

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

ALLENDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Terms of Reference

'To consider the electoral arrangements of Allendale Parish Council with a view to reducing its number of members from 13 to 8.'

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

Allendale Parish Council has requested that its membership be reduced from 13 members to 8. It states that it has become increasingly difficult to fill vacancies on the Parish Council and that its number of Councillors is disproportionate for the size of the Parish. The Parish Council feels that to reduce its numbers to 8 would bring it in line with other similar Parish Councils, while remaining effective and convenient.

The Parish Council has, therefore, asked Northumberland County Council to carry out a community governance review. If approved, the recommendations of the review will lead to a reduction in the number of members on Allendale Parish Council from 13 to 8.

If an Order is made, the changes will come into force for the next ordinary elections of the Parish Council in May 2025.

Timetable

13 May 2022	Issue press release and publish notices within the Parish
17 June 2022	Deadline for any comments/objections
7 September 2022	Report to Council informing it of the outcome of the review
Late 2022	Making of the relevant order, subject to the Council's decision

Contact

Comments to be submitted in writing by **17 June 2022** to

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