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Purpose: For Decision

# Committee report

Committee	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>15 MAY 2019</b>
Title	<b>PARISH OF CALBOURNE – CHANGE OF NAME</b>
Report of	<b>DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES</b>

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 4 October 2018 the Isle of Wight Council received a formal request from Calbourne Parish Council to change its name to “Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield” Parish Council
2. The name of the parish council can be changed by a resolution of the Full Council to change the name of the civil parish area which the parish council serves.
3. This report recommends that members approve the request for the change of the civil parish name to “Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield”.

### BACKGROUND

4. The civil parish of Calbourne is a long-established parish council, lying between Shalfleet parish to the west, Brighstone to the south, and the parishes of Newport and Carisbrooke, Northwood, and Gurnard to the east.
5. It should be noted that the change of name will not affect any of the external or internal boundaries of Calbourne Parish Council, and there will be no effect upon existing elected members or ward boundaries.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

6. There is no direct link with the Corporate Plan, but the implementation of this change to the parish name may enable the parish council to continue to deliver more effective and convenient local government.

## CONSULTATION

7. While not a statutory requirement, a period of consultation was carried out between Monday 21 January and Monday 4 February 2019.
8. The consultation was carried out by way of a page on the Isle of Wight Council's Electoral Services section website, by inclusion on the "Consultation" tab on [iwight.com](http://iwight.com), via social media and a press release. Comments could be made either via [iwight.com](http://iwight.com) or in writing, addressed to Electoral Services at County Hall. The elected member for the West Wight division was also advised of the consultation.
9. There were no responses to the consultation.

## FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no budgetary implications for the Isle of Wight Council arising directly from this report. Any costs associated with the change of name will be borne by the parish council.
11. If the Isle of Wight Council chose not to implement the change of name then Calbourne Parish Council would have the option of attempting to force a formal community governance review by way of a petition, which would involve a cost to the Isle of Wight Council of officers' time in carrying out the review.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The Isle of Wight Council is empowered to effect this change by way of section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 which states:
  - (1) *At the request of the parish council or, where there is no parish council, at the request of the parish meeting, the council of the district in which the parish is situated may change the name of the parish.*
  - (2) *Notice of any change of name made under this section -*
    - (a) *shall be sent by the district council concerned to the Secretary of State, to the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General; and*
    - (b) *shall be published by the district council in the parish and elsewhere in such manner as they consider appropriate.*
13. There is no effect upon the operation of the parish council and no change to any of the electoral arrangements of the parish council as a result of the change of parish name.

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

14. The council, as a public body, is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people

who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

15. It is not considered that any of the protected characteristics will be either positively or negatively impacted by this change of name.

### OPTIONS

16. Option 1: To endorse and confirm the proposal for the change of civil parish and parish council name from “Calbourne” to “Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield”.
17. Option 2: Not to endorse the proposal for the change of name for Calbourne Parish Council.

### RISK MANAGEMENT

18. There is very minimal risk associated with this decision. Option 1 carries minimal risk for the Isle of Wight Council as the process is purely procedural.
19. Option 2 carries a residual risk, which is the possibility of Calbourne Parish Council attempting to force a formal community governance review by way of a petition were the change of name not to be endorsed, which would involve a cost to the Isle of Wight Council in carrying out the review.
20. A formal community governance review is triggered by way of a petition, which needs to be checked against the current Register of Electors to ensure that it meets the required numerical threshold. Once triggered, the review involves a period of formal consultation, statutory notices and potentially a public meeting in order to gauge the response of the local community to the change. The majority of the costs would be those of officers’ time.

### EVALUATION

21. There were no responses to the consultation exercise which was carried out. While lack of responses cannot be interpreted as acceptance of the proposal, it is also evident that there appears to be no strong objection to the proposal either.
22. Calbourne Parish Council clearly feels that by changing the name of the civil parish to “Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield” that it will better reflect the identity of the community which it serves. Option 1 is recommended as the preferred option.

### RECOMMENDATION

23. Option 1: To endorse and confirm the proposal for the change of civil parish and parish council name from “Calbourne” to “Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield”.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

24. [Appendix A: Draft Notice of Change of Name for Calbourne Parish Council \(Isle of Wight\).](#)

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