

**27 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
(STANDING ITEM)\***

<p><b>DECISION</b></p> <p><b>That consideration of a borough-wide community governance review (CGR) be referred back to the Boston Town Area Committee to take into account the views of the Corporate &amp; Community Committee and carry out consultation to gauge public appetite for a review.</b></p>	<p><b>Portfolio Holders and Officer</b></p> <p><b>NW/LB</b></p>
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REASON FOR DECISION

The Deputy Leader introduced a recommendation from the Corporate & Community Committee’s meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021, when the Committee had considered a report that set out information and options relating to the possibility of conducting a Community Governance Review (CGR).

The Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) had issued a request that the Council considered conducting a CGR of the town wards of the borough area under section 80 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Committee was asked to make a recommendation to Cabinet on whether a CGR should be undertaken.

Following its consideration, the Committee resolved to ask Cabinet to consider the following recommendation:

“That Cabinet considers a borough-wide community governance review (CGR) and refers back to the Boston Town Area Committee, if necessary, to request the Committee’s views.”

The Deputy Leader suggested that the matter could be referred back to BTAC for the Committee to consider carrying out a consultation to gauge public appetite for a CGR because of the significant costs involved.

The Chief Executive reported that other areas that recently gone through the CGR process had been looked at and it had been noticed that they had taken the route described by the Deputy Leader, which he considered a sensible option.

In response to concerns raised, the Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that the final decision would not be made by BTAC itself; it would be a decision for Full Council.

The Deputy Leader then put this forward as a proposal and when put to the vote it was carried with one vote against.

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