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Parishes Affected

East Hanney

Matter to be considered

To increase the number of councilors – currently six.

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

To consult on a draft proposal to increase the number of councillors at East Hanney Parish Council from six to eight.

Summary of parish council responses

East Hanney Parish requested an increase in parish councillor numbers as a result of the current housing developments and expansion of the village since 2011.

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 five people provided a view on the proposal to change the number of parish councillors in East Hanney. All respondents were in agreement with the proposal.

Recommendation

To increase the number of parish councillors to eight.

Justification

East Hanney had a contested election in 2011 (seven candidates for six vacancies). In 2015 the election was uncontested.

East Hanney's electorate is currently 738 and will increase as a result of housing permissions to approximately 1200 by 2021. The National Association of Local Councils guidance is that a council size of seven is appropriate for a council with an electorate up to 900 and eight for an electorate up to 1,400.