

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
TARSET WITH GREYSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Terms of Reference

'To consider the electoral arrangements of Tasset with Greystead Parish Council with a view to removing its subdivision into wards.'

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

The Parish of Tasset with Greystead currently comprises two wards, the Tasset Ward and the Greystead Ward. The current electorates are 62 and 174 respectively. The Parish has a total of eight Parish Councillors with five representing the Tasset Ward, and three representing the Greystead Ward.

The Parish Council is concerned that there have been difficulties at past elections for election candidates in obtaining signatures on nomination papers from electors eligible to do so. If the Parish was unwarded, then this difficulty would be removed and all eight Parish Councillors would represent the whole of the Tasset with Greystead Parish.

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 the removal of the two Wards.

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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