

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE UNPARISHED AREA OF THE TOWN OF KETTERING

The Borough Council is carrying out a Community Governance Review in respect of the unparished area of Kettering Town and the adjacent parishes of Cranford, Barton Seagrave and Burton Latimer in accordance with the agreed terms of reference, with a view to it concluding by December 2019.

The purpose of the review is to consider establishing a Parish for the currently unparished area of Kettering Town by giving consideration to the following criteria;

- defining the area of the parish taking into account the key principles outlined in the DCLG/LGBCE guidance of community cohesion reflecting the identities and interests of the area, and effective and convenient community governance;
- give consideration to the impact on adjacent parishes in particular the issues defined in the agreed terms of reference that relate to the impact of planned developments due to take place over the next five years and beyond (in particular the East Kettering SUE;
- the creation of a Town Council for Kettering

The Council would like to know the views of its residents on the following matter:

- a) Should there be a town council for Kettering?
- b) What should the town council be responsible for?
 - a. What will it do? Reference to a list of features already considered by members including
 - i. Mayoral and civic presence
 - ii. Holding the market charter and consequent market management
 - iii. Responding to any new demands for allotment space
 - iv. General representation of the interests of the town, including commenting on planning applications and other consultations by statutory agencies
 - v. Representation on partnership bodies and outside bodies as required or requested.
 - b. What might it do? Seeking views on the potential role and functions of a town council in addition to those above. Being clear that no decisions can be made until the new unitary council is in place and able to consider what roles it might wish to delegate.

- c) What are the right boundaries for the town? Show existing boundaries; overlay with the known development areas, such as East Kettering, and set out a series of options for potential boundary changes.
- d) How many councillors should there be? How should the town be divided into wards? Give either a single proposed structure, or provide options.
- e) When should elections be held – propose elections to coincide with principal council election cycle, primarily to save costs and for simplicity.

The Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 is the legislation that governs how the Council should conduct the review and requires the Council to consult the following

- the local government electors for the area under review;
- any other person or body (including a local authority) which appears to the principal council to have an interest in the review.

The Council must consider the need to ensure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community in the area under review, and the need to secure that community governance in that area is effective and convenient.

Individuals and Organisations to be consulted

- Local Government Electors in the areas under review (the unparished town of Kettering, Burton Latimer, Barton Seagrave and Cranford) and any other person/organisation who appears to have an interest
- Borough and County Council members for all Councils within the review area
- The Member of Parliament for the Kettering Constituency
- Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the area affected by the review
- Northamptonshire County Council
- District and Borough Councils within North Northamptonshire
- North Northamptonshire Shadow Authority (if in being)
- Local businesses
- Community bodies such as
 - Neighbourhood management organisations
 - Tenant management organisations
 - Area/community forums
 - Residents'/tenants' associations
 - Community associations

Methods of Consultation

- Council website
- Targeted letters to stakeholder organisations
- Targeted advertising in well-used public spaces

- Displays/exhibitions (manned or unmanned)
- Use of full range of media outlets (Broadcast, written etc.)
- Forums/Focus Groups/Public Meetings

Consultation Timetable

Stage	Likely timescale/date
Consultation plan and details of any new Town Council role to be worked up and then approved by full Council	Throughout March 2019 with report submitted to 24 th April 2019 Council Meeting
First Consultation stage	1 st May 2019 to 30 th June 2019
Take submission and consultation results back to Council	25 th September 2019 Council Meeting
Publish draft recommendations for further consultation	1 st October 2019 to 15 th November 2019
Final recommendation to full Council	11 th December 2019 Council Meeting

How to take part in the Consultation

Full details of the consultation and how to respond will be published in accordance with the agreed review timetable. Representation will be accepted in any written, typed or similarly recorded format and should be addressed to:

The Review Team
 Democratic Services
 Kettering Borough Council
 Bowling Green Road
 Kettering
 NN15 7QX

or emailed to democracy@kettering.gov.uk

All communications must contain the name and residential address of the person submitting their views.