

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	Barton Seagrave, & Burton Latimer, (A6 Towns) Queen Eleanor & Buccleuch, Slade and Welland (Rural)	25 th & 26 th June 2014	
Title	Community Governance Review		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Borough Council's Geographic Forums in relation to the Community Governance Review of selected parishes in the Borough.

2. INFORMATION

Kettering Borough Council has commenced a Community Governance Review of the following parishes within the Borough of Kettering:

- Barton Seagrave
- Burton Latimer
- Broughton
- Geddington, Newton, Little Oakley
- Cranford
- Cransley
- Mawsley
- Rushton
- Wilbarston

The purpose of the Review is to enable the Council to consider what changes, if any, are required to the existing parish arrangements to ensure that they reflect the identities and interests of the communities in the area and that they provide effective and convenient governance at the local level.

The Council is now undertaking the Review and is inviting residents, parish councils and any interested organisations, to submit their views on the existing arrangements, together with any proposals for change.

Based on consultation with Town and Parish Councils in the Borough and on the agreed criteria the Review will consider changes to the community governance arrangements, which are summarised below:

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WARD CHANGES

Barton Seagrave

Barton Seagrave Parish Council has requested a change to a single eight seat parish council. (Barton Seagrave currently consists of two wards Seagrave which has 4 seats and St Botolphs which also has 4 seats).

Burton Latimer

Burton Latimer Town Council has requested a change to a single twelve seat parish council. (The Council currently consists of two wards Latimer which has 6 seats and Plessy which also has 6 seats).

CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

Broughton

Reduce the number of seats to 9 due to the difficulties experience in attracting candidates.

Geddington, Newton, Little Oakley

Consideration be given to reducing the number of councillors representing the Geddington Ward from 9 to 7 due to the difficulties experience in attracting candidates.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

Cranford

Cranford Parish Council has requested a change in the parish boundary with a view to maintaining the identity of the village as a result of the potential impact of the East Kettering development on its area and governance arrangements.

Cransley

To consider options to re-draw the boundary between Cransley and Mawsley to take account of where building in Mawsley has taken place over the existing boundary between the two parishes.

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Mawsley

See Cransley above

Rushton

Rushton Parish Council has requested it be considered that the whole of Pipewell within Rushton Parish.

Wilbarston

In considering the request from Rushton Parish Council it will be necessary to consult on the removal off ward boundaries to enable the Pipewell ward to become part of Rushton.

3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Terms of Reference for the Review have been published and can be viewed at the Council Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX, and are available on the Council's website at www.kettering.gov.uk along with other documents and information about the Review.

4. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

Online consultation facilities are available on the Council's website to submit your views:-

https://secure.kettering.gov.uk/forms/form/291/en/community_governance_review

Alternatively, views may be emailed to democracy@kettering.gov.uk or sent in writing to:-

Community Governance Review
c/o Democratic Services
Kettering Borough Council
Municipal Offices
Bowling Green Road,
Kettering NN15 7QX

A form for the submission of comments is available from Reception at any of the Council's Main Offices

The deadline for submissions is 15th August 2014

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5. TIMETABLE

The Council has agreed the following timetable for the review:

Action	Timetable	Outline of Action
Terms of Reference published	Start date - 23/04/14	KBC publishes Terms of Reference and notifies Stakeholders clearly defining the extent of the review
Consultation	23/04/14 – 15/08/14	Views on the scope of the review sought from interested parties
Final Proposals prepared and published	02/09/14; 10/09/14 24/09/14	Reports to R & D Ctte, Executive and Full Council
Consulation on Final Proposals	01/10/14 to 30/11/14	Copies of final proposals published
Council approves Order for changes	17/12/14	Report to Council on approval of Order to implement changes
Implementation of agreed changes	01/03/15 – 07/05/15	Updates to Register of Electors; Publication Of Notice of Election; Elections held based on new arrangements

Background Papers:

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