

FLETTON, STANGROUND & WOODSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FLETTON WARD TO FLETTON & WOODSTON WARD AND STANGROUND CENTRAL WARD TO STANGROUND & FLETTON EAST WARD

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Solicitor to the Council	
<p>That this Neighbourhood Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. considers the implications and puts forward its views and comments for representation to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and full Council on the proposed change of name for Fletton Ward to Fletton & Woodston Ward 2. considers the implications and puts forward its views and comments for representation to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and full Council on the proposed change of name for Stanground Central Ward to Stanground & Fletton East Ward. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 At its meeting on 13 October 2010, Council agreed to carry out consultation with appropriate persons on the proposal from ward councillors to change the name of Fletton Ward to Fletton & Woodston Ward and Stanground Central Ward to Stanground and Fletton East ward to reflect the geographical areas. There are no proposals to change ward boundaries.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to consult with appropriate persons of the affected wards and seek their views about the proposed changes so these can be presented to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and full Council.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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3.1 To ensure that any agreed name change can be implemented prior to the 2011 election it is intended to carry out the required consultation between mid October and mid January so that a recommendation can be brought to Council via a specially convened meeting prior to the ordinary meeting on 23 February 2011.

4. CHANGE TO THE NAME OF FLETTON & STANGROUND CENTRAL WARDS

- 4.1 The Ward Councillors for Fletton and Stanground Central Wards have received representations from a number of their constituents who have commented that the current name of the Wards do not reflect the geographical area that they cover.
- 4.2 Under Section 59 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, local authorities may change the name of its electoral areas provided the name of the area is not protected.
- 4.3 On 1 April 2010 the responsibility for ward names transferred from the Electoral Commission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).
- 4.4 The LGBCE has advised that the ward names for Fletton and Stanground Central are protected firstly due to the recent Peterborough (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007 S.I. 2007/325, which altered twelve ward boundaries in Peterborough, including Fletton and Stanground Central and secondly, the required period of 5 years has not lapsed since the making of the order.
- 4.5 Peterborough City Council will need to request consent from the LGBCE following consultation with appropriate persons before holding a meeting and passing a resolution to change the name of both wards. The LGBCE will consider the request at a scheduled meeting and provided they are satisfied that adequate consultation has take place and there is no significant local objection, will not withhold consent unreasonably.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation with appropriate persons is being carried out via the Website, Media, appropriate neighbourhood council meeting and a postcard delivered to all properties in both wards.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 The response to the consultation will be reported to Council at a specially convened meeting prior to the ordinary meeting on 23 February 2011.
- 6.2 Council will be recommended to make its decision based on the outcome of the consultation.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Council has a legal obligation to consult with appropriate persons about proposed changes to the names of electoral areas.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 There are no alternative options in order to change the name of an electoral area.

9 IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There will be minimal costs arising from the consultation and in officer time carrying out statutory procedures.

10 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007