

Public notice - outcome of the Parish of Carbrooke, Parish of Great Ellingham and Parish of Thetford Community Governance Reviews

Breckland Council has conducted a Community Governance Review for the parish area of Carbrooke, the Parish area of Great Ellingham and the Parish area of Thetford under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Council decision

In summary, a decision was made at the Council meeting on 6 December 2018.

- 1) That in the interests of effective and convenient local government and having taken into account the representations received; the number of Parish Councillors for Carbrooke Parish Council be increased from 7 to 9. To be effective for the District and Parish Elections in 2019.
- 2) the boundary of the Parish of Great Ellingham be altered to extend to the southern boundary of the Parish of Great Ellingham to meet the natural boundary provided by the A11 which currently lies within the Parish of Attleborough (Queens and Besthorpe Ward)
- 3) the Parish boundary for Thetford be extended to include all the land to the south of the A11 and west of the A1075 currently in the Parish of Croxton, with the boundary between Croxton and Kilverstone remaining unchanged
- 4) an additional two Councillors for Thetford for the new Parish Ward be approved; and
- 5) the new Parish Ward for Thetford be named the 'Iceni' Ward

The Community Governance Review Sub Committee conducted the review in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Government's guidance on conducting community governance reviews.

In considering the results of the consultation and formulating recommendations, Members have ensured that the proposed community governance arrangements within the area under review are reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Key considerations taken into account in conducting the review include:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion
- The size, population and boundaries of local communities or parishes

- The proposed arrangements reflecting the distinctive and recognisable communities of interest with their own sense of identity
- The degree to which the proposals offer a sense of place and identify for residents

The Council has taken account of the feedback from all stages of public consultation and has noted the existing arrangements in place for community representation and community engagement, together with the extent to which they create opportunities for engagement and empowerment in local communities. Legal services will be instructed to draft the required Community Governance Order to bring the decisions into effect; subject to the Local Government Boundary commission permission for the Great Ellingham and Thetford Community Governance Review decisions.

The Council's decision and arrangements for the Parish of Carbrooke are brought into effect by the Breckland District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Carbrooke Order 2019 a copy of which, together with a map showing the new parish ward boundaries, may be inspected at the Council Offices.