rationale: this community will see significant housing growth over the next three years and is primarily an urban extension of Hedge End that will look to Hedge End for local services. The M27 provides a natural and permanent boundary between the two communities.
2. Transfer the area of Old Netley from Hound parish to Bursledon Parish. Rationale: the community of Old Netley is an integral part of the community of Bursledon and residents there use services in Bursledon Parish. In addition two new housing developments adjacent to Old Netley will be part of this community.

##### **Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish**

Incorporate the proposed new area of development to the south of the current Fair Oak parish boundary (currently within West End Parish) to within a new and extended boundary located adjacent to the railway line south of the new development. Rationale: to retain a cohesive and separately identifiable community of Horton Heath; which includes the significant housing development that will be part of this community.

### **Hamble-le-Rice Parish**

Hamble parish northern boundary to extend to the boundary with Bursledon Parish Council and to the east to the centre line of Hamble Lane, resulting in a transfer of part of Hound to Hamble parish. Rationale: The current boundary dissects Hamble School campus and is irrational and has resulted in the school reverting to Hound Parish Council rather than Hamble, despite a significant portion of the school sitting within Hamble PC. Ensuring the school is entirely within one parish will help strengthen relationships with the school and ensure their issues are better understood within the parish.

### **Hedge End Parish**

Transfer the northern part of Bursledon parish to Hedge End parish, creating a new boundary along the M27. Rationale: this community will see significant housing growth over the next three years and is primarily an urban extension of Hedge End that will look to Hedge End for local services. The M27 provides a natural and permanent boundary between the two communities.

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### **West End Parish**

Transfer the proposed new area of development in the north of West End Parish to Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish, with a new boundary located adjacent to the railway line south of the new development. Rationale: to retain a cohesive and separately identifiable community of Horton Heath; which includes the significant housing development that will be part of this community.

### **Parish ward changes:**

#### **Bishopstoke Parish**

Abolish existing parish wards. Divide the parish into 5 more equal sized wards each with three councillors. Rationale: this would reduce by-election cost. The changes would ensure logical wards and boundaries which relate well to polling station locations.

#### **Bursledon Parish**

The new parish area, as set out above to have no wards.

#### **Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish**

The parish of Fair Oak and Horton Heath shall have three parish wards; Fair Oak and Horton Heath North, Fair Oak & Horton Heath South and Fair Oak and Horton Heath Stoke Heights. The existing ward of Fair Oak West shall be abolished and incorporated into Fair Oak North ward. The area transferred from West End Parish will be incorporated into Fair Oak and Horton Heath South parish ward. This will provide a more even distribution of councillors.

**Hedge End Parish**

The existing wards of the parish of Hedge End shall be abolished and the parish is divided into nine parish wards. This has the potential to achieve a more even distribution of electors, avoid roads being divided between ward and closer to even representation.

**Hound Parish**

The existing parish wards of Hound are abolished and the new parish area will be un-warded. This will enable the councillors to work more effectively across the new parish area.