

Council

13 March, 2018

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Policy Leadership and Governance - Councillor G. Duggins

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Ward(s) affected:

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Title: **Keresley Parish Council**

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

Following recent resignations by a number of councillors at Keresley Parish Council, only three remain which leaves the Parish Council not quorate and unable to act. In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the Principal Council to appoint persons to fill all or any of the vacancies until other councillors are elected and take up office. This report asks Council to delegate the appointment of persons to the Parish Council to the Deputy Chief Executive Place and the Monitoring Officer following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group.

Recommendations:

Council is recommended to:

1. Delegate the decision on the appointment of persons to fill all or any of the vacancies on Keresley Parish Council until other councillors are elected and take up office to the Deputy Chief Executive Place and the Monitoring Officer following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group.
2. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the order enacting the appointment.

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 13 March, 2018

Report title: Keresley Parish Council

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 Under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972, where there are so many vacancies in the office of parish councillor that a parish council is unable to act, the Principal Council may by order appoint persons to fill all or any of the vacancies until other councillors are elected and take up office. Following recent resignations from Keresley Parish Council, only three councillors remain in office. The Parish Council's standing orders state that there must be no fewer than four Members (out of their total of seven) present at a meeting and that unless the quorum is met, the Parish Council meeting cannot commence, no business may be transacted and no decisions can be made.
- 1.2 It is proposed that the appointment of persons to the Keresley Parish Council be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Place and the Monitoring Officer following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group.

2. Options Considered

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of the City Council as the Principal Council to make appointments when a parish council in its area is unable to act.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group will be undertaken prior to the decision being made.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The appointments will be made as soon as practically possible in order to allow the business of the Parish Council to recommence.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

- 5.1 Financial implications
None.
- 5.2 Legal implications
Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the City Council to make such appointments. The appointments will be confirmed by a Temporary Appointments Order.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

Making appointments to the Parish Council will allow it to operate and maintain existing governance arrangements in the city.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Making appointments to the Parish Council will allow it to operate.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA

None

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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