

## **IRTON WITH SANTON PARISH**

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<b>Summary</b>	Reports to the Parish Review Working Party on the future of parishing in Irton with Santon
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That a Community Governance Review be undertaken to establish the views of local residents on the future of parishing arrangements in the area.

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 All the members of the Irton with Santon Parish Council resigned in the early 2000's following the introduction of the Code of Conduct for local authority members. There were no elections in the parish at the last two rounds of parish council elections in 2003 and 2007. There is no clerk and there was no parish precept levied in 2010/11.
- 1.2 Despite this the Parish Council remains in existence as a legal entity though obviously a dormant one, and will remain so unless the council is abolished by the Borough Council using the powers in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, following a Community Governance Review.

### **2 PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 Under Section 94 of the 2007 Act a principal council can make recommendations following a community governance review on whether a parish of between 151 to 999 electors should have a parish council or a parish meeting. There are 277 electors in Irton with Santon. If the parish council is to be wound up the parish itself would remain in existence and the usual requirements for an annual parish meeting of all electors would apply.
- 2.2 Section 93 of the 2007 Act requires a principal council to ensure that community governance in the area under review will be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area, and is effective and convenient.

