

Review of Parishes and Related Matters
Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Review of Newark Town Council Ward Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements

Final Recommendations – July 2025

1.0 Background Information

- 1.1 The Council has undertaken a Community Governance Review of the Newark Town Council ward boundaries and electoral arrangements in light of future development of housing in the town and the current electoral arrangements.
- 1.2 In undertaking the Review, the Council was be guided by Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the relevant parts of the Local Government Act 1972 and Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Electoral Commission.
- 1.3 The Terms of Reference for the Review were approved by the Council's General Purposes Committee on 12 December 2024. Comments on the Terms of Reference were considered by the General Purposes Committee on 20 March 2025, and Draft Recommendations were approved for a second consultation period which ended on 2 May 2025. The General Purposes Committee considered feedback from this second consultation period on 19 June 2025, and in considering those, recommended these Final Recommendations to the Full Council for approval.

2.0 Final Recommendations

- 2.1 The District Council's Final Recommendations are as follows:
- The Town Council retain 18 Members.
 - The South Ward be renamed Middlebeck.
 - The East Ward (although retained as a boundary) be merged with Beacon Ward.
 - The electoral arrangements for Newark Town Council, effective ahead of the May 2027 elections be as follows:
- Beacon Ward – 4 Members
Bridge Ward – 3 Members
Castle Ward – 2 Members
Devon Ward – 5 Members
Magnus Ward – 2 Members
Middlebeck Ward – 1 Member
Sleaford Ward – 1 Member
- 2.2 The attached map shows the ward boundaries (changes in red).

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Review, the District Council, at their meeting to be held on 15 July 2025, will publish final proposals, having taken into account the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee.
- 3.2 The Council will inform interested parties, including the Electoral Commission and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, of the outcome of the Community Governance Review and make the Community Governance Order.
- 3.3 In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, representations received in connection with the Review will be taken into account, and consultees will be informed of the outcome of the Review. The mechanism for this will be through the Council's website and through the lodging of key documents on deposit at parish council offices etc.
- 3.4 Once made, the final Community Governance Order will be effective immediately, which will enable the full elections to the Town Council scheduled for May 2027 to be undertaken in accordance with these new electoral arrangements and boundaries, in addition to any by-elections to fill casual vacancies ahead of those full elections.

4.0 Further Information

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5.0 Date of Publication of Final Recommendations

Final Recommendations due to be published in July 2025.