Appendix 9

Community Governance Review

[Information was sourced from the Department for Communities and Local Government](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-governance-reviews-guidance)

A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of an area to consider one or more of the following:

* the creation, merger, alteration or abolition of parishes;
* the naming of parishes and the style of new parishes;
* the electoral arrangements for parishes (i.e. the ordinary year of election; council size; number of councillors to be elected to the council; and parish warding); and
* the grouping or de-grouping of parishes.

Regardless of the trigger, the objective of any review is to ensure that local governance continues to be effective and convenient and that it reflects the identities and interests of local communities.  The recommendations arising from any community governance review should deliver improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more efficient delivery of local services.

As the principal authority, Bath and North East Somerset Council is responsible for undertaking any community governance review within its electoral area.

The most recent Community Governance Review to take place in Bath and North East Somerset led the creation of new councils for Westfield , Radstock and Midsomer Norton

Community Governance Reviews are subject to detailed national guidance