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Parishes Affected

Sonning Common

Matter to be considered

To increase the number of councilors from 12 to 15

Proposal agreed by the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 25 May 2022 for consultation

To make no change to the number of parish councillors

Summary of responses to the draft proposal consultation

No responses have been received on the draft proposal agreed by the committee at its meeting on 25 May 2022.

Recommendation

To make no change to the number of parish councillors for Sonning Common.

Justification for the final recommendation

The National Association of Local Council (NALC) guidance is that a council size of 12 is appropriate for a parish council with an electorate of 4400. Sonning Common's electorate is only 3211 well short of the NALC figure to justify any increase.

The council has consistently applied the NALC guidance in determining whether or not to recommend support for a request to increase or decrease councillor numbers.