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## DECISION OF COUNCILLOR ELFAN AP REES

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND  
TRANSPORTATION, CONCESSIONARY FARES, CAR PARKS, HOUSING, GYPSIES AND  
TRAVELLERS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WITH ADVICE FROM  
THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

**DECISION 15/16 DE 311**

**SUBJECT:** Clevedon Neighbourhood Area

**Background:** Clevedon Parish Council submitted an application to designate a Neighbourhood Area on 18 February 2016. This is a prerequisite to undertaking any form of neighbourhood planning in the parish. The Neighbourhood Area will become the area which can be covered by a future neighbourhood plan. The Town Council have proposed that the whole of the parish of Clevedon be designated as the Neighbourhood Area.

The Neighbourhood Area must be formally designated by North Somerset Council under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The application was duly advertised by North Somerset Council in accordance with the above regulations. Clevedon town Council is the relevant body to make this application under 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Eight responses have been received, six of which specifically make no objection to the Neighbourhood Area with no other comments. A response from the South West Transport Network states support for the boundary and makes some recommendations for transport improvements which could be included within a neighbourhood plan. A local resident has questioned whether the area should be extended to include Kenn, Tickenham and Walton-in-Gordano parishes in order to take account of impact on Clevedon of any development in these neighbouring parishes. The Town Council have stated that this possibility was considered but this situation is no different to other neighbourhood areas based on parish boundaries and there is some difficulty in where to draw the line. Given surrounding green belt constraints it is acknowledged that there is limited potential for this anyway. Overall the Town Council considered a neighbourhood area based on the Clevedon parish boundary would be more manageable and deliverable although the Town Council have stated that it is "agreed that we would need to liaise and work with the surrounding parishes as stakeholders as developments in these areas would have an impact on Clevedon".

The inclusion of the whole of the Parish of Clevedon in the Neighbourhood Area is logical and allows the Town Council to explore any issues which emerge throughout the Parish area in

any forthcoming neighbourhood plan, whilst remaining manageable in proportions and procedure.

**DECISION:** The application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for the Parish of Clevedon is approved in accordance with the application received on the 18 February 2016.

**Reasons:** The designation of the Neighbourhood Area is a pre-requisite to producing a Neighbourhood Plan and undertaking any other neighbourhood planning in the parish. The whole of the Parish is a logical area to designate.

**Other Alternatives Considered:** Designating a smaller area would preclude the Parish Council from addressing any issues which may emerge in other parts of the Parish or town during the course of the preparation of a neighbourhood plan. A wider boundary has been considered but would be less manageable.

**Risk Assessment:** There are no specific risks associated with the designation of the Clevedon Neighbourhood Area.

**Financial Implications:**

The decision is within the relevant budget of the Directorate and the overall budget is not projected to be overspent. Government funding is available to cover North Somerset Council's costs in designating the neighbourhood area. A sum of £5k can be claimed retrospectively.

**Implications for Future Years:**


The approval of the Neighbourhood Area does not have any direct budgetary implications. North Somerset Council is required to assist the community in neighbourhood planning and to fund the examination of any neighbourhood plan or community right to build order and any resultant referendum. The costs of this, however are borne by Government funding.

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The Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways and Transportation, Concessionary Fares, Car Parks, Housing, Gypsies and Travellers and Economic Development

Dated.....10/5/16.....

**Confirmation of Advice Given**

Signed..........Director of Development & Environment

Dated.....16/5/16.....