

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

CARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Terms of Reference

'To consider the electoral arrangements of Cartington Parish Council with a view to its abolition and the redistribution of its area into Rothbury Parish and Thropton Parish.'

Community Governance Reviews

Principal Councils, like Northumberland County Council, have powers to conduct community governance reviews about such matters as the creation of parish council and their electoral arrangements. This includes looking at the existing electoral arrangements.

An essential feature of community governance reviews is consulting with local electors and other stakeholders in the area subject to review.

Background

Cartington Parish Council has requested that a community governance review be carried out with a view to abolishing the Parish and amalgamating its area between Rothbury and Thropton Parish Councils.

It believes that it is a small parish with limited resources and, as such, has very few responsibilities other than to discuss planning applications. The Parish Council feels that the electors would be better served by the proposed division between Rothbury and Thropton Parish Councils.

The area of Cartington Parish would be divided by the boundary line as shown on map 1. Area A would be amalgamated into Thropton Parish and Area B into Rothbury Parish.

If the proposed abolition of Cartington Parish Council is not agreed, then Rothbury Parish Council has proposed that Areas C and D (as shown on map 2) should become part of Rothbury Parish and the boundary should be amended accordingly. This would enable Rothbury Parish Council to incorporate the new developments on this land and make decisions in relation to these areas.

Cartington Parish Council has asked Northumberland County Council to carry out a community governance review. If approved, the recommendations of the review will lead to the abolition of Cartington Parish Council OR if the Parish Council is to be retained, then its boundary with Rothbury Parish should be amended as shown in map 2.

If an Order is made, the changes will come into force for the next ordinary elections of the Parish Council in May 2021.

Timetable

24 May 2019	Issue press release and publish notices within the Parish
21 June 2019	Deadline for any comments/objections
September 2019	Report to Council informing it of the outcome of the review
December 2019	Making of the relevant order, subject to the Council's decision

Contact

Comments to be submitted in writing by 21 June 2019 to

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