

# Community Governance Review

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# What is a Community Governance Review?

A review of **parish** governance arrangements for town and parish councils in the borough:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- Naming of parishes and the style of new parishes
- Electoral arrangements,
  - The ordinary year of election
  - The number of councillors to be elected
  - The warding (if any) of the parish
- Grouping of parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes

# Why is the Council undertaking the review?

- To ensure that governance arrangements in town and parish councils reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government
- To ensure that arrangements are clear, transparent, appropriate, equitable and understood by their electorate
- The last review was in 2012 (government guidance advises conducting a review every 10 to 15 years)

# How will the review work?

Event	Date
<b>Initial consultation</b>	<b>23 Feb to 18 May 2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fact-finding with local communities, existing parish councils, residents, community groups</li><li>• Analysing existing arrangements using government guidance</li><li>• No specific outcomes</li></ul>	
<b>Publication of draft recommendations</b>	<b>13 Jul 2022</b>
<b>Second consultation</b>	<b>13 Jul to 7 Sep 2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invites responses from those affected by draft recommendations</li></ul>	
<b>Final recommendations considered by Council</b>	<b>Nov 2022</b>
<b>Implementation of final recommendations</b>	<b>May 2023</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In time for 4 May 2023 elections</li></ul>	

# How can I respond?

Responses can be made:

- Via online questionnaire via HBBC website
- Via paper questionnaire
- Via Email
- **Individually** (e.g. as a local resident)
- **On behalf of a group** (e.g. as a parish council)

# Useful Links and Contacts

- Hinckley & Bosworth website  
[www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/communitygovernance](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/communitygovernance)
- Democratic Services inbox  
[democraticsupport@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](mailto:democraticsupport@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)
- Local Government Boundary Commission website  
[www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)