

Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to full Council

Date: 25 February 2015

Subject: Recommendations of General Purposes Committee Concerning the Creation of a New Town Council for Guiseley

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents the recommendations of General Purposes Committee to establish a Town Council for Guiseley.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Following receipt of a valid petition, General Purposes Committee, at its meeting on 23rd October 2014, agreed to undertake a Community Governance Review to invite representations on the proposal to establish a Town Council for Guiseley.
- 2.2 On the 12th February 2015, General Purposes Committee received recommendations from the Electoral Working Group (EWG) following that group's consideration of the representations that had been received.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The report considered by General Purposes Committee is attached at Annex 1 to this report.
- 3.2 An amendment to the recommendations made to General Purposes Committee by the Electoral Working Group was moved by the Chair. The amendment is detailed in the map at Annex 2 to this report and comprised of an alternative boundary for the Town Council which omitted polling districts GRA and GRB, from which in relation to the review, a significant number of representations against the proposal to create a Guiseley Town Council had been received.

- 3.3 Having considered the proposed amendment the Committee agreed to recommend that full Council consider and agree that a Guiseley Town Council Council be created at the earliest opportunity based on polling districts GRD, GRI, GRC, GRK and GRJ.
- 3.4 The proposed electoral arrangements for suggested wards, ward names and number of Councillors will also need to be amended as follows: -

Polling Districts	Electorate	Name	Number of Councillors
GRJ	1,705	Tranmere Ward	2
GRK	2,183	Green Meadows Ward	2
GRC	2,080	St Oswald's Ward	2
GRI	972	Queensway Ward	1
GRD	2,628	Oxford Road Ward	2
	<u>9,568</u>		<u>9</u>

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Details are contained in the original report considered by General Purposes Committee and attached to this report at Annex 1.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Details are contained in the original report considered by General Purposes Committee and attached to this report at Annex 1.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Details are contained in the original report considered by General Purposes Committee and attached to this report at Annex 1.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 Details are contained in the original report considered by General Purposes Committee and attached to this report at Annex 1.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Guidance on Community Governance Reviews states that, "where a principal council has conducted a review following the receipt of a petition, it will remain open to the council to make a recommendation which is different to the recommendation the petitioners wished the review to make."
- 4.5.2 The guidance goes on to say, "In making its recommendations, the review should consider the information it has received in the form of expressions of local opinion on the matters considered by the review, representations made by local people and other interested persons, and also use its own knowledge of the local area."

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Details are contained in the original report considered by General Purposes Committee and attached to this report at Annex 1.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 General Purposes Committee recommends that full Council approve the creation of a Guiseley Town Council at the earliest opportunity comprised of polling districts GRD, GRI, GRC, GRK and GRJ and the electoral arrangements at 3.4 of this report

6 Background documents¹

- 6.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.