

Community Governance Review – Terms of Reference

That a community governance review be carried out by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”). The review shall comply with the legislative requirements, have regard for the associated statutory guidance and will be conducted in accordance with these terms of reference. The review shall be of the community governance needs of the whole of the local authority area of Barnsley MBC. It shall have particular regard for the need to secure that community governance within the area under review:

- reflects the identities and interests of the communities in that area; and
- is effective and convenient.

When carrying out the Community Governance Review, the Barnsley MBC must also take into account other existing or potential community governance arrangements (other than those relating to parishes) in determining what parish arrangements to recommend. Following the review we shall make recommendations as to:

- whether or not to establish new parishes, the name of any new or existing parish and the styling (i.e. parish, community, neighbourhood or village) of any new parish;
- the retention, abolition or alteration of the area of the existing parishes; and
- whether or not any new or existing parish should have a parish council (subject to the particular restrictions on recommendations in this area set out in s.94 of the 2007 Act) and the electoral arrangements of any new or existing parish council – including the ordinary year of election, warding and number of councillors.

Following the review we may make recommendations as to:

- Whether or not to introduce any new community governance arrangements other than those relating to parishes and parish council's.
- the grouping (under a common parish council) of parishes;

The review shall invite and take account of submissions from all interested parties.