

## **What is a Community Governance Review?**

A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of the District to consider one or more of the following:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
- The naming of a parish and the style of a new parish (i.e. whether to call it a “village”, “community” or “neighbourhood” with the council similarly named as a “village council”, “community council” or “neighbourhood council”);
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (including council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding), and
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.

The District Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- is effective and convenient.

In doing so, the Community Governance Review is required to take into account:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

The government has emphasised that recommendations made in Community Governance Review ought to bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

## **Why are we carrying out this Community Governance Review?**

We have received a request from Malton Town Council to increase the number of elected councillors to the Town Council.

The parish of Malton is located within the Malton ward of Ryedale District Council. It is also located within the Malton Division of North Yorkshire County Council and forms part of the Thirsk and Malton Parliamentary Constituency.

Please see the attached map of the parish.

## **What do parish councils do?**

A summary of the general powers and duties of parish councils is attached.

## **What are we consulting on?**

We are consulting the public on the request from Malton Town Council, which is

- To increase the number of parish councillors on Malton Town Council from ten to twelve.

If approved, the change will come into effect on the date of the next scheduled parish council elections on 2 May 2019.

## **Why has this request been made?**

The Town Council's justification for the increase in the number of town councillors is set out below:

- a. due to the increased number of homes

For the purposes of this review, we are also required by law to make recommendations on other related "electoral arrangements" in respect of Malton Town Council, as follows:

- a. the year in which ordinary elections of parish councillors are to be held;
- b. the division (or not) of the parish into wards for the purpose of electing parish councillors;
- c. the number and boundaries of any such wards;
- d. the number of parish councillors to be elected for any such ward;
- e. the name of any such ward.

In relation to (a) above, Ryedale District Council proposes that no change be made to the year of ordinary elections, as they currently coincide with district council elections and elections to other parish councils in the district.

In relation to (b) to (e) above, the introduction of 'wards' would mean that each town councillor would be elected by voters living within a particular area (or ward) within the parish, and they would represent those voters on the town council. The District Council proposes that, irrespective of the outcome of this community governance review, Malton Town Council should continue to be unwarded, i.e. no change be made. Malton Town Council supports this proposal.

We would therefore like to know what you think of the proposals to:

- a. increase the number of town councillors on Malton Town Council from 10 to 12, and
- b. to make no other changes to the electoral arrangements in respect of Malton Town Council

## **Electorate forecast**

At the time Ryedale District Council received the request to increase the number of elected town councillors for Malton the Local Government electorate was 4,326. For the purpose of this review, we are required to forecast the expected growth in dwellings/traveller pitches for the Parish Malton for the coming five years. None of the draft Local Plan Land Availability Assessment (LAA) or allocated sites fall within the Malton parish area and there are currently no planning permissions for additional homes. So taking this into account, there is no additional growth forecast in the next ten years at this point in time.

## **How to let us know your views**

Any representations on this matter above must be in writing and should be sent:

Via our online form at [www.ryedale.gov.uk/malton-cgr](http://www.ryedale.gov.uk/malton-cgr)

By email to [legal@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:legal@ryedale.gov.uk)

In writing to:

Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Ryedale District Council

Ryedale House

Malton  
YO17 7HH

By no later than 5pm on Friday 18 January 2019.

Please ensure that you state your name and address clearly on any representations submitted. Please note that any submissions received after Friday 18 January 2019, or any representations submitted anonymously, will not be taken into account.

Please also note that the consultation stages of a Community Governance Review are public consultations. We will not publish your personal information; however, in the interests of openness and transparency, the Council will make available for public inspection full copies of all representations it takes into account as part of this review.

All personal information submitted to us during the course of this consultation will be destroyed once the matter has been determined by the Council.

### **What happens next?**

In arriving at its final recommendations, the Council will take account of the views of local people and any other person or body who appears to have an interest in the Review by judging them against the criteria set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and associated government guidance.

The District Council will take steps to notify consultees of the outcome of the review by publishing all decisions taken, together with reasons, on the Council's website (and ask Malton Town Council to publish the same on their website), through general press releases, and by placing key documents on public deposit at Ryedale District Council's offices and at the office of Malton Town Council.

If any change to the electoral arrangements for Malton Town Council is approved, a Community Governance Reorganisation Order will be made to give effect to the change.

### **A timetable for the Community Governance Review**

A Community Governance Review must, by law, be concluded within a 12-month period from the day on which the District Council determines to proceed and agrees the terms of reference and ending on the day on which the Council publishes its final recommendations. The proposed timetable for the Malton Community Governance Review is set out below:

August/September 2018 - Request received from Malton Town Council.

November 2018 - Terms of Reference and Timetable for Review to be approved by the Policy and Resources Committee for and on behalf of the Council.

November 2018 - Council to publish approved Terms of Reference.  
Eight-week consultation period begins with local people and interested parties.

January 2019 - Closing date for consultation period

February 2019 Council to consider consultation submissions and publish final recommendations