



COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

At 7.30 pm

in the

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL,

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART I

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Community Governance Reviews

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Definition & Scope

- Review of electoral arrangements of parishes.
Creation, merging and abolition of parishes.
Review of parish boundaries (and internal wards).
Naming of parishes (and internal wards)
Number of councillors.
- Process governed by the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- Responsibility for reviews now rests solely with principal councils.



Starting a review

- Duty to conduct a review in response to a valid petition - Section 83(2) of the LG&PIHA 2007
- Power to conduct a review of any part of principal council's area at any time - Section (82) pf the LG&PIHA 2007.
- Government guidance for principal councils to conduct reviews of their areas every 10-15 years.



The petition process

- Conditions set out in Section 80 of the LG&PIHA 2007.

Petition area	Required number of signatories
< 500 electors	37.5% of the electors
500 – 2,499 electors	At least 187 of the electors
> 2,500 electors	At least 7.5% of the electors

- Petitioners must be local government electors on “*most recently published register*”.
 - Petition must define the area to which the review relates “by map or otherwise”.
 - Petition must specify one or more recommendations which the petitioners wish a CGR to consider.
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Stages of the review

- Publish Terms of Reference – Sets out the scope of the review, what will be reviewed, financial implications of the recommendations for change, timetable for the review, consultation.
- Consultation on Terms of Reference (Stage 1) – 2 months.
- Consideration of representations received.
- Publication of Draft Recommendations – 2 months.
- Consultation on Draft Recommendations (Stage 2) – 2 months.
- Consideration of representations received.
- Publication of Final Recommendations.
- Council makes Reorganisation Order.

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Questions

For questions about the Community
Governance Review process, please contact
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