



Community Governance Review of Newark Town Council Boundaries

Draft Proposals – April 2018

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1.0 Background Information

- 1.1 Newark Town Council made a request to the Council to undertake a community governance review of Newark Town Council boundaries in three areas.
- 1.2 The District Council approved Terms of Reference for the review on 12 December 2017 and embarked upon a community governance review. Comments on the Terms of Reference were sought from local residents and interested parties and the results of these were analysed by a Community Governance Review Working Party who recommended draft proposals for approval by the Council.

2.0 Draft Proposals

- 2.1 Following consideration of the proposals put forward by the Community Governance Working Party, the District Council, at its meeting held on 10 April 2018, agreed draft proposals upon which we are now inviting comments.

- 2.2 The District Council's draft proposals are as follows: -

(a) The boundaries for Newark Town Council be re-drawn as follows:

- For the southern boundary with Balderton Parish Council to be redrawn to follow the line of the Sustrans route (Map 1 refers);
- For the boundary with Balderton Parish Council around the Highfields School site be redrawn so the whole of the site be placed in Balderton Parish Council (Map 2 refers);
- For the eastern boundary with Winthorpe & Langford Parish Council be redrawn along the A1 (Map 3 refers).
- Map 4 summarises the draft proposals. In relation to the proposals for the Highfields School site this map illustrates the existing housing being moved to the Milton Ward of Balderton Parish Council with any new developments being located in the North Ward of Balderton Parish Council.

(b) That the existing Balderton and Winthorpe & Langford Parish Council boundaries be altered accordingly.

(c) That the electoral arrangements for Newark Town Council, with effect from May 2019 be as follows:

Beacon Ward -	5 Members
Bridge Ward -	3 Members
Castle -	2 Members
Devon -	6 Members
Magnus -	1 Member
Sleaford -	1 Member

Note – this reflects a change to the final recommendations of Local Government Boundary Commission for England Further Electoral Review of the County Council as the proposed single Member Wards of East and South will have minimal numbers or electors. These two seats have therefore been added to the proposed Beacon and

Devon Wards but the boundaries will be retained for the scheduled elections in 2023. If agreed this would need consent of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

- (d) That the electoral arrangements for Balderton Parish Council remain as those prescribed in the Final Recommendations from the Further Electoral Review of the County Council. These being:

Milton Ward -	1 Member
North Ward -	4 Members
Rowan -	3 Members
South -	7 Members

- (e) That the electoral arrangements for Winthorpe & Langford Parish Council remain as they are. Namely 9 Members (Winthorpe Ward – 7; Langford Ward 2).

These proposed Parish Warding arrangements are illustrated in Map 4.

3.0 Statutory Consultation

- 3.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 sets out the procedure for conducting community governance reviews.
- 3.2 The consultation period on the draft proposals being put forward will end on 25 May 2018.
- 3.3 Copies of these draft recommendations have been placed on deposit at the District Council Offices at Castle House, Great North Road, Newark NG24 1BY.
- 3.4 These draft proposals have also been sent to the list of consultees as identified in the Terms of Reference for the Review.
- 3.5 Notices detailing the draft recommendations have also been circulated to the relevant parishes for display in the community.
- 3.6 Comments from interested parties are invited before 25 May 2018. Comments on the draft proposals should be forwarded to: -

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- 3.7 In accordance with the terms of the reference for the review, the District Council, at their meeting to be held on 17 July 2018, will publish final proposals, having taken into account the recommendations of the Community Governance Review Working Party who will consider all representations received.
- 3.8 The Council will inform interested parties, including the Electoral Commission, of the outcome of the community governance review and make any Reorganisation Order that may be required.
- 3.9 The Council will also need to get the consent of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for these proposed changes.

4.0 Further Information

- 4.1 For further information on the proposals contained with this document, please contact: -
- Nigel Hill (Business Manager - Democratic Services) – 01636 655243
- 4.2 In addition to the information contained in this document the following information is also available: -
- Terms of Reference for the Review.
 - Previous reports submitted to the Community Governance Review Working Party and District Council meetings.
 - Representations received during the first stage of the Review.

This information is also available on the Council's website at www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

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