

## Request 7682 – Communities, parish boundary change

(SCDC) Over Parish

2 or 3 years ago made application that part of Over Parish be transferred to Willingham.. What were the total costs, both internal staff costs and consultants fees of this application?

### Response

The Council received a valid petition to carry out a Community Governance Review of the Over and Willingham boundary and as such was required to carry out the review.

The estimated total cost of carrying out the review is £5,157:

Legal fees (Counsel advice) - £2,900

Officer time – approximately £1,782 (approximately 59 hours, staff of different grades from within Health and Environmental Services and Electoral Services) FOI – £475 (approximately 19 hours, original FOI (15 hours) plus request for paper copies (4 hours))

A figure was provided to the Civic Affairs Committee on 4 December, following a request at the 28 September meeting. The figure was correct at the time: “The estimated amount of hours spent on the Community Governance Review by officers in Health and Environmental Services and Electoral Services is 39. This equates to approximately £1,110 (taking into account the different grades of staff). In addition to this we have been invoiced £1,750 on Counsel advice. So, the total estimate is £2,860.”