



CHANGE IN NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & ISBLEY PARISH COUNCIL – OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

New Forest District Council has considered and consulted on a request by Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council to increase the number on the Parish Council, which has 8 members. The Parish Council's request was to increase the number to 10. The District Council consulted on this proposal. There were thirteen responses to the initial consultation, 11 in favour and 2 against.

The District Council decided to publish draft recommendations to increase the number to 10, as requested by the Parish Council. Two further responses were received, both in favour of the proposal.

Having considered the further responses, the District Council has decided to increase the number of members on the Parish Council to 10. The reasons for making the decision were:

- (a) There was local support for the increase; and
- (b) The Council is satisfied that the increase will ensure effective and convenient local government

A "reorganisation order" has been made. This is available for inspection by the public at the District Council's offices at Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA, on Mondays – Thursdays between 8.45 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. and on Fridays between 8.45 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. from Tuesday 3 March until Tuesday 7 April. It is also available on the Council's website, www.newforest.gov.uk (key "community governance review Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley" (without italics) into the search box).

The order will come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015 and, for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors for the parish, on 3 March 2015.

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