

Report of Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration**Report to Full Council****Date: 10 January 2018****Subject: Community Governance Review – Final Recommendations**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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

Summary of main issues

1. A report relating to the Council's final proposals for the joint polling district and community governance review was considered by General Purposes Committee on 11 December 2017 (Addendum 1).
2. General Purposes Committee agreed the final proposals for polling districts and polling stations, and made final recommendations in relation to the community governance review.
3. These final recommendations must now be approved by full Council in order to complete the Council's final proposals which will be published on 11 January 2018.
4. Any changes to community governance arrangements will come into effect at the all-out parish and town council elections in May 2019.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to consider the final recommendations made by General Purposes Committee and
 - Approve the proposals set out at Addendum 2 to this report; and
 - Confirm that the proposals set out at Addendum 3 to this report will not be progressed.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To agree final proposals for the community governance review.

2. Background information

- 2.1 In accordance with Sections 79 to 102 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the Act), Leeds City Council has conducted a community governance review.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 11th December General Purposes Committee considered a report from the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration setting out details of the community governance review process and making recommendations as to its outcome.
- 2.3 In accordance with Regulations 2(6E) and 2(7) of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations 2000, the function of determining to what extent to give effect to the recommendations by the making of an Order under the Act falls to be determined by Full Council.
- 2.4 Detailed background information in relation to the review can be found in the report to General Purposes Committee at Addendum 1 to this report.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 Following consideration General Purposes Committee recommend that the proposals set out in Addendum 2 to this report be approved, and given effect through an Order to be made under Section 86 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 3.2 General Purposes Committee further recommends that the initial proposals set out at Addendum 3 to this report should not be progressed for the reasons detailed in that appendix.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 The community governance review has been conducted in accordance with the Act. As required by Section 93(3) the process adopted has ensured that the Council has consulted with local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body which appears to have an interest in the review.
- 4.1.2 Since consideration of this matter by the Electoral Working Group and General Purposes Committee, officers have been advised that the Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum have circulated or have indicated an intention to circulate further representations by email to all Members of Council.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 In accordance with Section 93(4) of the Act the review has had regard to the need to secure that community governance in the area reflects the identities and interests of the community in the area, and is effective and convenient. Further details can be found at paragraphs 7.1 – 7.3 of the report at Addendum 1.

4.3 Council policies and best council plan

- 4.3.1 The review supports the council's aims to be the best city for communities, and in particular the four year priority to increase a sense of belonging that builds cohesive and harmonious communities.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The cost of the review and the making of the Order will be met from the budget and resource allocation to Electoral Services.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 The review has been conducted in accordance with the Act, under relevant delegations to the Chief Executive in respect of community governance.
- 4.5.2 General Purposes Committee make these recommendations to Council in accordance with the terms of reference.
- 4.5.3 The final decision to give effect to the recommendations is reserved to Full Council.

4.6 Risk management

- 4.6.1 There are no implications for this report.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 A community governance review has been undertaken in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements. This report sets out the recommendations of General Purposes Committee for Council to determine whether those recommendations should be given effect through the making of an Order under the Act.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are asked to consider the final recommendations made by General Purposes Committee and
- Approve the proposals set out at Addendum 2 to this report; and
 - Confirm that the proposals set out at Addendum 3 to this report will not be progressed.

7. Background documents¹

- 7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.