
REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 9
DATE OF MEETING:	27 JUNE 2024	CATEGORY:
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - DRAKELOW: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	LINTON WARD	

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members consider and take into account the results of consultation on the Drakelow Community Governance Review and the detailed supporting report (**Appendix 1**).
- 1.2 Members are satisfied that the final recommendations outlined below secure community governance arrangements that (a) reflect the interests and identities of the local community in Drakelow and (b) are effective and convenient; those recommendations are approved as the basis for a Community Governance Order and further processing as required.
- 1.3 Members approve that:
 - 1.3.1 the existing Parish Meeting for the parished area of Drakelow is abolished on 31 March 2025 and replaced with a Parish Council.
 - 1.3.2 a Parish Council for the parished area of Drakelow is constituted with effect from 1 April 2025.
 - 1.3.3 the new Council for the parished area of Drakelow is styled as a parish council and constituted as "Drakelow Parish Council".
 - 1.3.4 the area and boundaries of Drakelow Parish Council remain the same as those on which the current Drakelow Parish Meeting is based (as indicated on the plan attached at **Appendix 2**).
 - 1.3.5 Drakelow Parish Council has nine Parish Councillors when it is created in 2025 and that this rises to eleven when the number of local electors reaches 905.
 - 1.3.6 there will be no Parish Wards in Drakelow Parish Council's area.

- 1.3.7 in accordance with the statutory Guidance on Community Governance Reviews, Drakelow Parish Council is established with effect from 1 April 2025 and local elections are held on 1 May 2025.
- 1.4 authority is delegated to the Chief Executive to make the Reorganisation of Community Governance Order for implementation of the final recommendations from the Review.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 In November 2023, the Council agreed to undertake a Community Governance Review of the parished area of Drakelow and adopted Terms of Reference upon which the review would be undertaken. The Review was prompted by the Council's receipt of a valid petition from local electors which sought the creation of a Parish Council for Drakelow, based on the area and boundaries of the existing Drakelow Parish Meeting. On 28 February 2024, the Council considered the results of the first stage of local consultation, the community governance implications in relation to the statutory Guidance and approved Draft Recommendations for the purposes of further consultation. The second stage of consultation concluded on 8 May 2024. The consultation results and any further community governance implications are set out in **Appendix 1**. The proposed final recommendations are set out on page 21 of **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires that local people are consulted during a community governance review, that representations received in connection with the review are taken into account and that steps are taken to notify them of the outcome / any decisions. In making and implementing those decisions, the 2007 Act places a duty on principal authorities to have regard to the need to secure that any community governance for the area under review reflects the identities and interests of the local community in that area, and that it is effective and convenient. Relevant considerations include judgements against these two criteria, including the impact on community cohesion and the size, population and boundaries of the area.
- 2.3 In addition to the main requirements outlined in paragraph 2.2 above, principal authorities are required to consider the suitability of any other forms of community governance not involving parishes (e.g. residents' associations, community forums, tenant management organisations and area committees), whether parish meetings or parish councils would be most appropriate, the electoral arrangements and any consequential recommendations for related alterations to ward and division boundaries.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Council is responsible for undertaking any review within its electoral area. All decisions will be made by Full Council prior to any Reorganisation of Community Governance Order being made.
- 3.2 The adopted Terms of Reference and timetable for the Drakelow Community Governance Review, a detailed report on the results of the first stage of consultation, the community governance implications and the Draft Recommendations are available on the Council's website.

3.3 **Appendix 1** provides details of the parties who were consulted in Stages One and Two of the Review and the consultation results received by 26 January and 8 May 2024 respectively. **Appendix 1** also includes an assessment of the community governance implications of these results in relation to the statutory Guidance and the proposed final recommendations.

3.4 If, having considered the report and **Appendix 1**, the Council approves the final recommendations; a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order will be required to bring the recommendations into legal effect and to secure implementation. Subject to the Council's authorisation, this Order will be approved by the Chief Executive and then published.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Any financial implications relating to the CGR process are within budgetary provisions.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 There are none relating to this report.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The outcome of the Review and any subsequent Reorganisation of Community Governance Order will determine the local governance arrangements for the Drakelow area; a place that is changing rapidly due to the regeneration of the former Drakelow Power Station site which includes the Dracon development of over 2000 new homes. If the final recommendations are adopted, it will pave the way for a new Parish Council to represent Drakelow electors.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Appendix 1: Community Governance Review of Drakelow: Final Recommendations
Appendix 2: Map showing the existing boundaries of the parished area of Drakelow