

Community Governance Review

North Whiteley

Major Development Area

Local Government and Public Involvement
in Health Act 2007

Terms of Reference

(DRAFT)

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Aims of Review

This review will ascertain whether governance for the residents of the North Whiteley Major Development Area, within the Winchester City Council boundary, would be best served by a new parish council or the existing parish/town councils.

1.2 Why undertake a Community Governance Review?

At the November meeting of the North Whiteley Forum Winchester City Council agreed that due to the pace of the build and the number of occupations it was an appropriate time to hold the review. Winchester City Council has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) pursuant to Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

A Community Governance Review provides an opportunity for making recommendations with regards to establishing, aggregating, amalgamating or separating parishes/town councils, the name and style of the new council (if applicable) and its electoral arrangements.

1.3 Scope of the Review

The review will specifically consider the composition and electoral arrangements of the residents living within the area of the North Whiteley Major Development Area. Currently, in the District of Winchester City Council, this is within the Whiteley Town Council and Curdridge Parish Council.

1.4 Who will undertake the Community Governance Review?

Winchester City Council is responsible for undertaking a CGR within its electoral area. The City Council is responsible for overseeing this process and officers will produce draft and final recommendations for consideration by the Licensing and Regulation Committee before any Order is made. The final Order, if recommended to be made, is a decision of Full Council.

1.5 How long will the Community Governance Review take?

After the publication of the terms of reference the City Council has 12 months to conclude the review by the making of recommendations by the L&R Committee. There are various steps and consultation exercises to be undertaken between now and then and these are outlined in the timetable below. And, as outlined above, if the recommendation is to make an order, this is a decision of Full Council.

1.6 Timetable for the review

Stage	What happens?	Timescales	Indicative dates
Commencement	WCC accept there is a requirement for a Community Governance Review		16 November 2021
Preparation	Terms of reference, area maps prepared A report outlining the decision to hold a CGR together with a full timetable and draft Terms of Reference are presented to L & R.	4 months	10 March 2022
Stage One	Review is publicised and initial Submissions are invited. Public meeting held, consultation with neighbouring parishes.	2 months	May 2022 – June 2022
Stage Two	Consideration of Submissions received – Draft recommendations are prepared. Update report prepared for L & R June meeting.	1 month	July 2022 – August 2022
Stage Three	Draft Recommendations, and the reasons for them, informing those with an interest for further consultation are published.	1 month	September 2022 – October 2022
Stage Four	Consideration of submissions received – Final Recommendations are prepared.	1 month	November 2022
Conclusion	Final Recommendations are published – concluding the review	2 months	January 2023
Resolution	Council resolves to make a Reorganisation Order to put into effect any changes.		Next available Council Meeting

1.7 How will the review be conducted?

The Review will be conducted in accordance with the duties outlined in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Guidance on these reviews published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in March 2010.

In accordance with Section 79 of the 2007 Act, the City Council will notify Hampshire County Council that a Community Governance Review will be undertaken.

In accordance with Section 93 of the 2007 Act, the City Council will consult with local government electors for the area under review; and any other person or body (including another local authority) which appears to have an interest in the review.

Consultation must take place with local government electors, appropriate local authorities and other relevant persons, including political parties and local community interest groups. The City Council must publish the terms of reference of the review, any proposals made as a result of the conduct of the review and any recommendations made on its website.

The City Council will have regard to the need to secure that any community governance for the area under review reflects the identities and interests of the local community in that area and that it is effective and convenient. Relevant considerations will include the impact on community cohesion and the size, population and boundaries of the proposed area.

1.8 Options for Consideration

The City Council has prepared five possible outcomes to be put forward for consultation;

Option 1: Position to remain unchanged with the North Whiteley MDA being covered by 1 existing Parish Council and 1 existing Town council.

Option 2: North Whiteley MDA (or part of it) be removed from both existing Parish Councils and a new separate council (type to be consulted upon) be created for North Whiteley MDA.

Option 3: North Whiteley MDA be removed from Curdridge Parish Council and amalgamated with Whiteley Town Council

Option 4: North Whiteley MDA be removed from Whiteley Town Council and amalgamated with Curdridge Parish Council.

1.9 The conclusions for the Review

Following the conclusion of the review, if a new council is to be created, or if there is an amalgamation this will be done by way of a Reorganisation Order. A Reorganisation Order can be made at any time however the order should take effect on the 1st of April following the date on which it is made. In this case if a Reorganisation Order is made this will be in January 2023 and come into effect 1st April 2023.