

Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Review of North Gosforth Parish Council Boundary

Notice is hereby given that, under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the City Council has undertaken a community governance review following a request from North Gosforth Parish Council to amend the boundary of its parish to exclude from it those parts of the Newcastle Great Park development comprising the Melbury and Warkworth Woods estates ('the relevant land').

At its meeting on 7 September 2011, the City Council will be recommended by its Constitutional Committee to agree that the boundary remain unchanged. The principal reasons for this recommendation are: (a) The A1 Western bypass is a permanent and easily identifiable western boundary of the parish and is also a barrier between the relevant land and the remainder of the Great Park (b) removal of the relevant land from the parish would leave it isolated geographically between that bypass and the remainder of the parish (c) there is insufficient evidence that the reasons for extending the parish boundary in 2003 to include the relevant land have ceased to be valid or appropriate, or that the whole of the existing parish area does not reflect a suitably distinct and recognisable community which justifies parish council representation.

Details of the information considered by the Constitutional Committee, and the statutory guidance to which it had regard, are set out in the report to it dated 5 July 2011, a copy of which is available on the Council's website (www.newcastle.gov.uk) or available on request from its Head of Democratic Services. As well as that report, the full minute of the Constitutional Committee consideration of this matter will be reported to full Council. A copy of the draft of that full minute will also be available from 25 July 2011

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