

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**PUBLIC REPORT**

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of: Date of Decision:	Service Director Localisation 20 October 2015
SUBJECT:	SUTTON COLDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL STEERING GROUP

1. Purpose of report:

- 1.1 In September 2015, Council approved the establishment, remit and proposed membership of a steering group of key local stakeholders to take forward the planning and implementation of Sutton Coldfield Parish Council. Council Business Management Committee is recommended to approve the terms of reference (Appendix 1), which the Parish Council Steering Group agreed to adopt at their inaugural meeting on 13 October 2015.
- 1.2 Two of the local organisations nominated by Council to join the Parish Council Steering Group have decided not to take up the offer of a place on the Steering Group. Council are recommended to approve that the Steering Group selects two alternative local organisations to be represented on the Steering Group.

2. Recommendations :

- 2.1 To approve the Terms of Reference for the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group.
- 2.2 To approve that the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group selects two local organisations to be represented on the Steering Group.

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3.	Relevant background/chronology of key events.
3.1	The recommendations of the Community Governance Review Group were approved by Full Council in September 2015. Council approved the creation of a parish council for Sutton Coldfield, for an Interim Council to be established on 1 March 2016 and for the first elections to the new parish Council to be held in May 2016.
3.2	Council also agreed the establishment of a steering group of key local stakeholders to act as a consultative body and take forward the planning and implementation of the proposed new parish council until the new parish council is formally created and elections to the parish Council are held.
3.3	The Community Governance Review Group recommended that the steering group should be comprised of community representatives as well as city council elected members. The Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust and the Sutton Coldfield Business Improvement District were two of the local organisations approved by Council to join the Steering Group.
3.4	Having received an invitation to join the steering group, both of these organisations declined the offer of a place on the Steering Group. The Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust felt that the political overtones of a Parish Council would be incompatible with the objectives of the Trust and therefore decided against membership of the Steering Group.
3.5	The Sutton Coldfield Business Improvement District (BID) has also advised that it will not be nominating a representative to join the Steering Group, as it does not have the capacity to do so at the present time. The BID advised that it is currently progressing its renewal programme to achieve a second term in 2017, therefore its workload has increased significantly and it does not have the capacity to undertake further responsibilities. The BID however expressed their wish to work with the Parish Council at the appropriate time.
3.6	In order to ensure that key with local key stakeholders are represented on the Parish Council Steering Group at the earliest opportunity, Council Business Management Committee is recommended to approve that the Steering Group be authorised to select two appropriate alternative local organisations to be represented on the Steering Group.

<p>Signatures of approval to submit the report to Committee:</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>Dated:</p>
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List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:

List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):
Appendix 1 Terms of Reference for the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group