



REPORT OF:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO:	COUNCIL FORUM
ON:	28th January 2021

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – PARISH OF LIVESEY

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report provides an update following approval by Policy Council on 3 December 2020 to commence the community governance review (CGR), and to report on the outcome of the consultation. The report also seeks authority to implement the recommendations to take effect from 1 February 2021.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to:

1. Note the outcome of the consultation undertaken as part of the Community Governance Review.
2. Agree the final recommendation to merge polling districts LP5 and LP6 to align and approve the making and publishing of the community governance order (attached), which is to take effect from 1 February 2021.
3. Subject to 2) above, authorise the Chief Executive (as the Electoral Registration Officer) to make the necessary changes to the electoral register in readiness for publication on 1 February 2021.

3. BACKGROUND

It was reported at Policy Council on 3 December 2020 that following the boundary review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), which came into effect from May 2018, the ward boundaries changed. This was followed by a polling district review in October – December 2018. Due to the LGBCE review and the ward boundary changes, the boundary for the Livesey with Pleasington ward no longer aligns exactly with the boundary of the parish of Livesey, thereby creating an anomaly on the polling district map. This necessitated a separate polling district to be created (LP6), which currently consists of 69 properties (mostly new builds) and 88 electors. To remove the anomaly, mainly for electoral administration purposes, it would be beneficial to merge the polling district LP6 with LP5, which forms part of the parish of Livesey. As the merger of the two polling districts will result in changes to the boundary of LP5 (and therefore the parish boundary), a Community Governance Review needed to be undertaken.

To enable the Review, Council approved the terms of reference for the review and the area under review, which were then published for consultation. The consultation took place between

4 December 2020 and 4 January 2021. The Policy Council report of 3 December 2020, the terms of reference and the polling district map were hand delivered to each property in LP6, and also sent to Livesey Parish Council and the ward councillors for feedback. The consultation and the documents were also published on the Council's website. There has been one response to the consultation which was supportive of realigning the boundary.

Subject to Council approval of the recommendations and the making of the community governance order, polling districts LP5 and LP6 will be merged to align with Livesey Parish Council boundary, and the amendments reflected in the electoral register. A draft of the Order is attached to this report.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Electoral administration work needs to be undertaken efficiently and accurately, and where improvements can be made, for example by removing such anomalies they must be considered.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Although there are some small costs in relation to the consultation process, there will be efficiencies in electoral administration with the merger of the two polling districts.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council has power under Section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct CGRs. A CGR must be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 100(4) of the 2007 Act. Approval of the final recommendations would need to be effected by making and publishing a community governance order, and thereafter inform relevant organisations that an order has been made.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Governance team administered and assisted in conducting the CGR.

9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The process to be followed in conducting the CGR is laid down in legislation and guidance issued by the Government. Every attempt is made to engage electors and interested parties in the CGR through the consultation process that was led by the Governance team.

10. CONSULTATIONS

All the properties in polling district LP6, Livesey Parish Council and the ward councillors were consulted

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Background Papers: None