

1. **REPORT TITLE**                      **Community Governance Review Keele Parish Council**
- Submitted by:**                      **(Democratic Services Manager)**
- Portfolio:**                              **(Policy, People and Partnerships)**
- Ward(s) affected:**                  **(Keele)**

**Purpose of the Report**

For Council to consider the outcome of the Community Governance Review that has been carried out in relation to the boundary of Keele Parish Council.

**Recommendations**

**That the current boundary for the Parish Council be brought in line with the boundary for the Borough Ward of Keele.**

1. **Background**

Following a request from Keele Parish Council, a community governance review has been carried out under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Review complied with the legislative requirements, had regard for the associated statutory guidance and was conducted in accordance with the attached terms of reference.

A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of a district/parish area to consider one or more of the following:

- a) Creating, merging or abolishing parishes
- b) The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes
- c) The grouping of parishes under a common parish council
- d) The electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election; council size; the number of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding)

In undertaking any Review the Council is guided by the following legislation:

- a) Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- b) Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils)(England) Regulations 2008
- c) Relevant parts of the Local Government act 1972

The council needed to take into consideration the views of the local people, together with the views of any other interested party.

Following the review, the Council must resolve whether to amend the current boundary of Keele Parish Council.

## 2. **Issues**

### **Keele Parish Boundary**

The review was of the community governance needs of Keele Parish Council. This included the proposal put forward in a letter from Keele Parish Council that the current boundary for the Parish Council be brought in line with the boundary for the Borough Ward of Keele.

A consultation letter was sent out to all residents in Keele and no responses were received.

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council must have particular regard to ensure that community governance in the relevant area:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the communities in that area; and
- Is effective and convenient

The council must also take into account the following factors:

- Existing or other community governance arrangements (other than those relating to parishes)
- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion and
- The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. •

## 3. **Options Considered**

That the current boundary for the Parish Council be brought in line with the boundary for the Borough Ward of Keele.

## 4. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

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## 5. **Financial and Resource Implications**

None have been identified.

## 6. **Key Decision Information**

This is not a Key Decision

## 7. **List of Appendices**

Map of current boundaries.