



## Background

This document sets out the recommendations made by Birmingham City Council on the Community Governance Review carried out in the Sutton Coldfield District. Alongside the review of Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham City Council also conducted a review of the wider local governance arrangements across the city.

On 16 September 2014, Birmingham City Council agreed the following recommendations:

In addition, a number of other consultation exercises were carried out which are summarised in 'Community Governance in Sutton Coldfield: The Next Decade in a Nutshell' published on the Council's website on 22 May 2015 (see 'Background papers' section below).

In accordance with section 93(5) and (6) of the 2007 Act, Birmingham City Council has taken into account the arrangements that have already been made, or could be made, for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in respect of the area under review and has taken into account the responses to the consultation and the postal consultative ballot.

The consultation showed clear support for the creation of a town council for Sutton Coldfield. The City Council only has the legislative powers to create a 'parish council'; it cannot confer the title of 'town council' as, under legislation, that is a matter to be resolved by the new parish council once it is formed.

At the 15 September 2015 City Council meeting, Council agreed the following recommendations of the Community Governance Review and is now publishing them in accordance with sections 93(7) and 96(2) of the 2007 Act.

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### Recommendation under section 87(1)

*A Community Governance Review must make recommendations as to what new parish or parishes (if any) should be constituted in the area under review.*

Birmingham City Council agreed the recommendation of the Community Governance Review, namely that a new parish should be constituted for the area designated within the existing Sutton Coldfield Constituency boundaries. A map of the new parish is included in Appendix 1 of the report to City Council 'a in o wa d the o osal o a Sutton

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The Review concluded that the number of local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient and that it is desirable that areas of the parish should be separately represented on the parish council – and therefore recommended that the parish of Sutton Coldfield is divided into wards.

Having decided that the parish should be divided into wards, and having due regard to the factors and questions in Section 95 of the 2007 Act, the City Council has agreed that

### Other recommendations made as a result of the reorganisation order

In addition to those set out above at the 15 September 2015 meeting of Birmingham City Council the recommendations below were also agreed:

- that subject to any necessary

