

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Council
21 February 2017

From: Chief Executive

Subject: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE
Aiskew, Bedale and Leeming Bar Wards

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to the attached Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review.
- 1.2 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 amended the responsibility for Parish Area Reviews from what is now the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to Principal Councils, subject to adherence to regulations and directions from the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Electoral Commission. Principal Councils in this context are specifically District Councils in England.
- 1.3 The process for considering a change is now termed a “Community Governance Review” (CGR).
- 1.4 A CGR is a review of one or more areas of the district to look at one or more of the following:
 - creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
 - the naming of a parish and the styling 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, number of Councillors to be elected to the Council and parish warding); and
 - grouping parishes under a common Parish Council or de-grouping parishes.
- 1.5 A CGR may not change Parliamentary, District Ward or County Division boundaries, although it might lead to recommendations being made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make changes to Ward or District boundaries. Reviews of Parliamentary boundaries are undertaken periodically by the Boundary Commission for England.
- 1.6 A CGR must have regard to two key principles:
 - (a) Community Governance must reflect the identities and interests of the community;
 - (b) Community Governance must be effective and convenient.
- 1.7 A CGR must also take into account a number of influential factors including:
 - the impact of Community Governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
 - the size, population and boundary of a local community or parish.

- 1.8 Consultation must take place with Local Government electors, appropriate Local Authorities and other relevant persons, including local community interest groups. The Council must take into account all representations received.
- 1.9 A CGR may be undertaken by the Council itself where there is a perceived need for it, or triggered in response to a Community Governance Petition (which must comply with a number of requirements).
- 1.10 The procedure for a CGR requires the Council:
- (a) to consult initially on the agreed Terms of Reference for the Review;
 - (b) to take into account representations received, to then publish draft recommendations and consult on those; and
 - (c) to take into account representations received, to then publish the final recommendations and, if required, to make a Community Governance Re-organisation Order to give effect to agreed changes.

2.0 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PETITION:

- 2.1 The Council has received a Community Governance Petition signed by the requisite number of electors of the area proposed for review.
- 2.2 The petition states:
- 2.2.1 *"We the undersigned, being electors in the parish area of Bedale, call upon Hambleton District Council to conduct a Community Governance Review for the purpose of merging the existing Aiskew Parish Ward of Aiskew with Leeming Bar parish with the parish of Bedale to create a new parish of Bedale with Aiskew which will have a Parish Council called Bedale Town Council."*
- 2.3 In consequence, the Council is required to undertake a CGR that has terms of reference that allow for the Community Governance Petition to be considered. The Council can however also consider alternative measures as part of the Review. The draft Terms of Reference (see Annex A) includes three options for consultation and consideration, namely:
- The proposal contained in the Petition;
 - An alternative proposal which includes the Leeming Bar ward of Aiskew Parish;
 - A proposal that the existing arrangements remain unchanged.
- 2.4 If, following a CGR, the request in the petition were implemented by the Council the following actions would need to be taken:
- (1) the dissolution of the parishes of Bedale and Aiskew;
 - (2) the creation of a new parish comprising the existing parish of Bedale and the Aiskew ward of Aiskew Parish;
 - (3) the creation of a new parish for Leeming Bar;
 - (4) the creation of a new Parish Council for the new parish of Bedale and Aiskew;
 - (5) the creation of a new parish Council for the new parish of Leeming Bar.

2.5 If, following a CGR, the alternative proposal was implemented by the Council the following actions would need to be taken:

- (1) the dissolution of the parishes of Bedale and Aiskew
- (2) the creation of a new parish comprising the existing parishes of Bedale and Aiskew (which would include the Leeming Bar Ward)
- (3) the creation of a new Parish Council for the new parish of Bedale and Aiskew

2.6 If, following a CGR, the Council decided to retain the existing arrangement then no further action would be required.

2.7 As stated above, the Council must include in its agreed Terms of Reference for the CGR the request made by the petitioners, but the Council may also include such other alternative proposals within the Terms of Reference as it deems appropriate for the purpose of consultation as part of the CGR.

3.0 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CGR:

3.1 The District Council has consulted Bedale Town Council and Aiskew with Leeming Bar Parish Council on the draft terms of reference.

4.0 UNDERTAKING A COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

4.1 Section 93 of the 2007 Act allows Principal Councils to decide how to undertake a CGR, provided that they comply with a number of duties in that Act which apply to Councils undertaking CGRs. Before undertaking a CGR the Council must notify North Yorkshire County Council that a CGR is to be undertaken and its Terms of Reference.

4.2 In conducting a CGR, the Council must consult with the following:

- all Local Government electors in the area under review;
- the respective Parish Councils,
- any other person or body which appears to have an interest in the Review (for example, local businesses, local residents' associations, community groups, local public and voluntary organisations – such as schools or health bodies).

4.3 It is anticipated that as much of the consultation as possible in respect of the CGR will be carried out on-line and an area of the Council's website will be designated for the Review to keep interested parties up to date. In addition, and in line with best practice, the Council will be writing to all households within the two existing parishes to bring the Review to their direct attention.

4.4 When undertaking a CGR the Council must also:

- have regard to the need to secure that the Community Governance in the area under review:-
 - (a) reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
 - (b) is effective and convenient
- take into account any representations received in connection with the Review.

4.5 A suggested timetable for the conduct of the CGR is set out in the attached Terms of Reference (see Annex A). Given that three proposals are being considered, and in order to avoid unnecessary confusion, the draft Terms of Reference sets out a two-stage consultation process. The first stage will consult on the three proposals. If following that consultation the Council decides to continue with the existing arrangements, then the CGR will not proceed to stage 2. If, however, the Council considers making changes to the existing arrangements, then the consultation will enter the second stage, during which those matters set out in paragraph 6 below will be consulted upon.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF A COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

5.1 Following a public consultation on the Terms of Reference, the Council will draw up and publish draft recommendations upon which a further period of public consultation will be undertaken. Following consultation on the draft recommendations, the Council will agree the final recommendations on the CGR.

6.0 PROPOSED NEW PARISHES:

6.1 Under Section 87 of the 2007 Act a CGR must make recommendations as to what new parish or parishes, if any, should be constituted in the area under review. A new parish is constituted in any one of a number of ways including:-

- the aggregation of parts of parishes;
- the amalgamation of two or more parishes;
- the separation of part of a parish.

6.2 If the CGR recommends that a new parish should be constituted, the Council must also make recommendations as to the following.

- name of the new parish;
- whether or not the new parish should have a Parish Council;
- whether or not the new parish should have one of the alternative styles.

Existing Parishes under Review

6.3 Under Section 88 of the 2007 Act the CGR must also make the following recommendations in relation to each of the existing parishes under review:

(a) the CGR must make one of the following recommendations:

- (1) that the parish should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- (2) that the area of the parish should be altered;
- (3) that the parish should be abolished.

(b) whether or not the name of the parish should be changed;

(c) whether or not the parish should continue to have a Council.

6.4 The CGR may not make any recommendations for the parish to begin to have an alternative style if it does not already have one.

Electoral Arrangements:

- 6.5 The CGR must also make recommendations as to what electoral arrangements should apply to any new Parish Council and, where the CGR concludes that a parish should continue to have a Parish Council, recommendations as to what changes if any should be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to that Council.
- 6.6 Electoral arrangements in relation to a CGR means all of the following:
- (a) the year in which ordinary elections of Councillors are to be held;
 - (b) the number of Councillors to be elected to the Council;
 - (c) the division (or not) of the parish into Wards for the purpose of electing Councillors;
 - (d) the number and boundaries of any such Wards;
 - (e) the number of Councillors to be elected for any such Ward;
 - (f) the name of any such Ward.
- 6.7 The CGR may make recommendations to the Electoral Commission as to what related alteration (if any) should be made to District Ward boundaries or County Electoral Division boundaries. It would then be a matter for the Electoral Commission to give effect to any such recommendations.

Grouping or De-grouping Parishes

- 6.8 A CGR may make recommendations as to whether or not grouping or de-grouping provision should be made. If the CGR recommends that grouping or de-grouping provision should be made, those recommendations must in particular include recommendations as to what changes if any should be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to any Council affected by the provision.

7.0 PUBLICISING A COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

- 7.1 As soon as practicable after the Council has decided to what extent it will give effect to the recommendations made in a CGR, the Council must:
- (a) publish that decision and the reasons for making that decision; and
 - (b) take such steps as the Council considers sufficient to ensure that persons who may be interested in the Review are informed of that decision and those reasons.
- 7.2 If, following a CGR, it is necessary to make a Community Governance Re-organisation Order to give effect to any changes, the Council must as soon as practicable after making the Order, place a copy of the Re-organisation Order, and a detailed map showing the effects of the Order, on deposit at the Council Offices for public inspection. The Council must also publicise that the Order and map are available for public inspection and inform all of the following that the Order has been made:
- (a) the Secretary of State;
 - (b) the Electoral Commission;
 - (c) the Office of National Statistics;
 - (d) the Director General of the Ordnance Survey;
 - (e) North Yorkshire County Council.

8.0 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE RE-ORGANISATION ORDER:

- 8.1 A Re-organisation Order may include any of the following provisions:

- (a) provision with respect to the transfer and management or custody of property (whether real or personal);
- (b) provision with respect to the transfer of functions, property, rights and liabilities;
- (c) provision with respect to electoral arrangements.

8.2 If the Council makes a Re-organisation Order, the Council must send two copies of the Order to the Secretary of State and two copies to the Electoral Commission.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

9.1 The Council must conduct a CGR in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 100(4) of the 2007 Act. Section 83(2) of the 2007 Act requires that where the Council receives a Community Governance Petition, it must undertake a CGR that has Terms of Reference that allow for the petition to be considered.

10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

10.1 Given existing staff commitments, not least in connection with the County Council election, it has been necessary to engage external support for this project. York City Council is assisting the District Council with the CGR. The costs of that support are likely to be in the region of £3,000 - £4,000. In addition, the disbursement costs of the CGR (e.g. publicising the review, writing to households and interested stakeholders as part of the multi-stage consultation process) are likely to be in the region of £12,000 if the first and second stage consultations are required. The costs will be less if the second stage consultation is not necessary.

11.0 RECOMMENDATION:

11.1 It is recommended that Council:-

- (1) approves the Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review (as set out in Annex A to this report) in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;
- (2) approves the publication of the Terms of Reference in respect of the Community Governance Review, including the proposed timetable, as set out in Annex A to this report;
- (3) authorises the Director of Law and Governance to conduct the Community Governance Review on the Council's behalf and to take all necessary action to comply with the Council's statutory obligations in that regard.

JUSTIN IVES

Background papers: none

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HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2017 TERMS OF REFERENCE

INTRODUCTION

Aims of the review

Hambleton District Council has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The CGR shall comply with the legislative requirements and have regard to the associated statutory guidance and will be conducted in accordance with these terms of reference.

Why undertake a community governance review?

The Council is undertaking this Community Governance Review in response to a petition which was submitted to Hambleton District Council.

A CGR provides an opportunity for principal authorities to review and make changes to community governance within their area. Such reviews can be undertaken when there have been changes in population or in reaction to specific or local new issues to ensure that the community governance for the area continues to be effective and convenient and it reflects the identities and interests of the community.

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

Parish Matters to be considered

As a consequence of receiving the petition the District Council is consulting on the following three options:

OPTION 1 : THE PETITION PROPOSAL

The petition proposes the merging of the Aiskew Parish Ward (of Aiskew Parish) and Bedale Parish to form a new parish. The Leeming Bar Parish Ward (of Aiskew Parish) is excluded from the proposal and as such would not form part of the new parish. The petition also proposes that both Aiskew with Leeming Bar Parish Council and Bedale Town Council be abolished and a new parish council created for the new parish. Again, Leeming Bar Parish Ward (of Aiskew Parish) is excluded from the proposal.

The proposed new parish and parish council would cover the area shown edged red on the plan annexed to this document and entitled “Community Governance Review Aiskew and Bedale – Petition Proposal”.

If the District Council resolves to implement the petition proposal then the specific details for such an arrangement (such as the name of the parish council, the number of parish councillors, warding arrangements etc) would be explored as part of the second consultation stage of the review and local residents and stakeholders would be asked to comment on those arrangements at that time.

What happens to Leeming Bar Parish Ward?

Whilst the petition is silent on this point, if the petition proposal came into effect it is proposed that Leeming Bar Parish Ward (as shown edged blue on the plan entitled “Community Governance Review Aiskew and Bedale – Petition Proposal”) would form its own parish with its own parish council. If the District Council resolves to implement this proposal then the specific details for such an arrangement (such as the name of the parish council, the number of parish councillors, warding arrangements etc) would be explored as part of the second consultation stage of the review and local residents and stakeholders would be asked to comment on those arrangements at that time.

OPTION 2 : AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION

An alternative option to the petition proposal is the merger of the parishes of Aiskew (including both Aiskew Parish Ward and Leeming Bar Parish Ward) and Bedale to create a new parish, together with the abolition of Aiskew with Leeming Bar Parish Council and Bedale Town Council and the creation of a new parish council for the new parish.

The proposed new parish and parish council would cover the area shown edged green on the plan annexed to this document and entitled “Community Governance Review Aiskew and Bedale – Alternative Option”.

If the District Council resolves to implement the alternative option then the specific details for such an arrangement (such as the name of the parish council, the number of parish councillors, warding arrangements etc) would be explored as part of the second consultation stage of the review and local residents and stakeholders would be asked to comment on those arrangements at that time.

OPTION 3 : CONTINUE WITH THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS

To make no changes to the existing arrangements, namely, retain the existing parishes of Aiskew and Bedale and retain the existing Aiskew with Leeming Bar Parish Council and Bedale Town Council.

The existing parish boundaries are set out on the plan annexed to this document entitled “Community Governance Review Aiskew and Bedale – Existing Arrangements”, which shows Bedale Parish edged blue, Aiskew Parish edged green, and the parish ward boundaries within Aiskew Parish (namely Aiskew Parish Ward and Leeming Bar Parish Ward) identified with a green dotted line.

What is a Community Governance Review (CGR)?

A CGR provides an opportunity for principal authorities to review and make changes to community governance within their area. Such reviews can be undertaken when there have been changes in population or in reaction to specific or local new issues to ensure that the community governance for the area continues to be effective and convenient and it reflects the identities and interests of the community.

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

A CGR 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 parishes and the style of new parishes;
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election; 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 CGR 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.

Who will undertake the Community Governance Review (CGR)?

As the principal authority, the District Council is responsible for undertaking any CGR within its electoral area. The body responsible for overseeing this process is the full Council. It will oversee the CGR and produce draft and final recommendations; the District Council would approve the final recommendations before a Community Governance Order is made.

In undertaking the Review, the District Council will 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, Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued in accordance with section 100(4) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 by the Department of Communities and Local Government and The Electoral Commission in April 2008. Also the following regulations which guide, in particular, consequential matters arising from the Review: Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 (SI2008/625); Local Government Finance (New Parishes) Regulations 2008 (SI2008/626).

The District Council is required to have regard to Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. This Guidance was published in April 2008 and it has been considered when drawing up the Terms of Reference.

CONSULTATION

How does the District Council propose to conduct consultations during the Review?

Before making any recommendations or publishing final proposals, the District Council will take full account of the views of local people. The District Council will comply with the statutory consultative requirements by:

- Consulting local government electors for the areas under review.
- Consulting any other person or body (including a local authority) which appears to the District Council to have an interest in the review.
- Notifying and consulting the County Council.
- Taking into account any representations received in connection with the review.

Two-stage consultation process

The District Council will carry out the Review in two stages. The first stage will consult on the three options (as set out above). If the District Council decides to recommend changes to the local arrangements (e.g. it decides to implement either option 1 or option 2), then the practical steps necessary for implementation (e.g. the name of the new parish, the creation of a new parish council, the number of councillors etc.) will be consulted on at stage two. If, however, at the end of the stage one consultation the District Council decides to continue with the existing arrangements, the second stage of the consultation will not be needed.

Information relating to the CGR will be available on the District Council's website and key documents will be on deposit at the District Council's offices at Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU.

When taking account of written representations the District Council must ensure that community governance within the areas under review reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and is effective and convenient.

The District Council will publish its recommendations in accordance with the timetable below and take such steps as it considers sufficient to ensure that persons who may be interested in the CGR are informed of the recommendations and the reasons behind them. The District Council will notify each consultee and any other persons or bodies who have made written representations of the outcome of the review.

A TIMETABLE FOR THE CGR

The following is the timetable for the Community Governance Review:

Start Date: 22nd February 2017

District Council publishes Terms of Reference and notifies stakeholders, clearly defining extent of CGR.

First Consultation stage: 22nd February 2017 to 21st April 2017

Submissions are invited on the three options set out in the Terms of Reference. The District Council invites feedback from local residents and interested stakeholders on future arrangements under the Terms of Reference.

Results of the first consultation stage to be considered by full Council on 23rd May 2017 and recommendations made.

Recommendation to continue with existing arrangements

If the District Council recommends continuing with the existing arrangements in Aiskew and Bedale parishes and that no action is to be taken then the District Council will publish draft proposals to that effect on 24th May 2017.

Consultation on draft proposals: 24th May 2017 – 23rd June 2017

Local residents and stakeholders will be consulted on the draft proposals recommending that no changes are made to the existing arrangements. Namely, to retain the existing Aiskew and Bedale parishes and retain the existing Aiskew with Leeming Bar Parish Council and Bedale Town Council.

Final Recommendations published:

Submissions considered on the draft proposals and final recommendations are published for consideration and decision by full Council on 18th July 2017.

Recommendation to implement either the Petition Proposal or the Alternative Option

If the District Council considers making changes to the arrangements in Aiskew and Bedale parishes the District Council will make recommendations for a second consultation stage.

Second Consultation Stage: 24th May – 23rd July 2017

In addition to seeking views on whether to change local arrangements, the second consultation stage will seek local residents and stakeholders views on the specifics of the future local arrangements, such as the name of any new parish council and the number of parish councillors.

Results of the second consultation stage will be considered by full Council on 12th September 2017 and recommendations on the future arrangements for the Aiskew and Bedale parishes will also be made.

Consultation on Draft Proposals: 13th September 2017 – 12th October 2017

The draft proposals are published setting out the proposed future arrangements for the existing Aiskew and Bedale parishes and their respective parish and town councils. Local residents and stakeholders will be consulted on the draft proposals.

Final Recommendations published:

Submissions considered on the draft proposals and final recommendations are published for consideration and decision by full Council on 12th December 2017.

Order made

The District Council publishes the Reorganisation Order and requests the Electoral Commission to approve any consequential changes.

ELECTORATE FORECASTS

The latest Register of Electors published on 4th January 2017 shows the following number of electors within the area subject to the Review: 5558. There are currently 3140 properties.

When the District Council comes to consider the electoral arrangements of the parishes in its area, it is required to consider any change in the number or distribution of the electors which is likely to occur in the period of five years beginning with the day when the review starts. Election forecasts have been made and are detailed below. These are based on the most recent electoral register, planning assumptions and likely growth within the area based on the number of planning permissions granted and the Council's Local Development Framework to provide a five year electorate forecast.

	Households		Electors	
	2017	2022	2017	2022
Electorate*	3140	3474 ⁽¹⁾	4786	5387 ⁽²⁾

1. Calculated on the number of additional dwellings due from outstanding granted planning permissions and allocation sites under the Local Development Framework in the areas under review.
2. Calculated on the average rate of 1.8 electorate per household for the areas under review.

NB

* Elections information is based on numbers on register so will not reflect total population

Parish Areas

This review considers merging the parish of Bedale with one or both of the parish wards of Aiskew Parish. The legislation requires that the District Council must have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area;
- Is effective and convenient; and
- Takes into account any other arrangements for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in the area.

Viability of any new Parish

The District Council recognises that parishes should be viable and should possess a precept that enables them to actively and effectively promote the well-being of their residents and to contribute to the real provision of services in their areas in an economic and efficient manner. The District Council is committed to ensuring that the outcome of the Review leads to a parish that is based on the area which reflects community identity and interests and which is viable as an administrative unit.

A Council for a Parish

The legislation lays down the different duties that the District Council has with regard to the creation of a council for a Parish:

- where the number of electors is 1,000 or more – a Parish Council must be created;
- where the number of electors is 151-999 – a Parish Council may be created, with a parish meeting being an alternative of parish governance; and
- where the number of electors is 150 or fewer – a Parish Council is not created.

Electoral arrangements

If the District Council resolves to implement the petition proposal or the alternative option, it will need to consider the future electoral arrangements of any new parish and parish council. The District Council will consult on electoral arrangements as part of the second stage consultation which will include the following:

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

The Local Government Act 1972 states that ordinary election of parish councillors shall take place in 1976, 1979 and every fourth year thereafter (i.e. 2007, 2011, 2015, etc) However, parish elections may be held in other years to coincide with the cycle for the District Council, so that the costs of elections can be shared. If the Review finds that it will be appropriate to hold an election for parish councillors, for a newly formed parish, at an earlier date than the next scheduled ordinary elections, the terms of office of any newly elected parish councillors will be so reduced as to enable the electoral cycle to revert to the normal cycle in the district at the next ordinary elections.

The District Council notes that the number of parish councillors for each parish council shall not be less than five. There is no maximum number and there are no rules relating to the allocation of councillors. There are, however, guidelines that have been published by the Aston Business School which found the following levels of representation:

Electorate	Councillor allocation
Less than 500	5 – 8
501-2,500	6 – 12
2,501 – 10,000	9 – 16
10,001 – 20,000	13 – 27
Greater than 20,000	13 - 31

The Government’s guidance is that “each area should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography and the pattern of communities.”

Therefore the District Council is prepared to pay attention to existing levels of representation, the broad pattern of existing council sizes and the take up of seats at election time.

REORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ORDERS AND COMMENCEMENT

The Review will be completed when the District Council adopts the Reorganisation of Community Governance Order. Copies of this Order, the map(s) that show the effects of the order in detail, and the document(s) which set out the reasons for decisions that the District Council has taken (including where it has decided to make no change following a Review) will be deposited at the District Council’s Offices, website and Community Offices.

In accordance with the Guidance issued by the Government, the District Council will issue maps to illustrate each recommendation at a scale that will not normally be smaller than 1:10,000.

These maps will be deposited with the Secretary of State at the Department of Communities and Local Government and at the District Council's office at Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU. Prints will also be supplied, in accordance with the regulations, to Ordnance Survey, the Registrar General, the Land Registry, the Valuation Office Agency, the Boundary Commission for England and the Electoral Commission.

It is proposed that any Order will take effect for financial and administrative purposes as soon as practicable.

The electoral arrangements for a new or existing parish council will come into force at the next elections to the parish council which will be on Thursday 2 May 2019.

CONSEQUENTIAL MATTERS

General principles

The District Council notes that a Reorganisation Order may cover any consequential matters that appear to the District Council to be necessary or proper to give effect to the Order. These may include:

- The transfer and management or custody of property; The setting of precepts for new parishes;
- Provision with respect to the transfer of any functions, property, rights and liabilities;
- Provision for the transfer of staff, compensation for loss of office, pensions and other staffing matters.
- Electoral arrangements of any new parish created by the merging of the previous two parishes, including number of councillors, warding structure and naming of the parish.

In these matters, the District Council will be guided by Regulations that have been issued following the 2007 Act.

How to submit your views

You can submit your views online at www.hambleton.gov.uk or by writing addressed to:

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Alternatively your submission may be emailed to:

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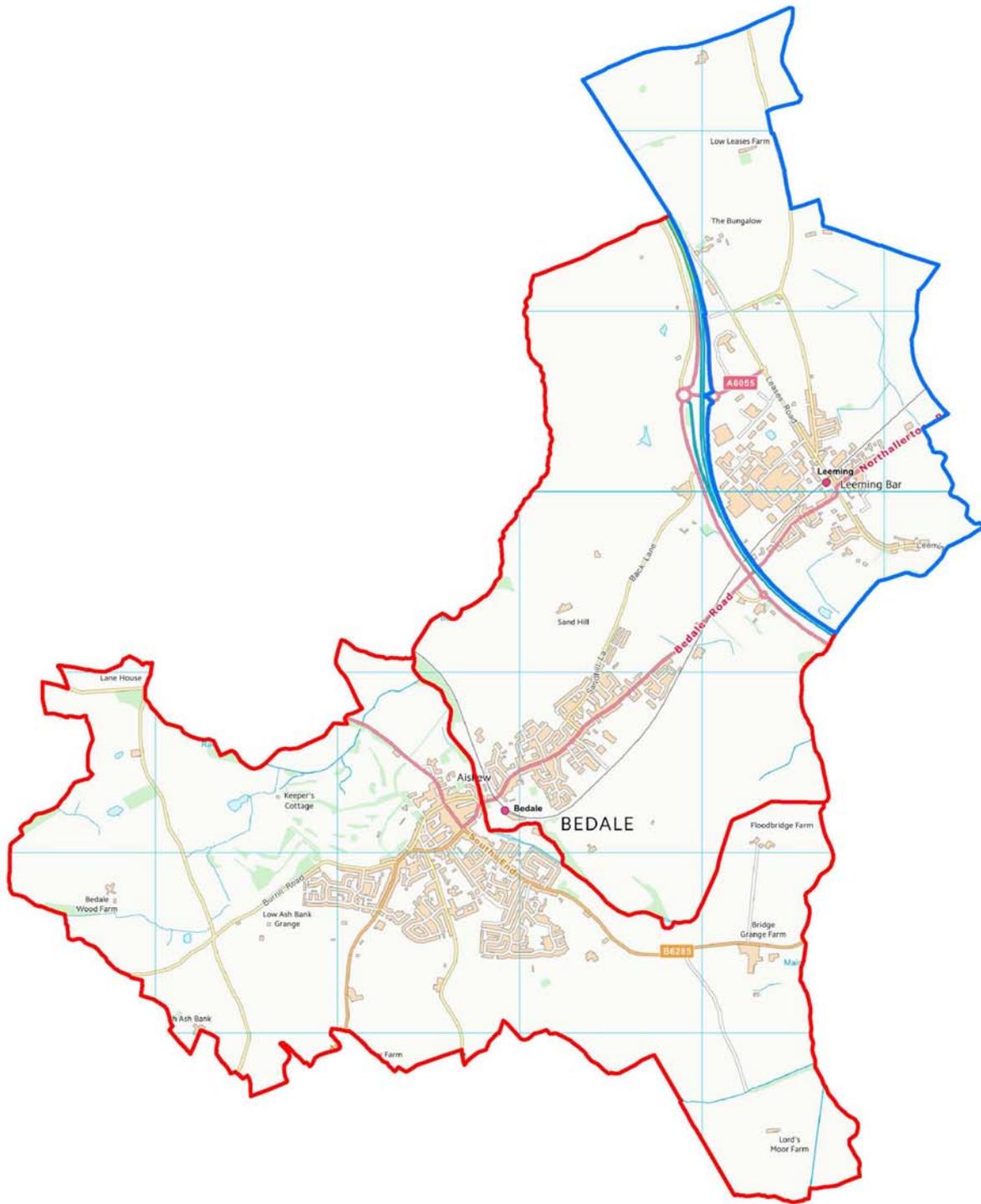
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Publication of Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference will be published on the District Council web site <http://www.hambleton.gov.uk> and will be available for inspection at the offices at Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton. DL6 2UU

Notices advertising this Community Governance Review and the availability of these Terms of Reference will also be posted within each Parish .

Community Governance Review Aiskew and Bedale - Petition Proposal



Community Governance Review Aiskew and Bedale – Alternative Option



Community Governance Review Aiskew and Bedale - Existing Arrangements

