

Dear Town/Parish Clerk,

East Suffolk Council has published Terms of Reference to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) covering the East Suffolk district.

This process involves asking the public and other interested parties about the most suitable way of representing local communities, to ensure that local governance arrangements within East Suffolk continue to be reflective of the identity and interest of local communities and that they are as efficient and effective as they can be.

[District-CGR-Terms-of-Reference.pdf \(eastsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

A CGR provides councils with an opportunity to review and make changes to community governance arrangements. A CGR can consider the following:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes
- The electoral arrangements of parishes such as number of councillors and parish warding
- The grouping of parishes under a common parish council or the de-grouping of parishes

We are keen to hear from Town and Parish Councils. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for changes to the governance in your area, equally, if you are happy with the existing arrangements, please let us know that too.

The deadline for submissions to be received is **Friday 1 April 2022**.

Please send your submissions by email to CGR@eastsuffolk.gov.uk