

Addendum to Item 14: Community Governance Review report

(1) A further matter for consideration

- 1.1 Since the agenda was published, another very similar matter has been raised with the Head of Democratic Services which it would be sensible to include in a Community Governance Review (CGR) along with the issue raised in the report, as all concern pockets of land on the Lancaster city centre side of the M6 which are currently parished.
- 1.2 This second matter concerns parts of Quernmore Parish Council which are sited in the Lower Lune Valley Ward of the City Council. Whilst no housing exists there at present, there are plans to develop land to the north of Daisy Bank, and this would put the new development in the Lower Lune Valley ward and within the Quernmore Parish Council area, when it appears - because of the separation by the M6 - to sit more naturally outside the parish area, in the unparished Bulk ward. A CGR could address the Parish Council issue, allowing the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to consider redrawing the Bulk ward boundary to match in due course.
- 1.3 A map showing this area is attached.

(2) Permission from the LGBCE

- 2.1 The proposed timetable for the Community Governance review (shown in paragraph 2.4 of the report) shows publication of any re-organisation order as December 2022. We have now been informed by the LGBCE that, because the Commission's draft proposals and further draft proposals propose electoral changes to Scotforth Parish Council's ward, if these changes are confirmed in the final review, they will be protected for a period of five years. This means that, for a period of five years, the City Council must seek the Commission's consent if, as part of a CGR, it wishes to alter the electoral arrangements for Scotforth parish.
- 2.2 In practical terms what this means is that, at the conclusion of the CGR, officers must request consent from the Commission **before** the City Council can make its re-organisation order. The LGBCE is ordinarily able to turn consent cases around within a couple of weeks, but that will mean that the publication of the order is a) subject to consent from LGBCE; and b) is likely to be later than the date of December 2022, shown on the timetable, because of that delay.