**Test Valley Borough Council Community Governance Review Valley Park – Final Recommendations**

**Summary of Responses and Final Recommendations**

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| Parish | Valley Park Parish |
| Nature of Issue | Unwarding Valley Park parish |
| Summary of Issue | Removing parish warding in Valley Park parish and creating a single parish ward. |
| Respondents | **In favour of dewarding:-**  Valley Park Parish Council (4)  Borough Councillor (1)  Not in favour of dewarding – Nil |
| Summary of Representations (Consultation Stage) | **Councillor A Dowden –** Chairman of Valley Park, requests that Valley Park reverts to one ward of 9 councillors.  **Mr Beesley**, Parish Councillor in Valley Park – express my **support** for Valley Park to revert to one ward of 9 councillors.  **K Woods** - Parish Councillor in Valley Park – **supports** the proposal that Valley Park reverts to one ward for 9 councillors.  **Councillor C Dowden** – **supports** the removal of parish ward boundaries to a single unwarded Parish Council for Valley Park.  **Mr C Anderson** – Parish Councillor in Valley Park – **supports** the removal of the Valley Park Parish ward boundaries and reverting to a single unwarded Parish Council. |
| Members Group Observations | The Members Group noted that the responses from the consultation were all in favour of the request from Valley Park Parish Council to revert to one ward of 9 Councillors. The parish had not previously been warded, and had only been warded by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as part of the 2017 Borough Ward Review (as the LGBCE were legally required to do in view of their recommendations). Valley Park was a single community and there was no reason to retain the warding divisions.  Accordingly, the Members Group recommended agreeing the request from Valley Park Parish Council. |
| Electoral Arrangement Issues | See Annex 3 |
| Proposed Final Recommendations | 1. **That the existing parish warding in Valley Park Parish be removed.** 2. **That the number of parish councillors for Valley Park Parish Council be 9.** 3. **That save for the above, no changes to the existing governance arrangements be made.** |