

Report of the Head of Licensing and Registration

Report to Full Council

Date: 13 November 2013

Subject: Community Governance Review of Parish and Town Councils

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale (Bramhope & Carlton & Pool Parishes only) Harewood (Scarcroft Parish Council only) Morley South (Morley Town Council only) Wetherby (Boston Spa, Bramham cum Oglethorpe, Thorp Arch & Walton Parishes only)		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

- 1 A joint review of polling districts and a Community Governance Review of Parish and Town Councils commenced in Leeds on 18 February 2013.
- 2 The first consultation period ended on 15 April 2013 and the Council's initial proposals were published on 24 June 2013 marking the start of the second period of consultation.
- 3 The second consultation period ended on 16 September 2013.
- 4 A meeting of the Electoral Working Group was held to discuss the comments received during the second consultation stage.
- 5 The final proposals for the polling district review were agreed at General Purposes Committee on 28 October 2013 and will be published as part of the final Notice of Joint Review on 25 November 2013.

- 5 The recommended final proposals for the Community Governance Review were approved to go to Full Council at General Purposes Committee held on 28 October 2013.
- 6 The final proposals approved by Full Council will be published as part of the final Notice of Joint Review on 25 November 2013.
- 7 The publication of this notice will mark the end of the joint polling district and community governance review.

Recommendations

- 8 Members are asked to:
 - a) consider the recommended final proposals set out in Appendix A which were agreed with cross-party support at General Purposes Committee.
 - b) consider the Officer recommendations for electoral arrangements in respect of proposal CGR12(c) attached at Appendix C.
 - c) approve the final proposals including Officer recommendations.
 - d) note that the final proposals approved today will be published as part of the Council's Final Notice of Joint Review on 25 November 2013

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To consider final proposals for the community governance review of all parish and town councils.
- 1.2 To agree the final proposals to be published on 25 November 2013.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Background information on the legislation and process for the joint review can be found in the report attached at Appendix B.

3. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 3.1 This information can be found in the report attached at Appendix B.

4. Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.1 This information can be found in the report attached at Appendix B.

5. Resources and value for money

- 5.1 This information can be found in the report attached at Appendix B.

6. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 6.1 This information can be found in the report attached at Appendix B.

7. Risk Management

- 7.1 This information can be found in the report attached at Appendix B.

8. Conclusions

- 8.1 That the processes being followed by officers, set out in the report at Appendix B, meet the statutory requirements for a joint Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations and Community Governance Review of all Parish and Town Council Arrangements.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 Members are asked to:
 - a) consider the recommended final proposals set out in Appendix A which were agreed with cross-party support at General Purposes Committee.
 - b) consider the Officer recommendations for electoral arrangements in respect of proposal CGR12(c) attached at Appendix C.
 - c) approve the final proposals including Officer recommendations.

- d) note that the final proposals approved today will be published as part of the Council's Final Notice of Joint Review on 25 November 2013

10. Appendices

- a) Appendix A – Final proposals where all parties agreed
- b) Appendix B – Report to General Purposes Committee – 28 November 2013
- c) Appendix C – Officer Recommendations for electoral arrangements in relation to proposal CGR12(c)