

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	Priority 1: Improve the Health and Wellbeing of our communities, Objective 3: Communities engaged in local issues.
Consultation:	Chief Executive/Returning Officer/Electoral Registration Officer
Legal:	The processes associated with undertaking a Community Governance Review are prescribed by statute and associated statutory guidance.
Financial:	The Authority does not resource its establishment on the basis of conducting (ad hoc) Community Governance Reviews. The (corporate) staff resource (cost) to undertake a review either for the area of Buntingford or the District in its entirety is likely to be significant.
Human Resource:	See comments above.
Risk Management:	As highlighted in guidance, Council "...will want to keep their community governance arrangements under review..." and it is, at least, "...good practice to consider conducting a review every 10 – 15 years".
Health and Wellbeing - issues and impacts	None