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Parishes Affected

Longworth

Matter to be considered

Removal of the current warding arrangements for Longworth Parish Council, currently comprising east and west wards.

Proposal agreed by the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 14 August 2017 for consultation

To consult on a draft proposal to remove the current warding arrangements for Longworth Parish Council currently comprising east and west wards.

Summary of parish council responses

Longworth Parish Council requested and supports the proposal.

Summary of other responses

No further responses were received at this stage of the process. A summary of the responses received to the earlier consultation were submitted to the committee at its meeting in August and showed one in support.

Recommendation

To remove the current warding arrangements for Longworth Parish Council.

Justification

The parish currently comprises east and west wards. This arrangement came into effect with the making of The Vale of White Horse District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2010 which transferred land between the parishes of Longworth and Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor. This review divided the parish between the district wards of Longworth and Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor.

Following the LGBCE review of electoral arrangements of the Vale of White Horse, completed in 2013 and implemented for the May 2015 elections, Longworth parish is no longer divided between district wards now lying wholly within the Thames ward. In light of the revised district ward boundary there is no legal requirement for the parish to be warded and no evidence to support the retention of the warding arrangement to reflect different community identity or local linkages.