

**Community Governance Review**

**REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL**



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**PURPOSE**

1. To consider a request for a Community Governance Review (CGR) for the Parish of Worsthorne with Hurstwood to increase the number of Councillors from seven to nine.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That Council approves that:
  - a. a Community Governance Review be undertaken for the Parish of Worsthorne with Hurstwood to increase the number of Parish Councillors from seven to nine.
  - b. The Part 3 (Council Functions) Scheme of Delegation be amended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to carry out a Community Governance Review on receipt of a valid request from a Parish.
  - c. To proceed with the review as set out in the attached draft Terms of Reference.
  - d. The findings of the review be reported to Full Council for final decision.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. To ensure that local governance continues to be effective and reflects the identities and interests of local communities.
4. To amend Part 3 of the Constitution as appropriate.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

5. Following their meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Worsthorne with Hurstwood Parish Council submitted a request to increase the number of seats on the Parish Council be increased from seven to nine. The aim is to ensure fair representation and to allow the Parish Council to take on more responsibility and events.

6. In accordance with S82 Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 Burnley Borough Council may conduct a Community Governance Review.
7. As the request has no impact on governance arrangements of any other parishes it is considered appropriate to conduct this as a standalone review.
8. The review must be completed within a period of 12 months from the publication of the Terms of Reference for the review. The attached Terms of Reference document sets out the principles and timescales of the review.
9. The recommendations resulting from the review will be reported to Full Council for approval prior to the making of any Community Governance Order.
10. Any changes resulting from the review will be implemented from the next scheduled Parish elections in May 2024.
11. The Council is required to carry out a Community Governance Review if a valid request is received. Approval is sought to amend the Scheme of Delegation to allow the Chief Executive to authorise any CGR's resulting from future requests rather than require Full Council approval. The findings of any reviews would be required to be reported to Full Council.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

12. The review will be carried out using existing budgets.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

13. None.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

14. Member Structures Working Group.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16. Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (DCLG/Electoral Commission)  
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#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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