

# RECORD OF DECISIONS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER

**Rob Murfin** – Interim Executive Director of Planning & Local Services, Regeneration, Commercial & Economy

**Councillor Colin Horncastle** – Cabinet Member for Community Services

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## Decision on the application to designate the civil parish of Holy Island as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine an application to designate the civil parish of Holy Island as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

### 2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that:

- The civil parish of Holy Island should be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and
- The area covered by the parish of Holy Island will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Holy Island Parish Council has applied to the County Council seeking designation of the parish as a neighbourhood area. Holy Island were originally part of a multi-parish neighbourhood area for Norham and Islandshire. Holy Island Parish Council have decided to detach from the Norham and Islandshire neighbourhood area and prepare a plan for the island only. The other parish councils have expressed no objections with Holy Island creating their own neighbourhood area.
- 3.2 Legislation sets out a number of steps that are required to be taken when using neighbourhood planning powers. The first requirement is to have an area designated as a 'neighbourhood area'. Once this has been done, all other neighbourhood planning powers may be exercised by the qualifying body, in this case, Holy Island Parish Council.
- 3.3 The area designation application complies with the requirements set out in the relevant Regulations.
- 3.4 Legislation requires that the local planning authority must have regard to the desirability of designating the whole of a parish as a neighbourhood planning area where an application is made by a parish council. Unless there are good reasons to act otherwise, it will be appropriate to designate the whole of a civil parish as a neighbourhood area.
- 3.5 The proposed neighbourhood area consists of a single civil parish. The civil parish boundaries provide an appropriate geographically distinct area within which neighbourhood planning activity could take place. It is considered appropriate to designate the civil parish of Holy Island as a neighbourhood area.
- 3.6 As part of the process of designation the County Council must consider whether the area should also be designated as a business area for neighbourhood planning purposes. The

proposed neighbourhood area is not dominated by business activities. It would therefore not be appropriate to designate it as such.

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Interim Executive Director of Planning & Local Services, Regeneration, Commercial & Economy**

**Cabinet Member for Community Services**

**Subject:** Designation of the parish of Holy Island as a neighbourhood area

**Decision taken:**

The civil parish of Holy Island will be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The neighbourhood area will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

**Signatures**

Interim Executive Director of Planning & Local Services, Regeneration, Commercial & Economy



..... Date: 29 Nov 22

Cabinet Member for Community Services



..... Date: 30 Nov 22