

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 17 December 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Castlefields Ward – Change of Name

WARDS: Castlefields

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Members of the results of a consultation exercise on the change of name of Castlefields Ward.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council be recommended to change the name of Castlefields Ward to 'Halton Castle Ward'.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Council at its meeting on 13 August 2008 agreed that a Working Party of Members be established to consider whether to change the name of the Castlefields Ward.

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 there is a provision for a Local Authority to change the name of an electoral area following consultation with interested parties.

A period of consultation has taken place where the name "Castle Ward" was suggested to the local community. The following results came from the public in relation to proposed change of name to Castle Ward:

340 – For
285 – Against
120 – No Opinion

A letter was also sent to groups/organisations who have an active role in the Castlefields Ward. One response was received supporting the change to "Castle Ward".

The Members Working Party has met on two occasions to discuss the results of the consultation and, considering all the submissions received, it was agreed that the Council be recommended to change the name of Castlefields Ward to "Halton Castle Ward".

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy implications.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** – There are no implications arising from this report.
- 6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** – There are no implications arising from this report.
- 6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – There are no implications arising from this report.
- 6.4 **A Safer Halton** – There are no implications arising from this report.
- 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** - There are no implications arising from this report.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

There are no risk assessment implications.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality and diversity implications.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None.