



Community Governance Review of Newark Town Council Boundaries

Proposals – July 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.
- 1.3 Following consideration of the proposals put forward by the Community Governance Review Working Party, the District Council, at its meeting held on 10 April 2018, agreed draft proposals.
- 1.4 The consultation period on the draft proposals closed on 25 May 2018.
- 1.5 The Community Governance Review Working Party considered the representations received during this consultation period and recommended draft proposals for approval by the Council. They recommended one change to the draft proposals in view of the representations from those residents living in properties 92 – 102 London Road, Newark (Map 2 refers). They also proposed that the whole of the Highfields development site be unified in one parish, which they considered to be Balderton. This is also shown in Map 2.

2.0 Final Proposals

- 2.1 The District Council's final 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 final proposals. In relation to the proposals for the Highfields School site this map illustrates 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 Next Steps

- 3.1 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 considered all representations received.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The Council will also need to get the consent of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for these proposed changes.
- 3.4 The Community Governance Order will take effect from 1 December 2018 to coincide with the publication of the Register of Electors with the electoral arrangements being in place for the elections to be held on 2 May 2019.

4.0 Further Information

- 4.1 For further information on the proposals contained with this document, please contact: -

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4.2 In addition to the information contained in this document the following information is also available: -

- Terms of Reference and Draft Proposals for the Review.
- Previous reports submitted to the Community Governance Review Working Party and District Council meetings.
- Representations received during the Review.

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

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