

REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 15
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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - DRAKELOW: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS	REF:
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members consider the following draft recommendations in respect of the Drakelow Community Governance Review and approve them as the basis for further consultation as required.
- 1.2 That:
 - 1.2.1 the existing Parish Meeting for the parished area of Drakelow is abolished on 31 March 2025 and replaced with a Parish Council.
 - 1.2.2 a Parish Council for the parished area of Drakelow is constituted with effect from 1 April 2025.
 - 1.2.3 the new Council for the parished area of Drakelow is styled as a Parish Council and constituted as "Drakelow Parish Council".
 - 1.2.4 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).
 - 1.2.5 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.
 - 1.2.6 there will be no Parish Wards in Drakelow Parish Council's area.
 - 1.2.7 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 in May 2025.

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. This report advises Members of the results of the first stage of local consultation, identifies the community governance implications in relation to the statutory Guidance and proposes draft recommendations for the purposes of further consultation.

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. In addition to the Terms of Reference, all decisions will be made by Full Council prior to any Reorganisation of Community Governance Order being made.

3.2 A copy of the adopted Terms of Reference and timetable for the Drakelow Community Governance Review is available on the Council's website.

3.3 Appendix 1 provides details of the parties who were consulted in Stage One of the Review and the consultation results received by 26 January 2024. Appendix 1 also includes an assessment of the community governance implications of these results in relation to the statutory Guidance and the proposed draft recommendations for the purposes of further consultation.

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 Review and subsequent recommendations 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.

7.0 Background Papers

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