

# **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 21 October 2019**

## **CHANGE OF PARISH COUNCIL NAME**

### **REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

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#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the name of Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council be changed to Allbrook Parish Council and that the Council's Head of Legal Services be instructed to notify the change of name to the relevant persons specified in the legislation.

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#### **Summary**

The Council has decision-making powers in respect of the naming of parish councils and Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council has requested that the Council renames it Allbrook Parish Council. Other public bodies need to be notified of the change of name if agreed by Councillors.

#### **Statutory Powers**

Local Government Act 1972 S.75

#### **Strategic Implications**

1. Not Applicable.

#### **Introduction**

2. Under the provisions of S.75 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council can, if requested by a parish council, give permission for the name of a parish council to be changed. Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council has requested that the Council approve their request to change the name of the Parish Council to Allbrook Parish Council

#### **Request for Parish Council Name Change**

3. The Parish Council's request is attached at Appendix A.

The Parish Council state that the rationale behind the request is that North Boyatt is not recognised as a place on Ordnance Survey or Google maps. The Parish Council has now been in existence for 9 years and in that time the

parish has grown in size with many new houses corresponding to an increase in the Council's administration. Accordingly, the Parish Council make the request the change is made so that the Parish can work as one community without any division in the name.

The Parish Council advises that an article was placed in the latest newsletter which was delivered by hand to all properties in the Parish. The Parish Council received one written and three verbal objections to the change of name.

In view of this minimal level of opposition to the Parish Council's proposals it is recommended that the request be approved. If Councillors agree the request, this Council is required to notify the change of name to a number of government bodies and organisations as set out in the legislation and accordingly the recommendation, if approved, asks that the Head of Legal Services notifies the appropriate persons of the change.

### **Financial Implications**

4. None.

### **Risk Assessment**

5. None.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

6. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report as the decision does not relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out.

### **Conclusion**

7. Councillors' approval is sought to the request by the Parish Council

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Appendices Attached: 1

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D**

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

\* List Background Papers None.