
Report of Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration**Report to Full Council****Date: 28 March 2018****Subject: Community Governance Review – Final Recommendations for Ledston Parish Council**

Are specific electoral wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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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.
2. General Purposes Committee deferred the final recommendations in relation to the community governance review to abolish Ledston Parish Council until March 2018 to allow the Parish Council additional time to address some outstanding matters.
3. General Purposes Committee reconsidered the matter at their meeting on 7 March 2018 where it was satisfied those outstanding matters had been addressed by the Parish Council (see appendix 1).

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to consider the final recommendations for Ledston Parish Council and confirm that the proposal to abolish the Parish Council will not be progressed.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To agree final proposals for the community governance review in relation to the proposed abolition of Ledston Parish Council.

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 7 March 2018 General Purposes Committee considered a report from the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration setting out details of the community governance review of Ledston Parish Council. A copy of that report can be found at Appendix 1.
- 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.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 Following consideration General Purposes Committee recommend that the abolition of Ledston Parish Council is no longer necessary, and that the proposal should not form part of the council's final proposals for the community governance review.

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.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.3 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.

4.4 Council policies and best council plan

- 4.4.1 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.

4.5 Resources and value for money

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

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

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

4.7 Risk management

- 4.7.1 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 for Ledston Parish Council and confirm that the proposal to abolish the Parish Council 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.