

Taunton Charter Trustees

Date: 17th November 2021

REF: CGR/S1

Dear Madam Mayor,

RE: Approval and publication of the Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review of Taunton and surrounding parishes

Thank you for attending with the Deputy Mayor the pre-consultation event for Parish Councils on 3rd November 2021 at The Deane House.

As you will have been aware, since April of this year, Somerset West and Taunton Council (through the Community Governance Review Working Group) has been preparing the ground for a Community Governance Review for Taunton, and at our Full Council meeting on the 19th October 2021 members formally resolved that a community governance review be undertaken of the unparished area of Taunton and surrounding parishes (Trull, Bishop's Hull, Comeytrove, Norton Fitzwarren, Staplegrove, Kingston St. Mary, Cheddon Fitzpaine, West Monkton) with a view to the creation of a parish or parishes and council(s) to serve all or part of that area.

The Council also delegated the approval of the Terms of Reference of the review to the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer, which was approved and published on 12th November 2021. (Link to the decision can be found here - <https://democracy.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=1337>)

As a Parish Council within scope of the geographical area concerned, the District Council is required to consult under section 93 of the 2007 Act other local authorities which have an interest in the review. There is a statutory process which has to be followed in order to commence the review which starts with the publication of the Terms of Reference for the Review and a formal consultation which will commence on 17 November 2021. Link to the Consultation is here: <https://yoursay.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/governance/communitygovernancereview>

We would welcome any individual or collective feedback as the Consultation is underway. The first stage of the consultation will close on 12th January 2022. As stated at the pre-consultation event, we are also positively interested in supporting discussions at your Charter Trustee meetings if possible and if you have not yet advised of the

dates please do get in touch. Further details on the review can also be found on the webpage below;

<https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/consultations/community-governance-review-for-taunton/>

If you have any further queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or the Officers supporting this project.

Yours faithfully,



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