

# Democratic Renewal Working Party



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Democratic Renewal Working Party** held on **Monday 23 May 2016** at **5.00 pm** in **Conference Room East (FR1-10)**, **West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU**

Present: **Councillors**

**Chairman** Patricia Warby  
**Vice Chairman** Jim Thorndyke

John Burns  
Susan Glossop  
David Nettleton

Richard Rout  
Sarah Stamp

26. **Substitutes**

No substitutions were declared.

27. **Election of Chairman**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Patsy Warby be elected Chairman for the 2016/2017 year.

28. **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

29. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Jim Thorndyke be appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2016/2017 year.

30. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016 (tabled at the meeting) were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31. **Community Governance Review**

The Working Party considered Report No: DEM/SE/16/002, which presented the final recommendations in respect of the Community Governance Review, following consultation.

The Working Party considered each of the issues and the extensive evidence received by the Council during consultation on the final recommendations in phase 2 of the review, in turn. As a result of its detailed deliberations, the Working Party's final recommendations, including a summary of its discussions, were provided in Report No: COU/SE/16/009, for consideration by full Council on 28 June 2016.

**RECOMMENDED: That**

- (1) the proposals of the Working Party, as set out in Appendices A-C to Report No: COU/SE/16/009, be adopted as the final decisions in relation to this Community Governance Review (CGR);**
- (2) the implementation of any agreed changes arising from this review be dealt with in accordance with the proposals contained in Report No: COU/SE/16/009;**
- (3) in respect of (2) above, the Service Manager (Legal) and/or the Elections Manager be authorised to request the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make any necessary consequential changes to district and county council electoral arrangements and, depending on the response of the Commission, to determine the implementation arrangements for this CGR accordingly;**
- (4) the Service Manager (Legal) and/or the Elections Manager be authorised to publish the decisions taken as part of this CGR and to make and implement the necessary Order(s), in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and advice of the Boundary Commission;**
- (5) the latest position in relation to the matters the Council has already determined in December 2015, as set out in Appendix D to Report No: COU/SE/16/009, be noted;**
- (6) the proposed amendment to the current boundary of the Eastgate and Moreton Hall Wards of the Town and Borough Councils, set out in Report No: COU/SE/16/009, be examined as part of a future Electoral Review (if not**

*previously implemented through this CGR under review issue 7);*

- (7) *the officers discuss the request of Barrow cum Denham Parish Council to increase its council size with that Parish Council and report back to the Working Party accordingly; and***
- (8) *Councillor Nettleton's request to look at the Eastgate and Fornham Ward (and associated parish) boundary be examined as part of any future Electoral Review of the Borough and/or County Council if required.***

The Meeting concluded at Time Unknown

**Signed by:**

**Chairman**

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