

COUNCIL

5 SEPTEMBER 2017

REFERENCE FROM COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

A.2 PROPOSED COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW REGARDING A TOWN COUNCIL FOR CLACTON-ON-SEA

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable Council to decide whether to support Councillor Jack Parsons' motion to Council in respect of a proposed parish/town council for Clacton-on-Sea.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out a motion submitted by Councillor Parsons to the meeting of the Council held on 9 May 2017 relating to a proposed Community Governance Review with a view to creating a town council for Clacton-on-Sea and which was referred to the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee by the Chairman of the Council for consideration and report, in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12.4.

The Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee considered Councillor Parsons' motion at its meeting held on 10 July 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council decides whether it wishes to support Councillor Parsons' motion.

PART 2 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Council held on 9 May 2017, the following motion was moved by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Councillor Bucke and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.4, stood referred to the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee for consideration and report:

"This Council, in accordance with Local Government and Public Health Act 2007 (as amended) and the statutory guidance issued by DCLG in 2010, conducts a Community Governance Review following the conclusion of the LGBCE Ward Boundaries review, with the view to creating a Clacton Town Council to come into effect in 2023. During this review the Council will consult with members of the public and other stakeholders as to the creation of a Clacton Town Council which will be intended to serve the areas of Clacton-on-Sea that are not currently being represented by a Town or a Parish Council. This will be inclusive of the following current wards:

*Golf Green
Rush Green
Bockings Elm
Peter Bruff
Alton Park*

*St James
Pier
St Mary's
St John's
Burrsville
St Paul's
St Bartholomews
Haven*

In addition, this Council will authorise Officers to, with regard to the aforementioned guidance and acts, draft potential boundaries within the specification above, potentially through a working party, for Full Council approval prior to public consultation."

The Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee considered Councillor Parsons' motion at its meeting held on 10 July 2017. Councillor Parsons attended that meeting and explained the motion to the Committee. Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions. The Council's Head of Governance and Legal Services (Lisa Hastings) clarified what the Committee were being asked to make a decision on and the procedure that would be followed should they recommend to Council that the motion be supported or not.

Following discussion, the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee had **RESOLVED** that it recommended that Council supports the motion as written except that the legislation referred to therein be amended to the *Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended.)*

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

There are no background papers.

APPENDICES

None