

Dear Parish Clerk

As you will be aware, Full Council met on Thursday 10 July to discuss the Final Recommendations of the Community Governance Review (CGR). Subject to amendments to Ashwell or Codicote, the Final Recommendations were agreed unanimously. Meaning no changes to the number of parish councillors for Codicote, and a reduction in the number of parish councillors for Ashwell – to 9.

There was a considerable number of responses to the consultation, and a great deal of interest in local community governance matters, which is indicative of the value local communities place on their communities and how they are run. A total of 2253 responses were received to the second consultation.

We want to say 'Thank you' for taking part in the CGR, and for encouraging residents to respond to the consultations.

The report and the redacted consultation responses are available to view via the link below:

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=3788>

The formal minutes, when available will also be available to view via this link. In the meantime, to summarise the other changes agreed:

- o No new parish or town councils are being created.
- o The boundaries between Baldock, Clothall and Bygrave are to be adjusted.
- o A new parish council ward for Ickleford Lavender Grange will be created.
- o The town council wards for Royston will be aligned to the district wards (and number of Councillors adjusted).
- o Terms of office for parish and town councils are amended to align all parish election dates.
- o Other previous draft proposals are dropped, reflecting the views of local people and ensuring the Final Recommendations represent the interests and identities of local communities.

The next stage is to prepare the formal legal Order to implement the changes, and we will confirm once this is in place later this year.

Kind regards

Democratic Services Manager