

Allerdale Borough Council

Council – 30 January 2019

Chief Executive Urgent Action – Workington Community Governance Review

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| The Reason for the Decision: | To report to council on an urgent action decision taken by the Chief Executive |
| Summary of options considered: | N/A |
| Recommendations: | That Council notes the urgent action decision taken by the Chief Executive on 18 December 2018, and the amendments to the new Workington Town Council boundaries arising from the decision. |
| Financial / Resource Implications | None |
| Legal / Governance Implications | Implications for electoral administration of the parish |
| Community Safety Implications | None |
| Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications | None |
| Equality Duty considered / Impact Assessment completed | N/A |
| Wards Affected: | Westfield/Salterbeck and Stainburn/St John's Workington town council wards |
| Is this a Key Decision: | No |
| Portfolio Holder: | Councillor Joan Ellis |
| Lead Officer | Lindsay Tomlinson Electoral Services Manager lindsay.tomlinson@allerdale.gov.uk |

Report Implications

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| Community Safety | N | Financial | N |
| Legal | Y | Partnership | N |

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| Social Inclusion | N | Asset Management | N |
| Equality Duty | N | Health and Safety | N |
| Employment (internal) | N | Employment (external to the Council) | N |

Background Papers

None

1.0 Urgent Action Decision

- 1.1 Allerdale Borough Council at its meeting on 5 December 2018 agreed a number of recommendations for amendments to the Workington Town Council boundaries and council size following a Community Governance Review (CGR) of the parish.
- 1.2 At the time that the review was considered by council, the new boundaries had not been set up within the council's GIS system, and the various administrative layers had to be looked at individually when drawing up the new boundaries.
- 1.3 Once the new layers were set up on the GIS system it became apparent, when viewing all layers together, that in two small areas the proposed new Workington town council ward boundaries had the effect of splitting the new Allerdale Borough Council ward.
- 1.4 The affected areas were land at Salterbeck, to the west of the railway line and land behind Workington Academy (the school field). Neither pieces of land contain any properties or electors.
- 1.5 Had the Reorganisation Order been submitted to the LGBCE in the form approved by council on 5 December it would have been rejected because of the mapping issues set out above. Because of the urgent need to have the Order approved by the Commissioners so that work could start on setting up the new boundaries for the May elections, an urgent decision was required.
- 1.6 Section 4.35.4 of the Council's Constitution allows the Chief Executive, in very urgent circumstances, to exercise the functions of the council, following consultation with the Mayor and the Leader of the Council.
- 1.7 On 18 December 2018 the Chief Executive therefore took the decision to amend the new Workington Town council boundaries as set out on the attached map. The land at Salterbeck therefore moves from the Salterbeck ward to the Westfield ward and the land at Workington Academy moves from the St John's ward to the Stainburn ward.

2.0 Finance/Resource Implications

2.1 None.

3.0 Legal Implications and Risks

3.1 The decision will reduce the risk of a challenge to or rejection of the Reorganisation Order for Workington by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

4.0 Recommendations

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Lindsay Tomlinson
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