RECORD OF DECISIONS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER

Mark Ketley – Head of Planning Services
Councillor John Riddle – Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Resilience

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Decision on the application to designate the civil parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea 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 Newbiggin-by-the-Sea as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

2.1 The civil parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea should be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and

2.2 The area covered by the parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

3. Background

3.1 Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Town Council has applied to the County Council seeking designation of the parish as a 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, Newbiggin Town 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 adjoining parish councils have expressed no intention of joining with Newbiggin-by-the-Sea to create a larger neighbourhood area. 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 Newbiggin-by-the-Sea 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

Head of Planning Services

Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Resilience

Subject: Designation of the parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea as a neighbourhood area

Decision taken:

The civil parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea 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

Head of Planning Services: Date: 07 February 2018

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Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Resilience: Date: 07 February 2018

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