Motion: Croxley Green Parish

March 2025

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

This motion has been submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5). The motion was submitted to Council on 25 February 2025, but on review, the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair, considered that the motion should be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee directly.

The motion included the suggestion that the decision be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee on 10 March 2025. As the motion itself is coming to the Policy and Resources Committee, Councillors Mitchell and Drury have agreed minor amendments to the motion as marked below. If the motion is agreed, a report will come to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources committee establishing the terms of reference for the boundary review.

6. Reviewing the boundary of Croxley Green

Proposed by Cllr Chris Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Steve Drury

The Policy and Resources Committee notes that:

1. Croxley Green has historically maintained a distinct and cohesive parish identity. However, demographic, infrastructural, and administrative changes may necessitate a reassessment of the existing parish boundaries.
2. At its meeting on 30th January 2025, Croxley Green Parish Council formally resolved to:
    - Request a boundary review with Sarratt.
    - Ask District Ward Councillors to present a motion to Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) to initiate this process.
    - Engage in consultation with Sarratt Parish Council on this matter.

The Policy and Resources Committee believes that:

1. Parish boundary reviews should reflect local identity, community needs, and efficient governance.
2. According to Local Government Boundary Commission guidance, a review can be initiated in two ways:
    - A petition from Croxley Green and Sarratt Parish Councils (signed by at least 7.5% of voters).
    - A motion proposed at a TRDC meeting by a District Councillor.
3. The most effective approach is for TRDC to proactively commence the review process, ensuring an inclusive consultation with residents and both Parish Councils.

The Policy and Resources Committee therefore resolves to:

1. Formally initiate a Community Governance Review of the parish boundary between Croxley Green and Sarratt.

2. Request that a report come to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to establish a clear consultation process, timeline and criteria for the review
3. Engage with both Parish Councils and local residents to ensure an open and transparent process.

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