

## **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

### **LONGHOUGHTON AND CRASTER PARISH COUNCILS**

#### **Terms of Reference**

'To consider the electoral arrangements of Longhoughton Parish Council with a view to amending its boundary with Craster Parish Council'

#### **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**

Longhoughton Parish Council has asked that the properties of Copley Hall, and Nos. 1 and 2 Copley Hall Cottages which are currently located in Craster Parish Council should be transferred into Longhoughton Parish. Discussions have taken place between Longhoughton and Craster Parish Councils and the Howick Trustees and it has been agreed that this anomaly should be corrected. This would result in the whole of Howick Village becoming part of Longhoughton Parish Council

Longhoughton 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 amendment of the boundary between the two Parish Councils

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

#### **Timetable**

15 March 2018	Issue press release and publish notices within the Parish
13 April 2018	Deadline for any comments/objections
4 July 2018	Report to Council informing it of the outcome of the review
August/September 2018	Making of the relevant order, subject to the Council's decision

## **Contact**

Comments to be submitted in writing by by 13 April 2018, to

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