

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 10
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Report of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group

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NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL REVIEW – PART ONE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Committee following the completion of the first part of a scrutiny review of Neighbourhood Councils.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider and comment on the draft report and if appropriate refer the report to Cabinet on 7 February 2011.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 Neighbourhood Councils are contributing to the empowerment and citizenship agenda, which underpins the Sustainable Community Strategy.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At its meeting on 10 November 2010, this Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish group to conduct a review of Neighbourhood Councils on its behalf.

The Task and Finish Group comprises the following members:

- Councillor Burton
- Councillor John Fox
- Councillor Goldspink
- Councillor Khan
- Councillor Sandford
- Councillor Simons
- Councillor Todd

- 4.2 The draft report of the Review Group is attached at Appendix 1.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Any implications are contained within the draft report at Appendix 1.
- 5.2 Further detailed costing on the Financial Implications of the recommendations made within this report will be presented in the report to Cabinet.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken and is detailed in the draft report at Appendix 1.

7. NEXT STEPS

7.1 If approved by the Committee the report will be presented to Cabinet on 7 February 2011.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

8.1 Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 10 November 2010.

9. APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix1 - Neighbourhood Council Review – Part 1