

**NOTICE OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
OF THE PARISH ARRANGEMENTS FOR
BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL AND EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
Local Government (Parish and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008**

Arun District Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review of the parish arrangements for Barnham Parish Council and Eastergate Parish Council. This is in response to a request to merge the Parishes to create a single parish council to be known as Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council, without any other boundary changes. This review has considered the potential improvements to community engagement and local democracy of improved clarity for local residents on the Parish boundaries, the impact of a larger merged Parish size, issues around community assets and estimated changes to the precept per dwelling for residents in each Parish, including issues around planned new build.

At the meeting of the Electoral Review Sub Committee on 3 May 2018, the Council considered the comments and representations received from the first phase of consultation. The consultation included letters to key organisations and individuals, and a letter to all residents within both Parishes. The consultation process showed positive support from those responding. There was a turnout of 37.69% of local residents, 80.56% of whom voted in favour of the merger, split evenly between the Parishes. On the basis of these representations, the Electoral Review Sub-Committee agreed draft recommendations for change, as follows:

“The Electoral Review Sub Committee,

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

that subject to the results of the final consultation stage of this review that Barnham Parish Council and Eastergate Parish Council merge to become Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council, made up of 13 Councillors, with effect from 1 December 2018.”

The Council is now undertaking the next stage of the review process and residents and interested organisations are asked to give their views on whether they support or disagree with the draft recommendations. Your representations and comments should be sent to:

Nigel Lynn
Chief Executive
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex BN17 5LF

Alternatively, they may be emailed to nigel.lynn@arun.gov.uk

The deadline for any representations to be received is close of business on 19 June 2018.

Any representations received will be considered by the Electoral Review Sub Committee at its next meeting. The recommendations from the Electoral Review Sub Committee will then proceed to the following Full Council meeting. The Council will then publish the outcome of the Community Governance Review and any changes to be made.

Should you require any further information or need clarification on the review process, then please contact Jackie Follis, Group Head of Policy, on 01903 737580 or jackie.follis@arun.gov.uk.

Nigel Lynn
Chief Executive

29 May 2018

To view the report considered by the Council Meeting on 3 May 2018 and the Minutes from the meeting, please visit our website at <https://www.arun.gov.uk/electoral-review-sub-committee>