



City of Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 7 February 2023

To: The Chair and Members of the

ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PARISH OF BARNBURGH WITH HARLINGTON

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report sets out a request received from Barnburgh with Harlington Parish Council to change the name of the parish area to Barnburgh and Harlington.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. This is not an exempt report.

REASON FOR URGENCY

3. The request to change the name of the Barnburgh with Harlington parish was received by the Council after the agenda papers for this meeting had been published. As the next scheduled meeting of the Elections and Democratic Structures Committee is not until 18th July 2023, this matter would not be resolved until it received ratification by Full Council on 21st September 2023. The Chair, therefore, has agreed to receive this report as an item of urgency in order that the request can be expedited in a timely manner.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Committee is asked to agree to recommend to Full Council at its meeting on 27th February 2023 that the Barnburgh with Harlington parish be renamed Barnburgh and Harlington parish.
5. If approved, that a notice be published in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 15 of this report.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

6. The proposal outlined in this report only affects those residents living in the Barnburgh and Harlington parish area. The Parish Council has exercised its rights under the Local Government Act 1972 to request the principal authority (City of Doncaster Council) to approve a change to the name of the parish from Barnburgh with Harlington to Barnburgh and Harlington parish.

BACKGROUND

7. Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows principle councils, at the request of a parish council within the area, to change the name of a parish. A request has been received from Barnburgh with Harlington Parish Council seeking the City of Doncaster Council's approval as the Principal Authority for a change of name of Barnburgh with Harlington parish, as agreed at the Parish Council's meeting held on 18th January, so that it becomes Barnburgh and Harlington. The Parish Council has requested this change on the basis that Barnburgh and Harlington is the name that the parish is more generally known by, that has been used locally for a significant length of time, and which is used on all title deeds.
8. The Parish Council's request is limited to the change of name of the parish and, therefore, can be considered and implemented by the City of Doncaster Council without the need for a Community Governance Review.
9. If the recommendation is agreed, pursuant to Section 14 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council's name will automatically change to reflect the new name of the parish and will thereafter be known as Barnburgh and Harlington Parish Council.









OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

10. Under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972, a Parish Council is entitled to make a request to the Principal Authority to change the name of a parish.
11. Option 1 – Approve the formal change in name for the parish of Barnburgh with Harlington to become Barnburgh and Harlington (recommended, as this reflects the identity of the local community).
12. Option 2 - The City of Doncaster Council could refuse the request (not recommended).

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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 Tackling Climate Change				✓
Comments:				
 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work				✓
Comments:				
 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs				✓
Comments:				
 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all				✓
Comments:				
 Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs				✓
Comments:				
 Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough				✓
Comments:				
 Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future				✓
Comments:				
 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities				✓

Comments:				
Fair & Inclusive	✓			
<p>In relation to the consequence of the change of parish name, Section 75(3) of the Local Government Act, 1972 states that “a change of name made in pursuance of this section shall not affect any rights or obligations of any parish or of any council, authority or person...” Approving this request accords with the wishes of the local community.</p>				

Legal Implications [Officer Initials: SRF | Date: 03.02.23]

- 14. Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables a District Council or principal authority (in this case City of Doncaster Council) to change the name of a parish where a request is received from a parish council. The 1972 Act does not require a consultation to be undertaken by the principal authority when considering such a request.
- 15. If the recommendation is approved, the City of Doncaster Council is required to produce a notice confirming the change of name of the parish. This must be published within the parish. The City of Doncaster Council is also required to send copies to the Secretary of State, Director General of Ordnance Survey and the Registrar General.

Financial Implications

- 16. Financial implications have not been requested for this report.

Human Resources Implications

- 17. Human Resources Implications have not been requested for this report.

Technology Implications

- 18. Technology Implications have not been requested for this report

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- 19. There are no risks associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

- 20. Not applicable – the making of a Section 75 Order under the Local Government Act 1972, Part IV does not require that a public consultation be carried out.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

21. Draft minutes of Barnburgh with Harlington Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2023.
22. Local Government Act 1972, Section 75

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