



COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

ORGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN
HEALTH ACT 2007**

**MODIFIED TERMS OF REFERENCE
Proposed**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Aims of Review

Following a statutory petition from Orgreave Parish Council, Rotherham Borough Council (the Principal Council), has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review pursuant to Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to consider the appropriate community governance arrangements for the parishes of Orgreave and Catcliffe, including the settlement of Waverley.

1.2 Why undertake a Community Governance Review?

A Community Governance Review provides an opportunity for principal authorities such as Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to review and make changes to community governance within their area.

A Community Governance Review 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 Council; and, Parish Warding).
- grouping Parishes under a common Parish Council or de-grouping Parishes.

The Government has emphasised that, ultimately, recommendations arising from Community Governance Reviews ought to bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

1.3 Scope of the Review

The scope of the review is to consider what the community governance arrangements should be for the parishes of Orgreave and Catcliffe and will include consideration of the following issue:

- a) Whether any change to the existing arrangements for community governance is required at the present time. [Plan marked Option 1]
- b) Whether to alter the area of the existing Parish of Orgreave so as to reduce its area to cover only the settlement of Orgreave and to create a new parish to cover the area of the Waverley South polling district [as proposed in the petition]. [Plan marked Option 2]
- c) Whether to create a new parish for the settlement of Waverley, to include both the Waverley North and Waverley South polling districts combined with an alteration of the area of the existing Parish of Orgreave so as to reduce its area to cover only the settlement of Orgreave and an alteration of the area of the existing Parish of Catcliffe so as to reduce its area to cover only the settlement of Catcliffe. [Plan marked Option 3]

- d) Whether to create a new unparished area for the settlement of Waverley, to include both the Waverley North and Waverley South polling districts combined with an alteration of the area of the existing Parish of Orgreave so as to reduce its area to cover only the settlement of Orgreave and an alteration of the area of the existing Parish of Catcliffe so as to reduce its area to cover only the settlement of Catcliffe. [Plan marked Option 4]

The review would also include consideration of whether any new Parish should have a Parish Council and what name and style any new council should be known by, and what the electoral arrangements should be for any new or altered parish.

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Orgreave Parish Council has served a petition on the Principal Council to alter the area of the existing Parish of Orgreave, to reduce it so that it would cover only the settlement of Orgreave, and to create a new parish for the area currently within the Waverley South polling district to be named "Waverley".

The reasons for the petition are:-

- (i) data from the Orgreave Parish Council Boundary Consultation shows that 78% of respondents believe that a new parish should be created (i.e. Waverley Parish);
- (ii) the new Waverley housing development will provide significant changes to the population within the existing Parish of Orgreave;
- (iii) the existing parish boundary between Orgreave and Catcliffe has become anomalous as houses in the Waverley development are built across the boundary with no clearly defined boundary;
- (iv) there are no direct transport links between the two communities;
- (v) there is no "cohesion" between the two communities. They do not share any common facilities i.e. schools and childcare, leisure centres, local transport facilities, community activities or places of worship; and
- (vi) the new development has already committed to its own identity "Waverley" and is to be managed under its own management committee.

2. THE LEGISLATIVE POSITION

The Local Government Act 1972, as amended, specifies that each Parish Council must have at least five Councillors, there is no maximum number.

3. CONSULTATION

Before making any recommendations or publishing final proposals in line with legislative requirements, the Principal Council will take full account of the view of local people. The Principal Council will comply with legislative requirements by:-

1. Consulting Local Government electors for the area under review –
 - A Notice will be published in the relevant newspaper, on the Council’s website and the Notice Boards of the Parish. The Terms of Reference of the Review will be published on the Council’s website and sent to the Clerk of the affected Parish.
2. Consulting the Principal Council’s Councillors representing the areas affected by the Review –
 - Letters will be sent enclosing the Notice of Terms of Reference of the Review.
3. Taking into account any representations received in connection with the Review.

When taking account of written representations, the Principal council is bound to have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under the review:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and,
- Is effective and convenient

In order to ensure that this review is conducted transparently, as soon as practicable, the Principal Council will publish its recommendations and take such steps as it considers sufficient, to ensure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the recommendations and the reasons behind them.

The Principal Council will also notify each consultee and any other person or bodies that have made written representations, of the outcome of the review.

4. CURRENT ELECTORATES

Using the Register as at 1 September 2017, the electorates for the existing Parish areas are as follows:-

Parish/Ward	Polling Districts	Electorate
Orgreave	Orgreave	584
	Waverley South	901
	Total	1483
Catcliffe	Catcliffe	1541
	Waverley North	310
	Total	

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5. YOUR VIEWS

If you would like to say how you view potential future arrangements under these Terms of Reference, please submit your written comments or queries to:

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Rotherham MBC
Riverside House
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Rotherham
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Alternatively your submission may be emailed to jillian.dimbleby@rotherham.gov.uk

The deadline for submissions is 4pm on 16 April 2018.

These Terms of Reference will be published on the Borough Council website: www.rotherham.gov.uk and will be available for public inspection at the Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1AE. Notices advertising this Community Governance Review and the availability of these Terms of Reference will also be posted within the Parishes affected.