

<b>Report regarding request to the renaming of Witton Parish</b>	
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<p>Formally renaming the civil parish of Witton as Witton and Ridlington is purely an administrative change which would not affect any function of the Parish Council or its Governance or responsibilities.</p> <p>It would result in the sub-parish of Ridlington being reflected within the name which represents inclusivity for those members of that area of the parish.</p> <p>This change doesn't require much administration or consultation and is a sensible move akin to historical changes at Aldborough and Thurgarton parish and Corpusty and Saxthorpe parish.</p>
<b>Options considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To facilitate the request of the Parish Council and change the name of the parish.</li> <li>• To do nothing</li> </ul>
<b>Consultation(s)</b>	Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 does not require for a full consultation to be undertaken however the District Council ward member and County Council division member have both been emailed regarding the request and invited to comment.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>To seek approval from Full Council to the renaming of the civil parish of Witton to the civil parish of Witton and Ridlington.</p> <p>To seek approval on the creation of an Order to formalise the name change.</p> <p>To approve the delegation of powers to the Chief Executive or Monitoring Officer for the making of Section 75 orders in consultation with the relevant elected District Council and County Council members.</p>
<b>Reasons for recommendations</b>	To reflect the identity and inclusion of all areas covered by the Parish Council.
<b>Background papers</b>	none

<b>Wards affected</b>	Bacton Ward
<b>Cabinet member(s)</b>	Tim Adams
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<b>Links to key documents:</b>	
Corporate Plan:	Not directly linked to corporate plan priorities

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	Not linked to MTFS
Council Policies & Strategies	Not linked to any Core Strategy Policies as listed <a href="#">here</a>

<b>Corporate Governance:</b>	
Is this a key decision	No
Has the public interest test been applied	No wider consultation is required within Section 75 of the LGA 1972
Details of any previous decision(s) on this matter	none

## **1. Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To act on a request from Witton Parish Council to formally change the name of the civil parish of Witton to the civil parish of Witton and Ridlington to reflect the inclusion of all areas covered by the functions of the parish council.

## **2. Introduction & Background**

- 2.1 The request received by email from the Parish Council states that complaints had been received during the recent Local Elections from residents of Ridlington that they were being excluded.

- 2.2 The Parish Council has therefore requested that the parish be renamed Witton and Ridlington, a name which the Parish Council is known as.

- 2.3 The Local Government Act 1972 Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 states:-

(1) At the request of the parish council or, where there is no parish council, at the request of the parish meeting, the council of the district in which the parish is situated may change the name of the parish.

(2) Notice of any change of name made under this section –

(a) shall be sent by the district council concerned to the Secretary of State, to the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General; and

(b) shall be published by the district council in the parish and elsewhere in such manner as they consider appropriate.

## **3. Proposals and Options**

- 3.1 Do nothing
- 3.2 To approve the formal change in name for the civil parish of Witton to become the civil parish of Witton and Ridlington.

3.3 To approve the making of an order to effect the change of parish council name.

3.4 To approve the delegation of powers to the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer for the making of Section 75 orders in consultation with the relevant elected District Council and County Council members.

#### **4. Corporate Priorities**

NA

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

5.1 There are no financial implications linked to this report. All work undertaken in relation to it and any outcomes are in employee time only.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

6.1 This request is recommended within the regulations stated in the Local Government Act 1972, part IV, section 75.

6.2 If the recommended proposals are approved, an order will be prepared to comply with Section 75(2)(a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 as previously detailed in paragraph 2.3

#### **7. Risks**

NA

#### **8. Net Zero Target**

8.1 All exercises and duties relating to this report do not have an impact on the The Council's Net Zero Strategy & Action Plan.

#### **9. Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**

9.1 This report considers that approval of the request would positively reflect within the Council's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy with the inclusion of the sub-parish of Ridlington in the new formal name for the parish reflecting all areas represented by the Parish and indeed the Parish Council.

#### **10. Community Safety issues**

NA

#### **11. Conclusion and Recommendations**

11.1 To seek approval from Full Council to the renaming of the civil parish of Witton to Witton and Ridlington to reflect the identity and inclusion of all areas covered by the parish and formalise the name in which the Parish Council has been historically known by.

11.2 To create in a timely manner, an order to formalise the change of name to Witton and Ridlington Parish.

11.3 Approve the delegation of powers to the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer for the making of future Section 75 orders in consultation with the relevant elected District Council and County Council members.