Harrogate Borough Council ("the Council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated December 2017.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3), and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and Commencement (a)

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Harrogate Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2017.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below, this Order comes into force on 13 December 2017.

(3) Article 4 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2018.

(4) For the purposes of:

(a) this article,

(c) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parish of Knaresborough, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2018.

This Order shall come into force on 13 December 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –
“borough” means the borough of Harrogate;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Elections for the parish of Knaresborough

4. Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Knaresborough shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2018.

Number of Parish Councillors for the parish of Knaresborough

5. The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Knaresborough shall be twelve (12).

Wards of the Parish of Knaresborough and Numbers of Parish Councillors

6. The number of parish councillors to be elected to each ward shall be three (3).

Electoral register

7. The registration officer for the [borough] shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Order date

8. 1 April 2018 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of the council on the 5th day of January 2018
EXPLANATORY NOTE
(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Harrogate Borough Council for the number of parish councillors to be elected to each ward and the overall number of councillors to be elected to the parish of Knaresborough within the Borough of Harrogate.

The parish of Knaresborough will be altered with effect from 3 May 2018. The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2018.

Article 4 provides for parish elections in the parish of Knaresborough in 2018, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 5 provides for the number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Knaresborough.

Article 6 specifies the number of parish councillors to be elected to each ward.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.