

Meeting	Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Date	7 November 2016
Present	Councillors Douglas (Chair), Boyce (Vice-Chair), Aspden, Crisp, Funnell, Gillies, Hayes, Mercer, D Myers, Orrell and Richardson
In attendance	Councillor Warters
Apologies	Councillors D'Agorne, Gunnell, Hunter and Mason

Part B - Matters Referred to Council

18. City of York Council Community Governance Review

[See also Part A minute]

Members considered a report that presented proposals in respect of the governance arrangements for parish councils and which sought approval to further direct consultation:

Request from Heslington Parish Council to have the two parish wards removed

Members noted that the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) for England review of the city council's wards had resulted in the creation of the Fulford and Heslington Ward and the expansion of the Hull Road Ward to include the University of York. This had left the parish of Heslington split between those two council wards. In line with common practice for the LGBCE in this situation, two parish wards had been created, as shown on the map at Annex C of the report. The two parish wards were of uneven size and the feelings of the parish were that the two wards did not provide effective representation and governance.

Members noted that the step of de-warding the council would require the approval of the LGBCE, which had confirmed that it had no objection. Members also noted the issues that the city council was legally obliged to consider when deciding whether to recommend that a parish should, or should not be or continue

to be divided into wards. It was the view of officers that the current arrangement was impracticable and it would be desirable to dispense with separate representation for different areas of the parish.

Members also noted the views of officers, as detailed in the report, and the requirements that had to be taken into account whenever a review of an existing parish was undertaken by the city council (as detailed in paragraphs 5.10 to 5.12 of the report). It was noted that the recommendation of officers was that the status quo be preserved in the absence of any public demand or obvious reason for change.

Request from Kexby Parish Council for change of name

Members noted that the Parish of Kexby had submitted a request for the name of the parish to be changed to Kexby and Scoreby Parish Council. It was intended that the name change would reflect a more historic link of the parish with the area that it covered.

- Recommended:
- (i) That Heslington Parish Council should no longer be divided into wards and there be a single parish area represented by nine councillors.
 - (ii) That Council formally confirms that Heslington Parish should not be abolished, that its area and name should be unchanged and that it should continue to have a Parish Council.
 - (iii) That the name of Kexby Parish Council be changed to Kexby and Scoreby Parish Council.

Reason: To allow better local representation for the electors of the parishes.

Councillor Douglas, Chair
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 5.00 pm].