

Report of the Head of Civic Democratic and Legal Services

Electoral Arrangements - Parish of Clifton Without

Summary

- 1 To report to Members regarding the review of the electoral arrangements for the Parish of Clifton Without.

Background

- 2 Members resolved on the 2nd June 2006 to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements of the Parish of Clifton Without following a request from the Parish Council to reduce the number of parish councillors from fifteen to ten due to a failure in the past to recruit fifteen members.
- 3 The review was announced on the 1st July and a notice inviting comments by the 1st August was published in the local press, on the Guildhall notice board and on notice boards within the parish
- 4 No comments or representations have been received during this period of public consultation.

Consultation

- 5 No further consultation has been carried out

Options

- 6 Option One – Members may agree to the reduction of parish councillors from fifteen to ten.

Option Two – Members may decide not to reduce the membership of the Clifton Without Parish Council.

Analysis

- 7 In accordance with the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 Section 17(2)(3) a district council may conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for the council of a parish and may decide that changes may be made.

If Members agree to Option One the reduction in the number of parish councillors may provide the parish with a fully elected membership.

If Members agree to Option Two it is unlikely that the parish council will be able to recruit a full membership quota.

Corporate Priorities

- 8 Corporate priority – Improve the way the Council and its partners work together to deliver better services for the people who live in York

Implications

- 9 **Financial Implications** – there are no financial implications linked to this report

Human Resources Implications – there are no human resource implications linked to this report

Equalities Implications - there are no equality implications linked to this report

Legal – there are no legal implications linked to this report

Crime and Disorder – there are no crime and disorder implications linked to this report

Information Technology – there are no IT implications linked to this report

Property/Other – there are no property/other implications linked to this report

Risk Management

- 10 In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendation

- 11 Members are asked to consider Option One and recommend that:

(a) the number of parish councillors for the Clifton Without Parish Council be reduced from fifteen to ten and that this reduction takes place at the election of parish council members be held at the ordinary election of parish councillors on the 3rd May 2007 ; and

(b) the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services be authorised to take any necessary action to make the local Order.

Reason: The reduction in the number of parish councillors would be beneficial to the democratic process by encouraging a fully elected membership.

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Wards Affected: Skelton Rawcliffe and Clifton Without**Specialist Implications Officers:** None**For further information please contact the author of the report****Annexes :** None**Background Papers**

Local Government and Rating Act 1997