

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

(25 November 2021)

Community Governance Review

1. Decision:

- 1.1 The Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Housing & Health approved the outline timetable and Notice for the Community Governance Review and recommended it to Full Council to begin the consultation process.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 A community governance review is a legal process that provides an opportunity for principal councils to review and make changes to community governance within their areas. It involves consulting those living in the area and other interested parties and making sure they have a say in how their local communities are represented.
- 2.2 The Review can consider one or more of the following options:
- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
 - The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes and the creation of town councils
 - 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)
 - Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes
 - Other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings
- 2.3 The Review cannot:
- Change the number of councillors on Lichfield District Council
 - Change Lichfield District Council ward boundaries
 - Change the amount of money that a parish council raises through your council tax (known as 'precept')

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 A community governance review is a statutory obligation of the district Council, we can delay undertaking one, however there are advantages in undertaking this review before

the next District and Parish elections in 2023 or before one is invoked by request from the electorate.