

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE - 27 MARCH 2012

Title:

**AREA PLANNING COMMITTEES – PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT TO
WESTERN/SOUTHERN AREA BOUNDARY**

[Wards Affected: All Southern and Western Wards]

Summary and purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the proposals to adjust the Western and Southern Planning Committee area boundary.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

Adjusting the Area Planning Committee boundaries will help the Area Planning Committees in understanding residents' needs within the new boundaries and in protecting and enhancing the environment in their areas.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the report itself.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

There are no direct resource / value for money implications arising from the report.

Legal Implications:

The Council is able to set its own Committee structure to reflect better its community's needs.

Introduction

1. Members have proposed adjusting the boundary between Southern and Western Area Planning Committees. Eastern and Central Areas are not affected.

Objectives

2. The objectives of the proposed change are to:
 - a) Equalise workloads between the Committees
 - b) Reflect the more urban nature of Farnham
 - c) Reflect the more rural nature of Frensham, Dockenfield and Tilford ward and Southern area
 - d) Give a larger number of Councillors from which to appoint to Southern Area Planning Committee

Proposal

3. The proposal is that Frensham, Dockenfield and Tilford ward would move from Western Area to Southern Area Planning Committee. This is detailed at Annexe 1 to this report. No change would be made to Central or Eastern Area Planning Committees.

Membership

4. The current membership of both Southern and Western Area Planning Committees, including the numbers of Waverley Councillors in the Wards covered, is detailed at Annexe 2. Proposed new membership of the new Western and Southern Committees is as follows:-

Western membership – Reduce to 14 Members i.e. 13 councillors from the 18 in the Farnham area (plus Chairman or Vice-Chairman)

Southern membership – Retain 11 Members i.e. 10 from 12 now eligible (plus Chairman or Vice-Chairman)

Decision-Making

5. The proposed changes have been submitted to the Western and Southern Area Committees on 21 March for comment and any observations from these meetings will be circulated separately (to follow). If agreed at this Executive meeting, the Council on 17 April 2012 can be recommended to adopt the new boundaries and the agreed numbers of members.
6. The Group can then canvass memberships for the new Committees to be appointed at the Annual Council meeting.

Recommendation

The Executive is asked to recommend to the Council that the proposed boundary and membership changes be endorsed.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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