

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 21st February 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy

SUBJECT: New Parishes of Halebank and Sandymoor

WARDS: Ditton and Daresbury

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Report is to draw the Board's attention to the Halton (Parishes) Order 2007 and the Halton (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2008 and it asks the Board to recommend that the Council make the Halebank Parish Council Order 2008 and the Sandymoor Parish Council Order 2008.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Board notes the making by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government of the Halton (Parishes) Order 2007 and by the Electoral Commission of the Halton (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2008.

2.2 That the Council be recommended to make the Halebank Parish Council Order 2008 and the Sandymoor Parish Council Order 2008.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Following receipt of petitions under section 11 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an Order under Sections 14 and 23 of the Act that the Council establish Parish Councils for the new Parishes of Halebank and Sandymoor.

3.2 Following that Order, the Electoral Commission has now made an Order under the same sections setting out the electoral arrangements. That Order provides that elections shall be held on the ordinary day of election for Councillors in 2008, i.e. 1st May.

3.3 The next Election for Halebank would take place in 2010, to bring it into line with the neighbouring Parish of Hale. Thereafter, Elections would take place every four years.

3.4 In the case of Sandymoor, the Election would take place in 2008 and every fourth year thereafter.

- 3.5 There will be five Councillors elected for each Parish.
- 3.6 The Council must now give effect to the Orders by making its own Order under Section 16 of the Act establishing the new Parishes. Drafts of the Section 16 Orders are annexed to this report.
- 3.7 It is for the Council to calculate the precept and include the amount in the Section 16 Order. The Council then precepts that amount in the normal way during the Council Tax fixing process. The precept falls only on the new Parish areas, which bear the cost rather than it being spread throughout the Borough.
- 3.8 The new Parish Council issues its official precept at any time from the May 2008 elections up to October 2008, but they cannot exceed the precept anticipated by the authority. The Operational Director – Financial Services recommends that the specified amount be £5,000.00 in the case of each Parish.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific policy implications arising from this report, which gives effect to Orders made by the Secretary of State and the Electoral Commission. Members will be familiar with the process which has been undertaken to get to this point.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 These are as set out in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 above.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** – no specific implications
- 6.2 **Employment Learning and Skills in Halton** – no implications arising from the Report

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – no implications arising from the Report

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – no implications arising from the Report

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – no implications arising from the Report

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no risk assessment implications.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no specific issues arising from the Report

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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