

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Wards Affected</b>	All Kettering Town wards and those immediately adjacent	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	
<b>Title</b>	Community Governance Review - Parish Boundaries		

### 1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

For members to consider options in relation to determining the boundaries of a Parished area covering the town of Kettering by giving consideration to the following criteria;

- defining the area of the parish taking into account the key principles outlined in the DCLG/LGBCE guidance of community cohesion reflecting the identities and interests of the area, and effective and convenient community governance;
- giving consideration to the impact on adjacent parishes in particular the issues defined in the agreed terms of reference that relate to the impact of planned developments due to take place over the next five years and beyond (in particular the East Kettering SUE).

### 2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1. The intention of this review is to resolve the future status of Kettering and to address its eastern boundary with adjacent parishes, and take the opportunity to be clear about the relationship of the urban extension to affected parishes. It is not intended to be a wider Borough wide review.
- 2.2 The last CGR in the Borough was conducted in 2014. One of the matters it considered was the need to change the current boundary between Kettering unparished area and Cranford Parish Council, to recognise the impact the East Kettering urban extension would have on the identity of the latter parish. It was agreed in principle that the boundary would change to accommodate all of the urban extension within the unparished area, either from 2018 or from the point at which houses were being built within Cranford's current area. That development has just begun.
- 2.3 However, there are other parishes directly affected by East Kettering SUE, principally Barton Seagrave and to a lesser extent Burton Latimer. The attached plan (**Appendix A**) shows the overlay of existing parish boundaries and the

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urban extension. The need to review these is therefore clear.

2.4 The main considerations for members relating specifically to the issues outlined above will be as follows:

- Determining the boundary between the town of Kettering and the Parish of Cranford
- Determining the boundary between the town of Kettering and the Parish of Barton Seagrave
- Determining the boundaries between the parishes of Barton Seagrave Cranford and Burton Latimer
- Reviewing any other issues relating to the eastern boundary of the town of Kettering

2.5. In order to assist members with some of these issues, plans are attached at **Appendix B** that give options for where the boundaries could be drawn. There will also be the opportunity for members to explore other possibilities if they wish at the meeting.

2.6. When considering boundaries of all types, members should do so with development projections for the next 5 years in mind, so that they are planning for the provision at that time rather than immediately after the conclusion of the review. A copy of the number of projected housing developments in the Wards affected by the review over that period is attached at **Appendix C**.

### **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 Members will need to factor other criteria into their consideration of these matters throughout their deliberations. Much of this is included in the Guidance Document relating to Community Governance Reviews published by the former DCLG.

3.2. Section 93 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 Act requires principal councils to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area and
- effective and convenient

3.3. When considering the criteria identified in the 2007 Act, principal councils should take into account a number of influential factors, including:

- the impact of community governance arrangements on community

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cohesion and

- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish

3.4. In considering this guidance, the impact on community cohesion is linked specifically to the identities and interests of local communities. Size, population and boundaries are linked to both but perhaps more specifically to community governance being effective and convenient.

3.5. Additionally, there will be a planned boundary review of the new unitary authority area undertaken by the LGBCE which is likely to take place in 2021. Members will need to be very mindful of this particularly in relation to the impact of any changes made to parish boundaries that could affect ward or electoral division boundaries which will be reviewed in 2021.

#### **4. POLICY AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The costs of a review are largely officer time, and the costs of any material produced in order to carry out the consultation. Clearly, the more extensive the consultation, the greater those costs and officer time will be

#### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

Members give consideration to;

- i) defining the area of the parish taking into account the key principles outlined in the report with a view to determining the boundaries of the parished area for the town of Kettering; and
  - ii) giving particular consideration to the issues outlined in section 2 of the report, relating to the impact of the East Kettering SUE on the areas defined in that section.
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