

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member Community Safety and Cohesion – Councillor J McNicholas

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Ward(s) affected:

Woodlands and Tile Hill and Canley

Title:

Request for Community Governance Review - Allesley

Is this a key decision?

No – However, the decision to undertake the community governance review is a function reserved for Council

Executive summary:

The Council has received a valid petition under Section 83(2), Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act).

The Council must now respond to the petition and undertake a community governance review (CGR).

The petition requests that the Council:

“Change the Allesley Parish Council boundary to remove the built-up areas of Eastern Green, Pickford Green and Brownhill Green from the parish.”

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion recommends that:

1. Having reviewed the petition that a report be taken to Full Council to conduct a community governance review that extends to cover the parishes of Allesley and Keresley, as the proposal will potentially have a knock-on impact on Keresley.

List of Appendices included:

None

Background papers:

None

Other useful documents

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – as it is a matter reserved for Council.

Report title: Request for Community Governance Review – Allesley Parish

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 In accordance with Section 83(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 a valid petition has been received requesting that a Community Governance Review be conducted in relation to Allesley Parish.
- 1.2 The Council must now respond to the petition and undertake a community governance review (CGR).
- 1.3 The petition requests that the Council:

“Change the Allesley Parish Council boundary to remove the built-up areas of Eastern Green, Pickford Green and Brownhill Green from the parish.”
- 1.4 Under the 2007 Act, the Council has a duty to keep the community governance arrangements in place in the area under review. The Government’s guidance suggests that a council should do every 10-15 years.
- 1.5 This would require reviewing the arrangements for existing parish councils and exploring whether there is adequate community governance in the unparished areas of the City.
- 1.6 Coventry City Council has not undertaken a full review of community governance since the 2007 Act was implemented.
- 1.7 In response to the petition, the Council must now undertake a community governance review, with terms of reference that consider the matters raised in the petition. As this is a matter reserved for Full Council this will be the subject of a separate report.
- 1.8 It should also be noted that the council may choose to widen the terms of reference to consider other matters, such as:
 - consider the impact of any changes on neighbouring areas. The petition requests that certain areas are removed from the Allesley Parish Council area (as outlined in the map at Appendix 1). This would leave unparished areas in between the Allesley and Keresley Parish council areas. The review could consider whether this is what the residents want or is there an alternative for example moved into the Keresley Parish Council area with the rest of Tamworth Road.
 - reviewing all parish council arrangements in the city. This would consider the boundaries, number of councillors and other arrangements for Allesley Parish Council, Keresley Parish Council and Finham Parish Council.
 - carrying out a review covering the whole city. This would include the options above and whether any new parish councils or other forums should be created.
- 1.9 A consultation exercise must be carried out, with particular attention to those residents potentially affected by the outcomes of the review. This would specifically be aimed at residents within the Eastern Green, Pickford Green and Brownhill Green areas – as

well as the residents in the rest of the Parish Council area. However, any consultation would need to be open to all Coventry residents.

- 1.10 As outlined above, this consultation could also specifically include residents of the adjacent Keresley Parish Council, given the potential knock-on impact on Keresley.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1. Option 1 – to carry out a community governance review which only responds to the direct request made in the petition, that the named areas should be removed from the Allesley Parish Council area. This is not recommended due to the potential knock-on impact on Keresley.
- 2.2. Option 2 – to conduct a community governance review covering the parishes of Allesley and Keresley, as the proposal will potentially have a knock-on impact on Keresley. This is the recommended option.
- 2.3. Option 3 – the review should consider the community governance arrangements for all three parish councils in the city. This is not recommended as Finham has only been in existence for 10 years.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1. The receipt of the petition under the 2007 Act puts the Council under a statutory duty to undertake a community governance review and as such no consultation is required in relation to the recommendations in this report.
- 3.2. Following approval of the recommendations set out in this report, a report detailing the terms of reference, process and timetable will be presented to Full Council in September 2026.
- 3.3. Following the approval by Full Council there will then be a consultation which will take place for a period of 6-8 weeks.
- 3.4. Once the consultation has closed the responses will be collated and analysed and the Council will need to consider its initial proposals for the any changes, this will determine if there needs to be a further consultation exercise.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1. The council must complete this review within 12 months of receiving the petition. The petition was received on 17 February 2026.
- 4.2. It is anticipated that the terms of reference and timetable for the review will be put before Full Council in September. There would need to be at least one round of consultation to seek views and then a further round of consultation based on the Council's draft proposals. These would then inform the final decision, to be made by Full Council.

4.3. The detailed terms of reference and timetable will form an appendix in the report to Full Council.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Resources and Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

5.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

If any Parish Council footprints were to be changed following the review, then this would have a direct impact on the number of properties paying the relevant Parish Council precept and could therefore impact on the local Parish Council's finances.

5.2. Legal Implications

The council is legally required to respond to the petition for a community governance review. The community governance review will be undertaken in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and supplementary guidance. This is due to the fact that the Council is obliged to undertake a review which has been requisitioned following the submission of a valid petition and these will be covered in a report being taken to Full Council in September 2026.

6. Other implications

6.1. How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>

The decision will contribute to the following one Coventry Plan –

Not applicable.

6.2. How is risk being managed?

There is no ongoing risk.

6.3. What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4. Equalities / EIA?

This decision does not impact on Equalities

6.5. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

Not applicable

6.6. Implications for partner organisations?

None

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