

Agenda Item

Council

21 February 2007

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Increase in number of Monkton Parish Councillors

Summary

A request has been received for the number of seats on Monkton Parish Council to be increased from 5 to 7 in time for the elections on 3 May 2007.

Recommendation

That the Council issues an Order under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 - Parish Reviews to the effect that the number of seats for Councillors on Monkton Parish Council be increased from 5 to 7, in time for the elections on 3 May 2007.

a) Reasons for Recommendation

The request appears to be a sensible proposal to which no objections have been received.

b) Alternative Options

Not to support the request.

c) Risk Considerations

No risks identified.

d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

No known policy or budgetary implications.

e) Date for Review of Decision

Not applicable

1 Main Body of the Report

A request has been received from Monkton Parish Council for the number of seats on that Council to be increased from 5 to 7. The Parish Council occasionally struggles to raise a quorum, particularly at busy farming times of the year and it is believed that an increase in Members would ease this situation.

Procedure followed

Following receipt of the request, Devon County Council and Councillor Key, Ward Member were consulted. In addition the Parish Council were sent copies of a public notice for display on their notice boards and a public notice was inserted in the Midweek Herald.

No objections have been received.

The next step

Should the Council agree to this proposal, an Order will be issued under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 - Parish Reviews and the number of seats will be amended in time for the elections on 3 May 2007.

Legal Implications

No financial implications within this report.

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No legal comments.

Consultation on Reports to the Executive

Devon County Council, Ward Member and local residents.

Background Papers

Local Government and Rating Act 1997 – Parish Reviews

Letter from the Clerk to Monkton Parish Council dated 25 November 2006

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