



**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**  
**PROPOSAL TO CREATE ALDCLIFFE-WITH-STODDAY PARISH COUNCIL**

Lancaster City Council gives notice that it is reviewing governance arrangements within the administrative area pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. A consultation is being conducted by Lancaster City Council in respect of the following options:

- a) Whether or not to create a parish council within a specified area to be known as Aldcliffe-with-Stodday Parish Council.
- b) Whether to create an alternative form of community governance for that area.

Local electors registered in the proposed area for the Aldcliffe-with-Stodday Parish Council will be sent notification of the consultation. Others with interest in the governance review who work or have property interests in the creation of Aldcliffe-with-Stodday Parish Council are invited to submit representations in writing to Lancaster City Council before 5.00pm on Friday 05 August 2016 to assist the review. Representations should be submitted either by letter or email to:

The Election Office

Lancaster City Council

Town Hall

Dalton Square

Lancaster

LA1 1PJ

Email [elections@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:elections@lancaster.gov.uk) Helpline (01524) 582915

A copy of the terms of reference for the creation of Aldcliffe-with-Stodday Parish Council Community Governance Review is available for inspection at the Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ or on the Council's website: [www.lancaster.gov.uk](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk)

# What is a town, parish or community council

## What is a town, parish or community council?

Parish and town councils in England and community and town councils in Wales are the first tier of local government. They deliver a vast range of services at a community level.

There are around 10,000 community, parish and town councils in England and Wales, made up of nearly 100,000 councillors. These first-tier councils can respond to the needs of the community – delivering the services or representation it most needs.

At present, but not in all locations in England and Wales, there is a three-tiered structure of local government.

Town/Parish/Community Council

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District/Borough Council/Unitary Authority

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County Council

## Powers and duties

Parish and town councils have a large range of powers, and the activities parish and town councils are involved in are immense. Many parish and town councils are involved in planning, promoting tourism, licensing, community halls, representation, management of town and village centres and providing community halls.

## How parish councils work

Parish councils are statutory bodies. Members are elected for a term of four years and councils are funded principally by an annual precept. Income and expenditure for the next financial year are calculated in the form of estimates. The net amount (the precept) is added to council tax, collected by the county, borough or district council (principal authorities) and paid to parishes in two six-monthly instalments. Parish and town councils can apply for other funding such as grant and funding awards, but they do not receive funds direct from central government, as principal authorities do.

## Creation of parish and town councils in England

The 1997 Local Government and Rating Act introduced a new procedure for creating parishes in unparished or partly unparished areas by petition. A petition may be presented to the district, borough or county council requesting the creation of a parish and a parish council for a defined area.