



Meeting of the City Council

9 November 2016

Report title	Community Governance Review	
Referring body	Special Advisory Group, 21 October 2016	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Special Advisory Group	21 October 2016

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Council is recommended to:

1. Agree to conduct a community governance review for the whole of Wolverhampton but with more detailed work in the Tettenhall area.
2. Agree the draft terms of reference for a community governance review of the whole of the city.
3. Agree, in principle, that the Special Advisory Group, to act as the lead committee for the review process, ultimately making recommendations to Council for the city's community governance arrangements.

Recommendation(s) for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

1. That the costs of the review, to include resourcing the review itself and the associated consultation, have yet to be quantified but will be reported to the Special Advisory Group in due course.
2. The proposed timetable for the review.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The Council has received a formal request (dated 8 April 2016) for a community governance review, specifically in relation to Tettenhall Wightwick and Tettenhall Regis, to which it has a statutory obligation to respond. As the request meets the legislative criteria for triggering a review, the Council has a duty to arrange a community governance review. The Special Advisory Group has considered a report on the proposed approach for doing so. This report makes recommendations to Council on that approach.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 21 October 2016 the Special Advisory Group considered a report on a response to a request received for a community governance review.

- 2.2 Copies of the report have been deposited in the Members' Rooms and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. [Click here to access the report](#)

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendation from Special Advisory Group.

- 2.3 The Special Advisory Group:

1. *Agreed to conduct a community governance review for the whole of Wolverhampton but with more detailed work in the Tettenhall area.*
2. *Considered the options for a community governance review in light of the advantages and disadvantages outlined in section three.*
3. *Agreed the draft terms of reference for a community governance review of the whole of the city, for consideration by Council.*
4. *Agreed, in principle, subject to Council approval, to act as the lead committee for the review process, ultimately making recommendations to Council for the city's community governance arrangements.*
5. *Agreed the proposed timetable for the review, subject to ratification by Council.*
6. *Noted the costs of the review, to include resourcing the review itself and the associated consultation, have yet to be quantified but will be reported to the Special Advisory Group in due course.*

3.0 Financial, legal, equalities, environmental, human resources and corporate landlord implications

- 3.1 The implications are discussed in the body of the Special Advisory Group report.

4.0 Schedule of background papers

Special Advisory Group report – 21 October 2016