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**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)**

**Report to Full Council**

**Date:** 11 November 2015

**Subject:** Recommendations from General Purposes Committee following the Community Governance Review of Guiseley

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Guiseley & Rawdon		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

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**Summary of main issues**

1. At its meeting on 19 October 2015, General Purposes Committee considered whether to recommend the creation of a new town council for Guiseley following a Community Governance Review.
2. This report provides details of the information considered by General Purposes Committee and the committee's recommendations to full council.

**Recommendations**

3. Full Council is asked to approve General Purposes Committee's recommendation that a new town council for Guiseley is not created on the basis that the current community governance arrangements in the area under review adequately reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area, and are effective and convenient, as reflected by the number of representations received against the proposal for a new town council from electors in the area.

## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report presents recommendations to full Council from General Purposes Committee regarding the Community Governance Review of Guiseley.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 General Purposes Committee is authorised to make recommendations for the final proposals for any Community Governance Review to Full Council.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 19 October 2015, General Purposes Committee considered the outcome of the Community Governance Review of Guiseley.
- 2.3 This report sets out the recommendations from General Purposes Committee relating to that review.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Appendix A is a copy of the full report that went to General Purposes Committee for their consideration. This report contains details of the process followed to conduct the Community Governance Review, all the required background information and representations received following the public consultation.
- 3.2 Members are asked to agree the recommendation that a new town council for Guiseley is not created on the basis that the current community governance arrangements in the area under review adequately reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area, and are effective and convenient, as reflected by the number of representations against the proposal for a new town council from electors in the area.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 All local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body who appears to have an interest in the review has been consulted on the proposal, and full Council is required to take into account all representations received in connection with the review. The majority of representations received from electors are against the proposal to create a new town council. A copy of the representations received is included in the appendix.
- 4.1.2 Full Council is also required to have regard to the need to secure that the community governance arrangements for the area reflect the identities and interests of the community in the area and are effective and convenient.
- 4.1.3 Full Council is also required to take into account any other arrangements (apart from those relating to parishes and their institutions), that have already been made, or that could be made, for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in respect of the area.
- 4.1.4 This information is contained in the appendix.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 An equality screening document has been completed for each review and has concluded that the consultation arrangements have helped ensure all people

affected by the review were given an opportunity to comment which includes an opportunity to raise any equality, diversity, cohesion or integration issues.

### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 These reviews do not affect the council's budget and policy framework, although reviewing local electors' needs does support the council's aims to be the best city for communities, and in particular the priority to increase a sense of belonging that builds cohesive and harmonious communities.

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1 There is no budget to carry out Community Governance Reviews so the cost of the review was met from within existing budget. The cost of carrying out the review was estimated at £2,000. This is mainly costs from printing and publishing Notices in local press.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.5.1 Under the Council's Constitution, General Purposes Committee alone has the delegated authority to make recommendations for the final proposals for any Community Governance Review to Full Council.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.1 There is always a risk of challenge to the decision. There is no right to appeal as such, although if local electors disagreed with the final recommendations they could lobby the full Council not to give effect to them, or a decision by full Council could be challenged by way of judicial review on the usual principles.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 That General Purposes Committee has properly considered any representations received and the additional information contained in the appendix to this report, and the relevant statutory duties mentioned above to determine their recommendations regarding the Community Governance Review of Guiseley.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 Full Council is asked to approve General Purposes Committee's recommendation that a new town council for Guiseley is not created on the basis that the current community governance arrangements in the area under review adequately reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area, and are effective and convenient, as reflected by the number of representations received against the proposal for a new town council from electors in the area.

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.