

Community Governance Review 2020

(Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007)

Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

1.1 What is a community governance review?

A community governance review is a review of the whole or part of the Council's area to consider one or more of the following:

- creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
- the naming of parishes and the style of new parishes;
- the electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election council size; the number of councillors to be elected to council and parish warding); and,
- grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.

A community governance review is required to take into account:

- the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

If the Council is satisfied that the recommendations from a community governance review would ensure that community governance within the area under review will reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and is effective and convenient, the Council makes a community governance order.

1.2 Scope of the review

The review will consider:

- (a) The existing electoral arrangements and boundaries of the parish of Livesey
- (b) Any proposals for the extension of the parish boundary, excluding any other existing parish area.

The parish of Livesey form part of the Livesey with Pleasington borough ward and includes the polling districts LP2, LP3 and LP5 (see attached ward map. The current precept for Livesey Parish Council is £8.26 (band D).

All other matters that may be considered as part of a community governance review are out of the scope of this review and will therefore not be considered.

2. Consultation

2.1 How the Council proposes to conduct consultations during the Review?

Before making any recommendations or publishing final proposals, the Council must consult local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body that appears to the Council to have an interest in the review.

The Council will therefore:

- publish a notice and these terms of reference on the Council's website (www.blackburn.gov.uk) and arrange for copies to be available for public inspection by contacting the Elections Office on 01254 585920 or email: voting@blackburn.gov.uk;
- send a copy of the notice and these terms of reference to Livesey Parish Council and Ward Members;
- seek to arrange for the notice to be published on Livesey Parish Council's website and notice board; and

Before making any recommendations, the Council will take account of any representations received. The Council will publish its recommendations as soon as practicable and take such steps as it considers sufficient to ensure that persons who may be interested in the community governance review are informed of the recommendations and the reasons behind them.

The Council will notify each consultee and any other persons or bodies who have made written representations of the outcome of the review.

3. Timetable for the community governance review

3.1 The Council must complete a community governance review within twelve months from the day on which the Council publishes the terms of reference. A community governance review is concluded on the day on which the Council publishes the recommendations made by the community governance review.

The table below sets out the timetable for the review.

Action	Timetable	Outline of Action
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Start Date	3 December 2020	Council publishes the terms of reference
Draft proposals are prepared	By 3 December 2020	Draft proposals to be considered by Council

Draft proposals are published	By 3 December 2020	Council publishes draft proposals
Consultation	one month period starting with publication of draft proposals	Council invites representations from interested parties on the draft proposals
Final recommendations are prepared	By 28 January 2021	Results of consultation considered by Council and will give effect to the recommendations
Order made	28 January 2021	Council makes and publishes the community governance order
Order takes effect	1 February 2021	Dependant on the outcome and recommendations

4. Making representations

4.1 If you want to make a written comment about the community governance review please send them to:

Community Governance Review
 Electoral Services
 Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
 Town Hall
 King William Street
 Blackburn
 BB1 7DY
 E-mail: voting@blackburn.gov.uk

4.2 Written comments must be received by 4 January 2021.

4.3 Should you require any further information regarding the review, please contact Asad Laher, Head of Legal & Governance at the address above or by phone 01254 585920

