

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
INTERIM SCRUTINY MANAGER	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	5 DECEMBER 2023	11
<b>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF LYTHAM &amp; ANSDELL</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### RELEVANT LEAD MEMBER

This item is within the remit of Lead Member for Finance & Resources - Councillor Ellie Gaunt.

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the recommendations of the spotlight scrutiny review to look at how further and more extensive consultation should be undertaken in relation to community governance proposals to establish new parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham.

#### RECOVERABILITY

This decision is recoverable under section 7 of part 3 of the constitution.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee are requested to consider the recommendations from the scrutiny spotlight review for further and more extensive consultation in relation to community governance proposals to establish new parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham.

### REPORT

#### BACKGROUND

1. A community governance review is a review of the pattern of parishes and parish councils in the whole or part of a district. The legal framework for reviews is set out in part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

#### PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2. On [12 October 2022 Council considered a report](#) recommending the adoption of the outcome of the community governance review. This review was directed by a decision of Fylde's council meeting on 19 October 2020. The terms of reference of the review were to consider whether to create a parish council or councils to cover the unparished area of the district, and to recommend changes to boundaries of existing parishes having regard to the guidance that reviews should "put in place strong boundaries, tied to firm ground detail, and remove anomalous parish boundaries".

3. Council resolved to accept the proposals to make minor boundary changes affecting four parishes (referred to as to WP1 in the covering report). However, Council decided to defer a decision on the establishment of new parish councils for Lytham and Ansdell due to low numbers of respondents from Lytham and Ansdell.
4. Council did commit to a further and more extensive public consultation in relation to proposals to establish new parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham, the details of such consultation to be determined by the Finance & Democracy Committee.
5. In May 2023 Fylde Council moved to a new model of governance which saw the previous programme committees replaced by a single Executive Committee with Scrutiny. This means a report agreeing the details of further and more extensive consultation would need to be considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
6. As part of the establishment of the new model of governance at Fylde the Leader has suggested it might be appropriate for scrutiny to be involved in initially considering this and making recommendations to the Executive Committee. This request has been considered by [the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee who on 12 October 2023](#) established a task and finish group to undertake a spotlight review to look at how further and more extensive consultation should be undertaken in relation to community governance proposals to establish new parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham.

### PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION

7. The task and finish group has arranged to meet on 1 December to undertake the review and will be taking evidence from relevant officers, lead members and from a residents group Lytham Voice.
8. The recommendations of the spotlight review will be reported verbally to the Executive Committee at the meeting on 5 December.
9. The outcome of any further consultation on proposals to establish new parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham would be reported to Council for consideration and adoption.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The cost implications of any recommendations from the scrutiny spotlight review for further and more extensive consultation will be reported at the meeting.
Legal	The legal provisions governing community governance reviews are contained in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS
<a href="#">Community Focus Scrutiny Committee on 12 October 2023</a> , RESOLVED:

1. A Task and Finish Group be established comprising Councillors Peter Anthony, Chris Dixon, Martin Evans, Gail Goodman, Gavin Harrison and Vince Settle to undertake a spotlight review to look at how further and more extensive consultation should be undertaken in relation to community governance proposals to establish new parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham.
2. That the Task and Finish Group make recommendations direct to the Executive Committee regarding the nature and extent of such public consultation.

[Council on 12 October 2022](#), RESOLVED to:

1. Accept proposals BW3, E1, RW1 and WS4/1 (which is referred to as WP1 in the covering report) as set out in the community governance review report.
2. Defer a decision on proposals A1 and L1 owing to low numbers of respondents from Lytham and Ansdell.
3. Commit to a further and more extensive public consultation in relation to proposals A1 and L1, the details of such consultation to be determined by the Finance & Democracy Committee.

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS REVELANT TO THIS ITEM

Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Community governance review	May 2022	<a href="#">Appended to report to Council 12 October 2022</a>
Community questionnaire responses	Open March – April 2022	Governance team, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes
Community governance reviews: Guidance and model reorganisation order	Updated 2010	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-governance-reviews-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-governance-reviews-guidance</a>

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