

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER NON-EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date of Decision:	17 April 2026
Title:	Community Governance Review: Form of consultation
Decision Maker: (Including Job Title)	Phillip Horsfield Service Director Legal, Elections and Registration Services
Details of Specific Committee Delegation or Delegation contained in the relevant Sub-Scheme of Delegation.	Delegation through Cabinet decision to approve the recommendations set out in the Community Governance Review Report at the Cabinet Meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026
Decision:	<p>To conduct public consultation on the governance arrangements for parish councils as part of a Community Governance Review.</p> <p>Two rounds of public consultation will be conducted.</p> <p>The first will gather the views of residents, Parish Councils, Elected Members and any other interested parties on the current parish governance arrangements.</p> <p>The questions to be asked will allow residents to comment and make proposals for changes to the current arrangements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current parish boundaries • Current parish warding arrangements. • The number of seats on parish councils • The names of parish councils • Respondents will also be able put forward proposals for the creation, merger and abolishment of parish councils.

	<p>Following the first round of consultation, draft recommendations will be put to Cabinet for approval.</p> <p>The approved draft recommendations will then be subject to further public consultation. The questions will focus on gathering views on the draft recommendations.</p> <p>The consultation will be available online and in paper format.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	To implement the recommendations within the Community Governance Review Report approved by Cabinet (13 April 2026).
Where the decision is made under specific delegation from a decision making body, the names of any member of the relevant body who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and name of the body granting the specific delegation and the date when it did so:	Report author not made aware of any conflicts.
Reports or parts of reports considered	Mike Thomas, Electoral Services Manager – Community Governance Review Cabinet Report & Appendix 1: Terms of Reference

I certify that this is a true record of the decision in relation to conducting public consultation on the governance arrangements for parish councils as part of a Community Governance Review.



Signed by the Decision Maker

Dated 17 April 2026

Name: Phillip Horsfield

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If you require any assistance in the completion of the decision record, please contact the Governance Team governance@rotherham.gov.uk