Community Governance Review – Romsey Town

Report of the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder

Recommended:

1.   That the Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review covering Romsey and Romsey Extra parishes, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.

2.   That a Member Panel of seven Members be established to consider representations received as part of the Community Governance Review, with membership to be nominated by Group Leaders.

SUMMARY:

- This report follows full Council's decision on 1 September 2021 to agree to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) of the boundaries of Romsey Town, following a request from Romsey Town Council to extend the existing boundaries, so that the new boundary is coterminous with the existing Borough Ward boundaries.

- The next stage in the CGR process is to approve Terms of Reference for the Review. Draft terms are attached at Annex 1 to the report, and set out details of the background, the process to be followed, consultation arrangements, and timetable.

- The report also proposes the appointment of a Member Panel to review any representations that are received, and assist in the preparation of reports to full Council on draft and final recommendations, as part of the CGR process.

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1   Introduction

1.1   At its last meeting on 1 September 2021, Council decided to undertake a Community Governance Review of Romsey and Romsey Extra parishes, in response to Romsey Town Council's resolution to request a review of its boundaries, so as Romsey Town's area will include the full extent of the three Romsey Borough Wards.

1.2   This report proposed draft Terms of Reference for the Review, and also proposes the appointment of a Member Panel to assist in the CGR process.

2   Background

2.1   Members are referred to the previous report for the full detailed background to this matter, which is summarised in the draft Terms of Reference at Annex 1 to the report.

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