

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE 15 NOVEMBER 2017

BARMING WARD NAME CHANGE

Issue for Decision

On 15 November 2017 the Democracy Committee considered the results of the public consultation of whether to change the name of Barming Ward to Barming and Teston Ward. The Committee noted that the public, the Ward Councillor and Teston Parish Council were in favour of the name change.

Recommendation Made

That the name of Barming Ward is changed to Barming and Teston Ward.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Ward Councillor put forward a rationale for the name change to Barming and Teston Ward, which can be found in paragraph 3.1 in Appendix 1 to this report. The Democracy Committee agreed to progress the name change and it is clear that the Ward Councillor, Parish Council and public are in favour of the name change.

Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended

The Council could choose not to agree the name change. The Democracy Committee have made the recommendation to change the name based on a full public consultation in the ward. To decide not to change the name in light of the result of the public consultation would be a risk to the Council's reputation.

Background Documents

Appendix 1: Results of Consultation on Barming Ward Name Change Report to Democracy Committee 15 November 2017.