

**Notice of Motion**

**Motion to be moved by Councillor Hale:**

An earlier proposed review of Area Committees mooted in 2024 has not happened leading to a huge geographical and numerical imbalance between the Area Committee sizes (West 14; East 20, and North 23), and a perceived loss of localism.

Council therefore proposes to have a review of the Area Committees to report to Council no later than July, 2025, bringing back proposals for Area Committees of relative equal sizes. The review will recognise that the optimum size of an Area Committee should be no more than five Wards, and no fewer than three included in an Area Committee structure. New proposals would be implemented for 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025, at the latest.