

## Appendix 1 – Indicative Timetable for Working Group Engagement Exercise and Reporting

Stage	Indicative date	Purpose / activity
Electoral Matters Committee	11 June 2026	Report considered by the Electoral Matters Committee, including approval of the proposed approach and indicative timetable.
First meeting of Working Group	11 June 2026	Initial meeting of the working group. The meeting would confirm the group's remit and proposed approach, review the draft engagement exercise material and communications plan, and agree any amendments or further work required before final sign-off by the end of June.
Finalisation of engagement exercise material and communications plan	By end of June 2026	Final engagement exercise material and communications plan to be agreed, allowing the engagement exercise to launch in July.
Engagement period	July to mid-August 2026	Six-week public engagement exercise with residents, stakeholders, parish councils, local organisations and other interested parties. The exercise will gather views on future local governance arrangements, local identity, priorities, potential parish arrangements, and whether there is support for a formal Community Governance Review.
Engagement period ends	Mid-August 2026	Engagement exercise ends. Responses to be collated and analysed.
Working Group meeting to consider responses and preparatory work	Late August 2026	Working group to consider the responses alongside wider preparatory work, including existing parish and ward boundaries, unparished areas, examples of town and parish council models, possible financial considerations, alternative forms of neighbourhood-level governance and any implications for the possible scope of a formal CGR

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Working Group meeting to consider findings and recommendations	Mid-September 2026	Working group to consider whether there is a basis for recommending further action, including whether a formal Community Governance Review should be commenced and, if so, the possible scope of that review.
Electoral Matters Committee	Late September 2026	Working group findings and proposed recommendations reported to the Electoral Matters Committee for consideration.
Full Council	14 October 2026	Final recommendations considered by Full Council, including any recommendation on whether to commence a formal Community Governance Review.

**Note:** This timetable is indicative and relates to the preparatory engagement exercise and reporting process only. If Full Council resolves to commence a formal Community Governance Review, a separate statutory timetable would be required. The timing of any formal CGR would also need to take account of the wider Local Government Reorganisation timetable, including the establishment of any shadow authority and whether engagement with that authority would be appropriate before final recommendations are made.