

**Report of: Head of Stronger Communities**

**Report to: Inner South Community Committee – Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet and  
Riverside, Middleton Park**

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**To note**

**Title: National Census 2021**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. To provide the Inner South Community Committee with a verbal update on the National Census 2021 to encourage completion by residents in the Inner South Community Committee Area.

### **Main issues**

2. The verbal update is provided at the specific request of the Chair.
3. The verbal update outlines information and support in completing the census in Inner South. Assumptions will be made that councillors are aware of what the census is in advance, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) team can provide support retrospectively on this if that is not accurate. The presentation will cover common misconceptions and barriers as well as how to overcome them, to equip councillors with the tools to answer any questions regarding the census operation. Further, discussions will involve the concept of hosting "virtual completion events" for those who are unsure and might need support. These can be done with or without support from the ONS team.
4. There will be an opportunity for questions from elected members after the presentation.

### **Recommendations**

5. The Inner South Community Committee is asked to note the contents of the presentation.