

**Agenda Item No:** 4

**Report To:** Selection and Constitutional Review Committee



**Date of Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Report Title:** Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 – The Ashford Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Orders 2018

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**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. Bell (Deputy Leader of the Council - Legal and  
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**Summary:** To recommend that the Council make The Ashford Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Orders 2018 relating to Kennington Community Council and South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council. In accordance with section 83 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the Council undertook a Community Governance Review and made recommendations dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Following consultation with Local Government electors and other interested persons it is now proposed that the recommendations be approved and the Orders made.

**Key Decision:** NO

**Significantly Affected Wards:** Kennington (Ashford);  
Little Burton Farm (Ashford);  
Bybrook (Ashford);  
Bockhanger;  
Aylesford Green;  
South Willesborough (Ashford)

**Recommendations:** **The Selection and Constitutional Review Committee be asked to:-**

- (i) **recommend approval of the Ashford Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Kennington Community Council) Order 2018 (Appendix A to the report refers).**
- (ii) **recommend approval of the Ashford Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (South Willesborough & Newtown Community Council) Order 2018. (Appendix B to the report refers).**
- (iii) **recommend that approval of the required budget**

**sums for both new Community Councils be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democracy in consultation with the Head of Finance.**

<b>Policy Overview:</b>	<p>It is expected that the Borough will carry out a Community Governance Review (CGR) every 10 to 15 years. With the last one being done in 2006 and a review of the Borough ward boundaries during 2016, it was agreed that the 2015 CGR should consider all of the Parishes in the Borough.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Council make the Orders in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98 and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.</p>
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	N/A
<b>Legal Implications</b>	The proposals have been arrived at in accordance with sections 83, 93 and 100 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
<b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>	Undertaken in original report to Selection & Constitutional Review Committee – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2015.
<b>Other Material Implications:</b>	None
<b>Exempt from Publication:</b>	NO
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Selection & Constitutional Review Committee Report 11th February 2015 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2015 and subsequent recommendations to Council on 19th February 2015 and 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2015.
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