

Community Council Scheme Review

Consultation Discussion Prompts (Stage 1)

The document below is a guide to assist in the discussion and gather comments around and about the current Community Council Scheme and its review. Chairs of Community Councils may choose use this whilst discussion the consultation response.

Community Council Framework and Membership

1. Is the structure and framework of the current CC's across Moray still relevant and applicable, not just on an individual basis, but collectively across Moray?
2. Any comment or thoughts about the current Community Council boundaries extent or coverage?
 - Are the boundaries still applicable for your community, especially where it is growing or changing demographic?
 - Is there any scope to merge with a neighbouring community council to become more effective across a wider area?
3. Considering the total membership numbers for Community Councils
 - Too many / Not enough / Sufficient?
 - Are sub-divisions in the CC necessary or still applicable, if present in your CC?
 - Any further comment

Scheme Content

4. Any comment that CC wish to raise about the scheme details.
 - What are the Scheme's strengths?
 - Are there any areas of weakness, or areas that need rewording for clarity?

Key headings in the Scheme include:

- 1 Statutory Purpose of Community Councils
- 2 Establishment of Community Councils under the Scheme
- 3 Community Council Name
- 4 Role and Responsibilities of Community Councils
- 5 Community Council Areas
- 6 Membership of Community Councils
- 7 Scheme of Electoral Arrangements
- 8 Filling of casual places/vacancies between elections
- 9 Additional Membership
- 10 Term of Office
- 11 Equalities & Inclusion
- 12 Disqualification of Nomination or Membership
- 13 Meetings
- 14 Liaison with the Local Authority
- 15 Resourcing a Community Council
- 16 Liability of Community Council Members
- 17 Dissolution of a Community Council

5. Any comment about the model constitution and standing orders templates, and their use by CC's?
6. Any comment about the current CC Member's code of conduct?

Other Associated Documents Used for CC Administration

7. Any comment about the administration templates provided by the Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLLO), their use or format.
8. Any comment about the current policies noted below and their development proposed endorsement or referencing by the Scheme?
 - Complaints Policy,
 - Unacceptable Behaviour Policy
 - Vulnerable Person and Children Policy
9. Any comment in general about format, numbering, style of the documents or accessibility if documents provided
10. Any comment about the current scheme of electoral arrangements?

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