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Subject: Community Governance Review for a Parish Council in Whitburn

Good Evening Jonathan,

A Happy New Year to you.

If you remember I submitted an application to the council in May 2025 to request a Community Governance Review (CGR) to form a parish council in Whitburn. At the request of Councillor Tracey Dixon I removed the request from the council meeting in October 2025 until we had a formal meeting of the residents to gauge the idea of forming a parish council in Whitburn. At the end of the meeting the following question was put before the residents to vote on:

Do you want the Forum to apply to the council for a community governance review to determine if the voters in Whitburn would like to create a Parish Council?

The vote was 40 to 12 in favour.

Attached is a resubmission for a CGR.

Regards

John Philip Leaf - Chair WNF

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WHITBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

To:

Jonathan Tew

Chief Executive

South Tyneside Council

Town Hall & Civic Offices

Westoe Road

South Shields NE33 2RL

Date: 21st January 2026

Community Governance Application

Dear Sir,

I, John Philip Leaf of 87 Shearwater, Whitburn, SR6 7SG as Chair of the Whitburn Neighbourhood Forum wish to submit an application for the council to undertake a Community Governance Review for the formation of a Parish Council in the village of Whitburn.

The proposed name of the Parish Council will be "Whitburn Parish Council".

The area of the proposed parish will be as defined in Appendix 1 of this letter which is the same as the designated neighbourhood forum area.

We consider this area to be appropriate for the proposed parish as it encompasses the lower super output areas (LSOAs) of South Tyneside 018c, 018d and 018e which corresponds to the village of Whitburn.

The Whitburn Neighbourhood Forum was designated by South Tyneside Council in January 2017 for carrying out neighbourhood planning under Section 61G(2) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and has a 'made' Neighbourhood Plan in place which excludes us from having to submit a Community Governance Petition.

Yours

John Philip Leaf – Chair Whitburn Neighbourhood Forum

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Appendix 1: Proposed Area of Parish Council

