

<b>STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 9</b>
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## Report of the Head of Legal Services

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### APPROVAL OF NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee to publically approve the unapproved Neighbourhood Committee minutes from meetings held during December 2012 and March 2013.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the Committee to agree the approval of the Neighbourhood Committee minutes for the following meetings:

- Central and North – 4 March 2013
- Dogsthorpe, East and Park – 13 March 2013
- Rural North – 12 December 2012
- Peterborough North Area Committee – 17 December 2012
- Peterborough West – 15 January 2013
- Fletton, Stanground & Woodston – 16 January 2013
- Ortons with Hampton – 18 December 2012

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It was decided at the medium term financial budget meeting on 6 February 2013 that Neighbourhood Committees would be disbanded. Since 2010 Neighbourhood Committees had been run as a way of engaging with communities. However, these have generally been poorly attended by the public which indicated that they were not necessarily the best way of discussing and debating local issues. The proposal to stop Neighbourhood Committees would potentially save in the region of £32k.
- 3.2 The minutes for the last public Neighbourhood Committee meetings have therefore been left unapproved. The Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Members of the seven Committees have been consulted with and gave approval of these minutes.
- 3.3 Approval has been obtained from Members (see appendix 1), therefore the minutes are presented to the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee to provide a public record that these minutes have been approved.

#### 4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None

#### 5. APPENDICES

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Committee Minutes Approval  
Appendix 2 – Minutes of the following meetings:

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