

## **Community Governance Review Member Working Group**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Role of the Community Governance Review Member Working Group**

A cross party, non-decision making Member Working Group who will work with officers on the Community Governance Review for the Unparished Area of Taunton.

The Working Group will report back to Full Council, but reports will also go to the Charter Trustees for their information

The panel will meet on a regular basis to review the options available to the Council

#### **Scope**

A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of the district to consider the creation of a new Parish(es):

- Terms of reference for the Community Governance Review must specify the area under review and set out clearly the matters on which the Review is to focus, and these Terms of Reference must be published.
- Consultees are set out in the Act and Guidance, and include the County Council, Members of Parliament, local councils, local people, local businesses and voluntary organisations, and their representations must be taken into account when finalising the detail of the review.
- The review must take into account the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.
- The review must consider electoral arrangements and, if creating a large Parish, whether or not this should be warded. Careful consideration must also be given to any Ward boundaries as these can have consequential effects on the boundaries for other tiers of local government.

#### **Membership**

The membership of the group will be politically balanced, with all political parties being represented.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Political Party / Role</b>
Cllr Simon Coles	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Richard Lees	Liberal Democrat

Cllr Hazel Prior-Sankey	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Fran Smith	Liberal Democrat
Cllr John Hunt	Independent
Cllr Loretta Whetlor	Independent
Cllr Norman Cavill	Conservative
Cllr Libby Lisgo	Labour

### **Method of Working**

- The Chair and Vice Chair to be elected at the first meeting on the Working Group
- Support from the Governance team.
- The Working Group will meet virtually on a regular basis, via Zoom
- The Working Group will work through the project plan and timetable for the Community Governance Review, drawing in relevant expertise as appropriate.
- The Working Group can make recommendations but is not a decision making body, collective views will feed into the Working Group report, which will be taken through the democratic process