

City of York Council

Community Governance Review 2014

Review of community Governance Arrangements within the City of York.

Terms of Reference

The City of York Council will conduct a Review of Community Governance Arrangements within the City of York Council Local Authority area in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

The Council will comply with legislative requirements and shall have regard to the associated statutory guidance.

The review shall be of the community governance arrangements for the whole City which includes:

- Non-parished area of City of York Council;
- The following areas covered by existing parish and town councils;

Acaster Malbis PC	Heslington PC	Rawcliffe PC
Askham Bryan PC	Hessay PC	Rufforth and Knapton PC
Askham Richard PC	Heworth Without PC	Skelton PC
Bishopthorpe PC	Holtby PC	Stockton on the Forest PC
Clifton Without PC	Huntington PC	Strensall with Towthorpe PC
Copmanthorpe PC	Kexby PC	Upper Poppleton PC
Deighton PC	Murton PC	Wheldrake PC
Earswick PC	Naburn PC	Wigginton PC
Elvington PC	Neither Poppleton PC	
Fulford PC	New Earswick PC	
Haxby Town Council	Osbalwick PC	

The Council will invite and take account of representations from Parish Councils, electors and other interested parties on the most suitable ways of representing the people in council area in regards to parish or town Councils.

The review will consider the following:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
- The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes;
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election; council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding), and
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes

In particular the review will consider:

- the electoral arrangements for Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council (which currently follows a different electoral cycle to other Parish Councils)
- the impact of the recent Ward boundary review for the City of York Council on current Parish boundaries

The Council will ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- Reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and;
Is effective and convenient.

In doing so the community governance review is required to take into account:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

The review will result in recommendations to be considered at a meeting of the full Council of the City of York.

The proposed timetable for the review is:

STAGE	ACTIVITY	TIMESCALE	DATE
Report to Committee	Agreement to begin the Review.	N/A	1 September 2014
Commencement	Publication of Notice of Community Review and the Terms of Reference for the review.	N/A	8 September 2014
Stage One	Initial Submissions are invited from the public and specifically from Parish Councils.	One Month	8 September to 10 October 2014
Stage Two	Considerations of submissions received. Draft recommendations prepared in respect of decisions to be made and further consultation to be undertaken	Three Weeks	10 October to 24 October 2014
Decision of Gambling, Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Recommendations to be considered with a view to proposing further consultation and/or making recommendations to Council.	N/A	24 November 2014

Council Decision	Opportunity for Council to agree to the implementation of recommendations.	N/A	11 December 2014
Stage Four	Further consultation if required.	N/A	To be determined
Stage Five	Draft recommendations from the consultation period.	N/A	To be determined
Committee recommendation Council Decision	Full Council decision and implementation of final recommendations.	N/A	To be determined