

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE SIZE OF NORTON LINDSEY
PARISH COUNCIL**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the provisions of the above Act the District Council is empowered to undertake community governance reviews with a view to considering the electoral arrangements in the whole or part of its district.
- 1.2 A review can 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; 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.
- 1.3 The Council has delegated the power to carry out reviews and implement recommendations arising from them to its Licensing & Regulatory Committee.
- 1.4 A request has been received from Norton Lindsey Parish Council for the size of the Parish Council to be increased from 5 members to 7 members. This is to reflect the growth in the size of the village since the Parish Council was formed, the further anticipated growth and to have more flexibility with the availability of councillors due to modern lifestyles making it difficult to form a quorum when there are only five councillors.
- 1.5 The Licensing & Regulatory Committee has authorised its officers under Section 82 of the Act to undertake a review on this basis.
- 1.6 In undertaking the review the Licensing & Regulatory Committee will be guided by and have regard to Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government in March 2010.
- 1.7 In particular Section 93(4) of the Act requires the Council, when undertaking the review, to have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review :-
- (a) Reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
 - (b) Is effective and convenient.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Under the provisions of the Act the Council are required to consult the following as part of the review:
- the local government electors for the area under review;
 - any other person or body (including a local authority) which appears to the principal council to have an interest in the review.

It must also inform the County Council that a review is being carried out.

- 2.2 All representations received in connection with the review will be taken into account and all consultees will be informed of the outcome of the review.
- 2.3 Following the initial consultation on the terms of reference, between the 10 August and 21 September 2018 no responses were received.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Based on the initial proposal from Norton Lindsey Parish Council and with no comments being received on this in the initial consultation Warwick District Council recommends that Norton Lindsey Parish Council Parish Council to be increased from 5 members to 7 members.

4. TIMETABLE

- 4.1 The review will start on the publication of these terms of reference and must be completed within 12 months.
- 4.2 In line with agreed timetable for the review the recommendations shall be consulted on between 12 October 2018 and 12 noon on 16 November 2018.
- 4.3 The Licensing & Regulatory Committee will meet to consider the recommendations, along with any comments received and make a final decision on 26 November 2018.

5. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 Anyone wishing to make representations on any of the above matters should do so by writing to:

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Or by email to graham.leach@warwickdc.gov.uk

By 12noon on 16 November 2018.