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Consultation on the creation of a Town Council for the unparished area of Barrow Borough

In December 2021, Barrow Borough Council agreed to carry out a Community Governance Review (CGR). This is a legal review process through which the Council can ask the public whether you support the idea of creating a Town Council in the unparished area of Barrow Borough.

The consultation period will run from 21st February to 14th April 2022.

Background

Cumbria is currently involved in a reorganisation of local government. In 2023, all Councils in the County will be replaced by two new authorities. Westmorland and Furness Council will cover Barrow, South Lakeland and Eden, and Cumberland Council will cover Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle.

When Westmorland and Furness Council is created, Barrow will be the only area in the new authority that is not also served by a town or parish Council. There will be elected members for Barrow on the new authority to represent the interests of Barrow, and all decisions concerning local government will be taken by Westmorland and Furness Council.

Community Governance Review

The CGR will be held in two stages to help determine whether a town council for Barrow should be created.

Stage One includes a public consultation to find out if our residents are in favour of creating a town council for the unparished area of Barrow. There is also the option to suggest an alternative arrangement as part of the consultation. Barrow Borough Council members will then consider all the responses received.

In Stage Two, the Council will make draft recommendations based on the outcome of the consultation and provide the opportunity for further comments from members of the public. Barrow Borough Council will then send the final recommendations to the Shadow Authority for Westmorland and Furness for a final decision.

If the decision is made to create a town council, then the process will begin immediately with the elections for the new town council likely to be held in May 2023.

Map of Unparished Area of Barrow



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Town Council?

A Town Council is made up of Councillors elected by local people and can be a strong voice for the community.

What services might a town council for Barrow provide?

- Promote tourism and manage the Market
- Maintain public parks and play equipment
- Respond to planning applications
- Mayoralty and caring for the civic regalia
- Manage allotments
- Run festivals and other community events
- Provide support and community grants

How much would a town council cost?

Local councils raise money through Council Tax, called a precept. To raise £323,165 per year to run the Town Council, the yearly cost to householders would be as follows: £13.33 for Band A households, £15.56 for Band B households and £20.00 for Band D households.

How can I find out more?

As part of the consultation we will be holding drop-in sessions, both online and in person, where you can ask questions. For further details about these sessions, please visit the Community Governance Review section on the Council website.

Don't forget to follow us on social media, where regular updates will also be provided.

How can I take part in the consultation?

You can complete the survey online at:

<https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/the-council/barrow-council/community-governance-review/>

Paper copies of the survey are available at the collection points listed below:

Walney South - The Round House; **Walney North** - North Scale Community Centre (Wednesday and Friday 1-3pm) **Barrow Island** - Bram Longstaffe; **Central** – The Forum, Barrow Market and Greengate Children's Centre; **Hindpool** – Barrow Library; **Ormsgill** – Ormsgill Community Centre; **Parkside** - Barrow Park Leisure Centre; **Risedale** – Salthouse Post Office; **Newbarns** - Lesh Lane Post Office; **Hawcoat** - Hawcoat Park Sports Club and Community Centre; **Roosecote** - Roose Library (Monday and Thursday), Yarlside Stores in Roosecote and Rampside Village Hall.

You can email your views to cgr@barrowbc.gov.uk or write to: **Community Governance Review, Barrow Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2LD**

Thank you for reading this consultation document and please make sure to have your say.

Yours faithfully

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