

# Mildenhall Parish - change of name

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**Decisions Plan:** **Not applicable as this is not an executive matter**

**Wards impacted:** **Mildenhall (all wards)**

**Recommendation:** **It is recommended that Council:**

- 1. Notes the request from Mildenhall Town Council to change the name of the parish of Mildenhall.**
- 2. Approves that the name of Mildenhall Parish be changed to Mildenhall High Parish.**
- 3. Authorises the Director (HR, Governance and Regulatory) to make the necessary legal order to enact the change to the parish name.**

## **1. Context to this report**

- 1.1 Changing the name of a parish area can be achieved through a Community Governance Review process in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. However, such a change may also be progressed under section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 at the request of the relevant Parish or Town Council.
- 1.2 To change the name of a parish, a decision is required by West Suffolk Council, which would then make a Parish Change of Name Order and notify the Secretary of State, Director General of the Ordnance Survey, and the Registrar General.

## **2. Proposals within this report**

- 2.1 A request has been received from Mildenhall Town Council to formalise a change in the name of the parish area so that the parish be known as Mildenhall High.
- 2.2 The Town Council has advised that the Town has historically been known as Mildenhall High and the Town Council has, since May 2019, operated informally under the name of Mildenhall High Town Council. However, no order has been made to formalise the change of name of the parish area from Mildenhall to Mildenhall High.
- 2.3 Council is asked to consider the request for the change of name and, if approved, to authorise officers to prepare the necessary legal orders and issue the relevant notifications as required under section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **3. Alternative options that have been considered**

- 3.1 Council may approve the proposed name changes for the parish or decline to approve any change. If it considers a different name would be appropriate for the parish, then the consent of the Town Council would need to be sought.

## **4. Consultation and engagement undertaken**

- 4.1 There are no specific consultation requirements where a change of parish name is being considered under section 75 of the Local Government Act. Consultation or engagement, if any, would be the responsibility of the relevant Parish/Town Council prior to making the request.

**5. Risks associated with the proposals**

5.1 None

**6. Implications arising from the proposals**

6.1 Legal compliance - This report is consistent with the requirements of section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**7. Appendices referenced in this report**

7.1 None

**8. Background documents associated with this report**

8.1 The Local Government Act 1972, Part IV, Section 75.