

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL and WHITTON & TOSSON PARISH COUNCIL

Terms of Reference

'To consider the electoral arrangements of Rothbury Parish Council with a view to reviewing its administrative boundary with Whitton & Tosson 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

Rothbury Parish Council has requested that its boundary with Whitton & Tosson Parish be amended as follows to allow Rothbury Parish Council to make decisions in relation to these areas:-

Area A - The proposed amendment would move Jubilee Crescent from Whitton & Tosson Parish into Rothbury Parish.

In addition, the following anomaly to the current boundary between Rothbury and Whitton & Tosson Parish has been identified by Northumberland County Council:-

Area B - To move the gardens of 1 - 2 Cobble Court and Banklands, South Terrace, Rothbury which are currently located in Whitton and Tosson Parish into Rothbury Parish.

Rothbury Parish Council has asked Northumberland County Council to carry out a community governance review. If approved, the recommendations of the review will lead to an amendment of the administrative 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

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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