

5 March 2025

Agenda Item:9

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE AND EMPLOYEES

GEDLING COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Purpose of the Report

1. This report informs Councillors about the process that is being followed by Gedling Borough Council, which is undertaking a Community Governance Review.
2. At its meeting on 27 November 2024, the Committee agreed that the Council would reserve its position on submitting a formal response until the next phase of consultation by sending a courtesy letter to Gedling Borough Council.
3. Due to the timings for publication of Gedling Borough Council's draft proposal, the Committee is now asked to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to produce and submit the Council's subsequent formal response, following consultation with Members of this Committee.

Information

4. In line with the timetable reported to Committee in November 2024, during the first stage of the Community Governance review, Gedling Borough Council consulted relevant community groups, public bodies (including the County Council) and elected representatives.
5. The feedback from this was used to determine a set of final draft recommendations, which were only recently published and which are now subject to a further period of consultation.
6. This is a link to the relevant pages on the Gedling Borough Council website

www.gedling.gov.uk/haveyoursay/stalbanscommunitygovernancereview/

7. Due to the timing of the publication of the draft proposals on 21 February 2025, and with reference to this Committee's planned meeting cycle and the County Council's pre-election period, it is proposed that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to submit the Council's response to those proposals, following consultation with Members of Governance and Ethics Committee.

8. The County Councillors for Arnold North have been contacted to seek their comments on this Community Governance Review. Any views provided will also be considered as part of the Council's response. Individual County Councillors can also submit their own specific responses.
9. The remaining stages in the review are as follows:

Action	Timescale
Consultation on draft proposals	21 February – 2 May 2025
Deadline for submissions	2 May 2025
Prepare final proposals	2 May – 27 May 2025
Report to Gedling Borough Council meeting	4 June 2025
If required: Organisation of Community Governance Order	After June 2025 council meeting

Other Options Considered

10. The usual process for responding to such reviews is for the Council's Chief Executive to submit a response based on Members' views expressed at a meeting of the Committee. As the draft proposals were published four days before the publication of the agenda for this meeting of the Governance and Ethics Committee, there has not been sufficient time for these proposals to be considered. It is proposed that a response from the Chief Executive, informed by the views of Members of the Committee, would be the most suitable approach on this occasion.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. To best enable the County Council to submit a final response to this consultation.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

13. This report has no financial implications.

Implications for Residents

14. Any wider impacts of the review will be considered by Gedling Borough Council in the development of the final proposals.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to produce and submit the Council's response to the draft proposals, following consultation with Members of the Committee and the relevant local County Councillors.

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Constitutional Comments (EKH 24/02/2025)

15. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Governance and Ethics Committee by virtue of its responsibility for all decisions relating to governance not otherwise specifically delegated elsewhere. As the recommendation relates to providing comments upon a community governance review being carried out by Gedling Borough Council, they do not relate to the matters reserved to Full Council to make orders giving effect to recommendations of a community governance review.

Financial Comments (PAA29 24/02/2025)

16. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- [Community Governance Review - St Albans Parish Council - Report to Gedling Borough Council 17 October 2024](#)
- [St Albans Community Governance Review - Gedling Borough Council](#)
- [The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Chapter 3](#)
- [The Legislative Reform \(Community Governance Reviews\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/998\)](#)
- [Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Guidance on community governance reviews](#)
- [Governance and Ethics Committee – Gedling Community Governance Report 27 November 2024](#)
- [Nottinghamshire County Council response to Phase 1 of Gedling Community Governance Review](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Arnold North – Councillor Michael Payne MP, Councillor Paulin Allan