CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - 15 APRIL 2004

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PETITION FOR PARISH COUNCIL FOR BARWELL

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee that Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has received a petition for the constitution of a parish for Barwell and for the establishment of a parish council for that area.

Background

- 2. Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has written to the County Council indicating that it has received a petition which complies with Section 11(2) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 for the constitution of a parish for Barwell and the establishment of a parish council for that area. The area is shown on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report.
- 4. The Borough Council is required to send the petition together with its views thereon to the Secretary of State. The Borough Council is also required to notify the County Council of the proposals contained in the petition.
- 5. The County Council may send its views about the proposals to either the District Council or the Secretary of State.
- 6. The Borough Council will need to indicate to the Secretary of State whether or not it agrees with the proposals and summarise any information it has about the opinions of local electors and other points of relevance. As yet the Borough Council has not expressed its views on the matter.

Equal Opportunities Implications

7. The establishment of a parish council would provide opportunities for all electors in the area of the parish.

Recommendations

8. The Committee is requested to indicate whether or not the County Council should lend its support to the proposed establishment of a parish council for Barwell.

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Background Papers

Letter dated 24th March, 2004 from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

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