

**Allerdale Borough Council**  
**Community Governance Review of Embleton and District Parish Council**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Why is the Council undertaking this review?**

The Council received an application from Embleton and District Parish Council following resolution at the Council Meeting held on 15 June 2022.

Embleton and District Parish Council resolved to submit a request to Allerdale Borough Council for a Community Governance Review on the number of seats on the Council.

**What will the review consider?**

The review will consider,

- The Number of Councillor Seats on Embleton and District Parish Council.

The Council must have regard to the need to secure that the community governance arrangements for the area reflect the identities and interests of the community in the area and are effective and convenient.

**Current Governance and Electorate**

Embleton and District Parish Council has 13 Council Seats and an Electorate of 372. (September 2022)

**Parish Governance within the Borough?**

The Council wants to ensure that there is clarity and transparency to the area that the Parish Council represents and that the electoral arrangements are appropriate, equitable and readily understood by the electorate.

In its White Paper, Strong and Prosperous Communities, the Government emphasised that “Ultimately, the recommendations made in a community governance review ought to bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services.”

## **How the Council proposes to conduct consultations during the Review?**

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires the Council to consult the local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body who appears to have an interest in the review and to take the representations that are received into account by judging them against the criteria in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Informal consultation will be undertaken with Parish Representatives, following this all electors for the parish area under review and any other person or body who appears to have an interest in the review will be consulted on the proposals and all representations will be considered, all consultees will be informed of the outcome of the review.

Any decisions made and the reasons for those decisions will be published following the review. The mechanism for this will be through the Council website, the Parish Council Website, issuing press releases and through posting notices within the area affected by the review.