

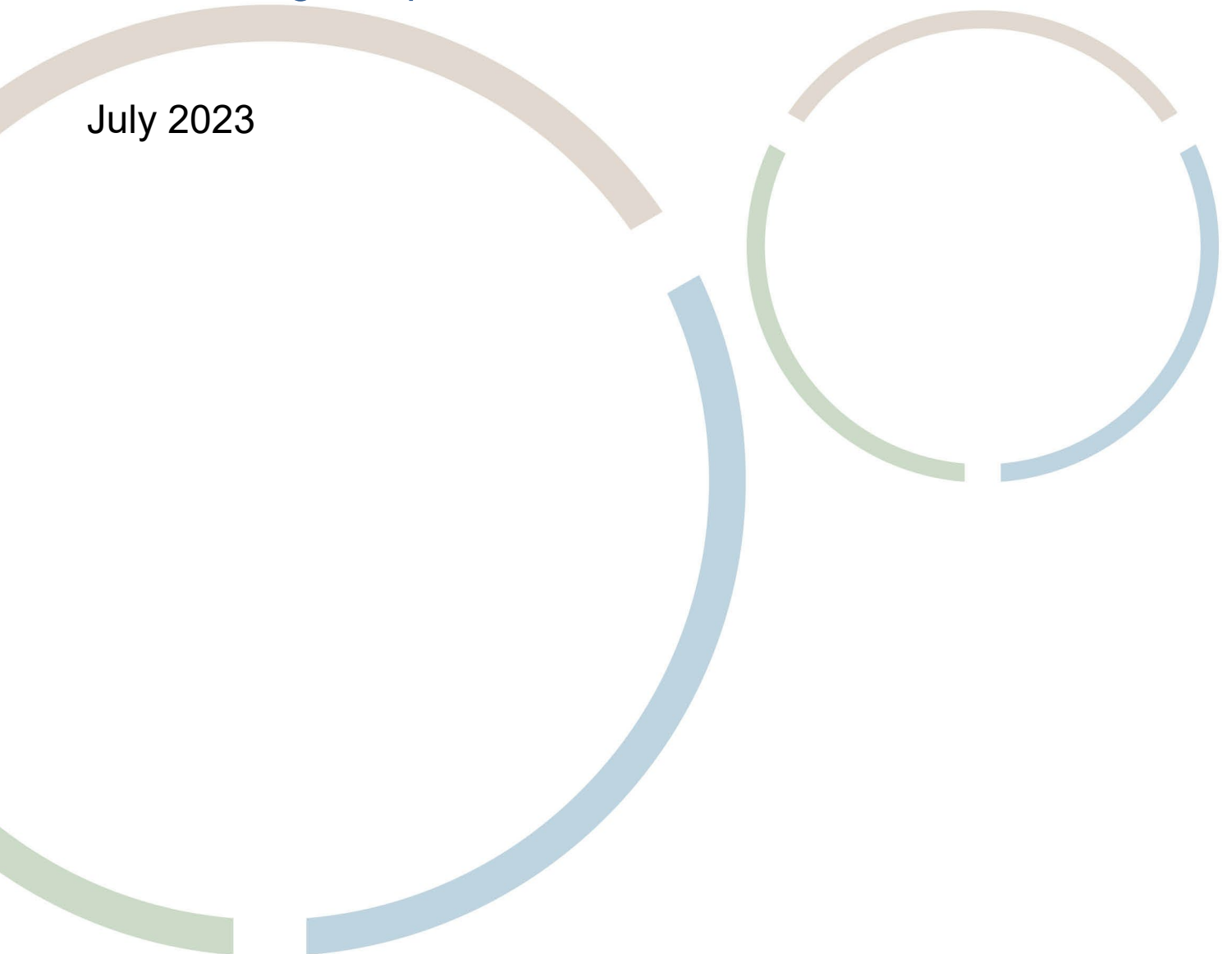


# Community Governance Review

## Final Recommendations

Scarborough Unparished Area

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## 1. The Review

- 1.1. A Community Governance Review (CGR) is a review of whole or part of a principal council's area for the purpose of making recommendations with regard to creating, merging or abolishing parishes and the naming and electoral arrangements of parishes. Where a parish of over 1,000 electors is created it must have a parish council. A parish council may be called a Town, Community, Neighbourhood or Village Council. The review is undertaken:
  - In accordance with the legislation in Chapter 3 of the Local Government and public Involvement in Health Act 2007;
  - Having regard to guidance published by the Secretary of State and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; and
  - Complying with the terms of reference that the council has adopted for the review
- 1.2. A review is often undertaken when there have been changes in population or reaction to specific new issues to ensure that community governance for the area continues to be effective and convenient and reflects the identities and interests of the community. The aim of the review is to bring about improved community engagement, communities that are more unified, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services.
- 1.3. On 1 April 2023, a new unitary authority known as North Yorkshire Council (NYC) was created replacing North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and Scarborough Borough Council (SBC), along with the county's six other district and borough councils. This new council is responsible for the delivery of all local services previously provided by the eight predecessor councils.
- 1.4. The only parts of North Yorkshire which do not have a parish or town council are the towns of Scarborough and Harrogate. NYC is committed to keeping services local and empowering local communities and having no parish or town council limits the opportunities for delivery of services by local bodies.
- 1.5. Harrogate and Scarborough Borough Councils had borough status, which entitled them to have a Mayor. To preserve the historic property, privileges, rights and traditions associated with a Mayor, the structural changes order approved by Government to allow the creation of NYC established charter trustee areas for both Harrogate and Scarborough from 1 April 2023. Whilst charter trustee areas are intended to protect the history and traditions of an area, they have no powers in respect of providing services to residents and the trustees may carry out ceremonial functions only. Charter trustees are the councillors on NYC

representing the electoral divisions in the unparished areas. More information on charter trustees can be found here: [Previous consultations | North Yorkshire Council](#)

- 1.6. In the event that a parish council is created for the whole of the unparished part of Scarborough, the charter trustee body would be dissolved. If no parish council is created the charter trustees will continue and would only be dissolved should a parish council be established in the future.
- 1.7. Parish and town councils play a key role in representing the views and promoting the needs of communities and can provide services to their residents. Parish councillors are directly elected to the parish council by the electors of the parish area. Parish Councils are mainly funded by a levy incorporated into local residents' council tax bills, known as a precept. Parish Councils are also able to bid to a wide range of bodies for grant funding at a local level.
- 1.8. NYCC agreed to conduct this review at a meeting of the Executive on 19 July 2022. The report and the legal basis on which the review is conducted, along with the terms of reference for this review can be found here: [Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 19th July, 2022, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire County Council](#). The Executive resolved that:
  - i. Community governance reviews be undertaken for the unparished parts of Harrogate and Scarborough, incorporating Eastfield Town Council.
  - ii. The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) in consultation with the relevant Executive Members be given delegated authority to approve the terms of reference once final typographical changes have been completed and to take any necessary action to progress the Community Governance Review.
- 1.9. The terms of reference for the Scarborough area included three anomalous areas along the boundary lines of the unparished area, which following a Borough Council review of wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in 2017/18, saw changes made to wards which were once coterminous with the parish boundaries. The changes now mean that affected residents no longer fall within the same borough ward (now abolished), county division or parish, with some remaining unparished. It was felt that these 3 anomalous areas could be addressed as part of this review, being consequential matters arising from the LGBCE review. These 3 areas consist of an unparished part of Eastfield (Middle Deepdale development), 3 properties at Osgodby, and Charles Williams Apartments which are currently split between being part parished within Newby & Scalby Town Council, and part unparished. Separate draft and final recommendations documents have been published for each of those areas. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires the Council to consult the local government electors for the area under review and any other

person or body who appears to have an interest in the review and to take the representations that are received into account by judging them against the statutory criteria.

1.10. The timetable for the review is set out below:

Revised Timetable*	
Aug 2022 to Oct 2022	Stage 1 consultation
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023	Consideration of responses and drafting of recommendations
Mar 2023 to May 2023	Stage 2 consultation on draft recommendations
May 2023 to Jun 2023	Formulation of final recommendations

\* Reasons for revisions and delays are explained in Appendix A

1.11. This review offered two opportunities for residents to have their say. The Stage 1 consultation formed the basis of a set of draft recommendations detailed at 1.16 below, which were approved by NYCC’s Executive on 10 January 2023. The report presenting the draft recommendations and full consultation outcome report can be found here: [Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 10th January, 2023, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire Council. The executive resolved:](#)

- i. That the responses from the consultation process which took place following publication of the Terms of Reference in July 2022 and the comments of the Member Working Group be noted.
- ii. That the draft recommendations (as amended) set out in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report be agreed and publicised as part of a Stage 2 consultation commencing on 20 February for eight weeks.
- iii. That the Executive note the Notice of Motion approved by Harrogate Borough Council on 21 September 2022. Rather than hold a binding referendum, it was agreed that as part of the Stage 2 public consultation process for the Community Governance Review, every household in the Harrogate and Scarborough unparished areas will be written out to again with information on the detailed proposals.

1.12. During the stage 1 consultation 538 responses were received, the outcomes were as detailed in the table below:

<b>Option</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Option 1 – not to create a parish council	97	18 %
Option 2 – to create a parish council	376	69.9 %
Some other option	13	2.4 %
Don't know / not sure	52	9.7 %
	<b>538</b>	<b>100 %</b>

- 1.13. A Stage 2 consultation exercise has now been undertaken, which forms the basis of these final recommendations.
- 1.14. The full methodology used for the Stage 2 consultation is set out at Appendix A and the survey at Appendix B.
- 1.15. Residents were able to give views on each recommendation by submitting a survey which listed each draft recommendation, and were asked to say whether they agreed, disagreed, or didn't know / weren't sure, as well as provide any comments.
- 1.16. The draft recommendations that residents and stakeholders were consulted specifically on, for this area were:

Recommendation 1 - A new parish be established for the unparished area of Scarborough (with the exclusion of the anomalous areas listed above)

Recommendation 2 - The new parish be named Scarborough

Recommendation 3 - The new parish of Scarborough should have a parish council and be called Scarborough Town Council

Recommendation 4 – that the parish comes into effect from 01 April 2024 for administrative purposes, and the first election for the town council be 2 May 2024 for a reduced term of three years, with ordinary elections taking place in 2027 and every four years thereafter

Recommendation 5 -

- (i) the parish be divided into wards
- (ii) the wards for the parish shall be those which apply North Yorkshire Council, as named below:

Castle  
Falsgrave & Stepney  
Northstead

Weaponness & Ramshill  
Woodlands

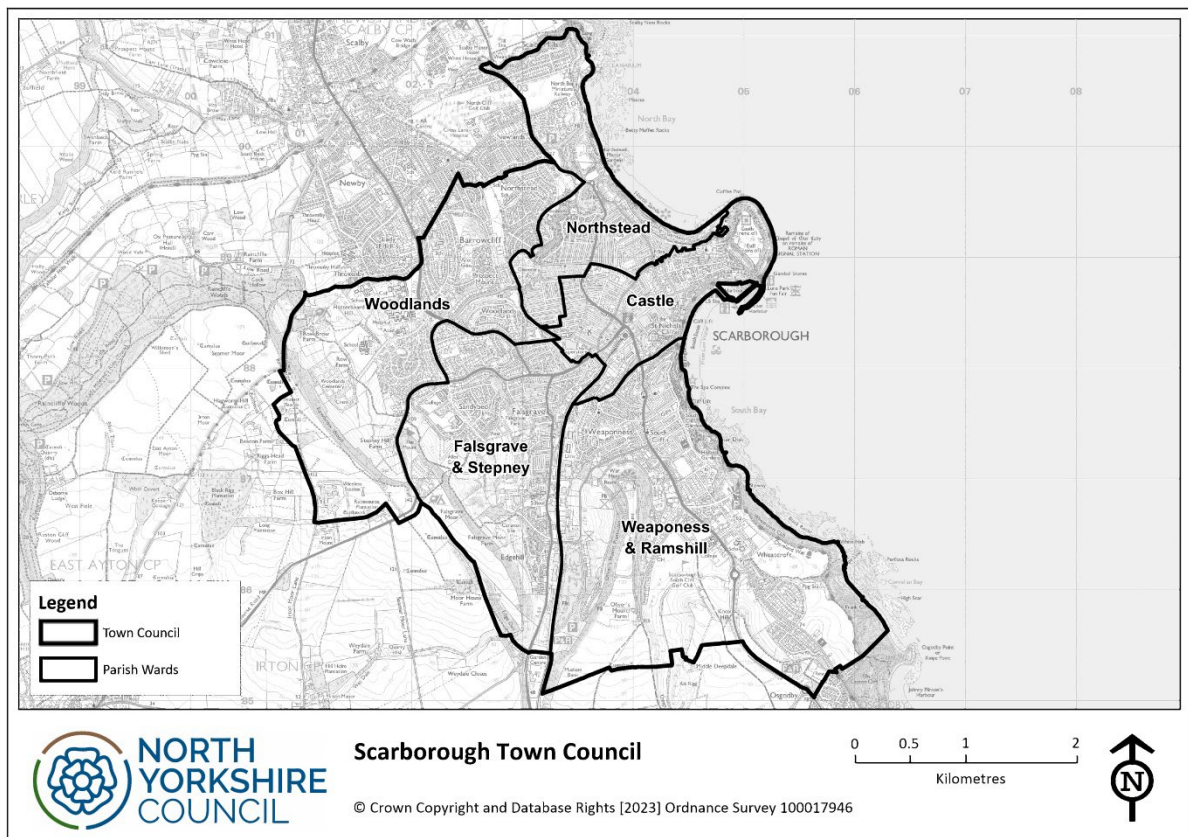
Recommendation 6 – there should be 15 councillors elected to the parish

Recommendation 7 - the number of parish councillors to be elected for each ward shall be:

Castle	3
Falsgrave & Stepney	3
Northstead	3
Weaponness & Ramshill	3
Woodlands	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

Recommendation 8 – that the change takes effect on 15th October 2023 for electoral purposes (ahead of publication of the revised register planned for 01 December 2023)

A map of the draft recommendations is as follows:

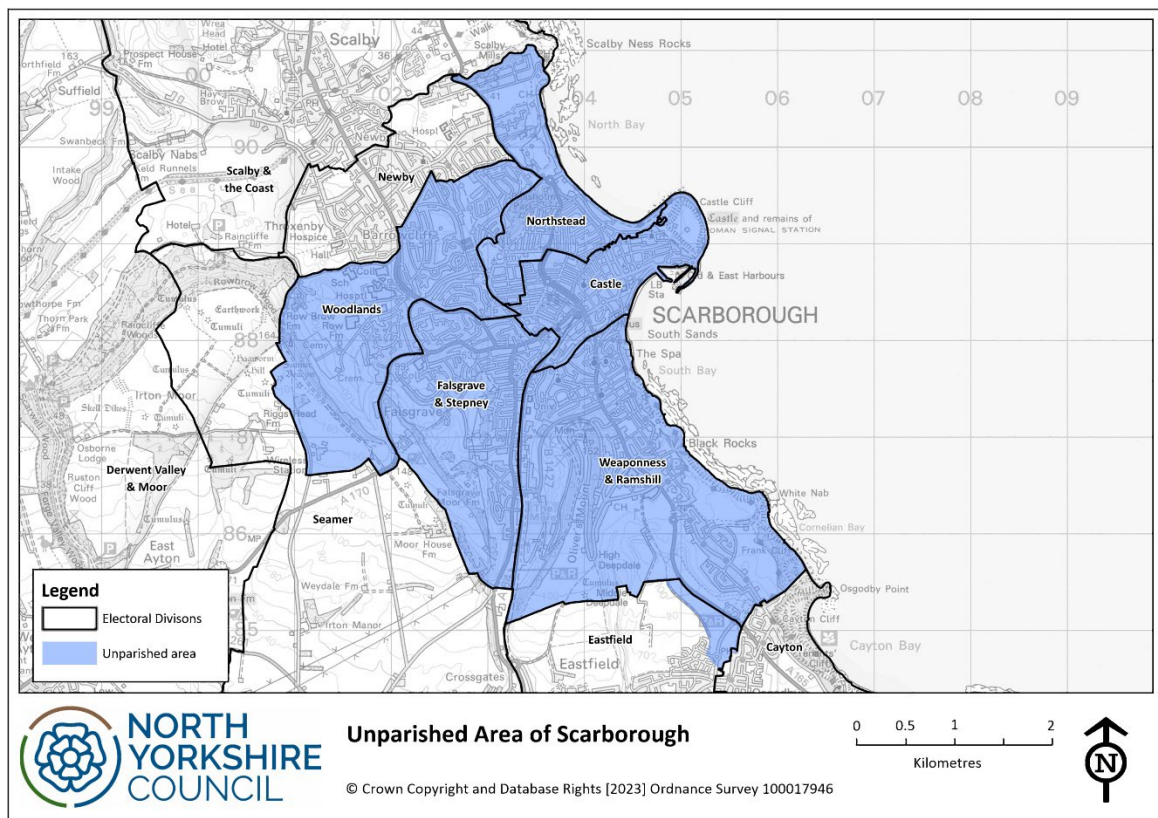


## 2. Background information

### Current Arrangements

2.1. The unparished area of Scarborough includes the following current NYC divisions, which is now the charter trustee area (since 01 April 2023):

Division	Electorate (as at Dec 22)	Households (as at 1 June 22)
Castle	5,369	4,989
Eastfield - unparished part	84	44
Falsgrave & Stepney	6,137	4,213
Northstead	5,461	4,160
Weaponness & Ramshill	5,771	5,215
Woodlands	5,171	3,445
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,993</b>	<b>22,066</b>





## Relevant History

- 2.2. The Scarborough town area has been unparished since Scarborough Borough Council was created in 1974 and there has been debate over the years on whether a town council should be created. Following the government decision in 2021 that a single council be formed for the county of North Yorkshire, NYCC commenced a review to consider the creation of a town council.
- 2.3. At SBC's Full Council meeting held on 06 September 2021 a motion was proposed to hold a referendum to ascertain the views of residents within the unparished area of the Borough in light of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). It was resolved that more information about options, processes, and timescales was needed before agreeing to a referendum. A Member working group was subsequently established to consider all options, and it was agreed that a recommendation be made to NYCC Implementation Executive to undertake this CGR as soon as is practicable.
- 2.4. This issue was last addressed by SBC in October 2010 when in the absence of any evidence of popular support for a new parish in Scarborough, the Cabinet agreed to undertake a public consultation on whether electors in the unparished area wished to establish a new parish council – either one for the whole urban area or three separate communities (South Cliff Community Council, Scarborough West Community Council, Scarborough Castle and North Cliff Community Council):
- The consultation received 472 responses – 77.5% voted against creating any parish or town council for the area and 22.2% voted in favour, hence SBC decided against commencing a CGR of the area.
  - The main two reasons cited by the no vote were that a community council was perceived as an additional and unnecessary level of bureaucracy, and they did not wish to pay a precept for a community council.
  - The majority of those who voted for community councils felt that they should be much smaller than the areas identified in the leaflet and several people suggested they should be based on the ward size.
- 2.5. The above views are 13 years old, and appear to have changed in light of LGR based on the outcome of the initial phase of this consultation, which showed nearly 70% were now in favour of the creation of a town council. Whilst the total number of responses in 2010 and in 2022 are similar, the outcomes are very different, as shown in section 1.12 above.

## Five year electorate forecast

2.6. The electorate and 5 year forecast of the unparished area is as follows:

Division	Electorate (Dec 2022)	Electorate Prediction (2027)	Predicted Electorate increase
Castle	5,369	6,027	658
Eastfield - unparished part	84	In excess of 84*	
Falsgrave & Stepney	6,137	6,170	33
Northstead	5,461	5,520	59
Weaponness & Ramshill	5,771	5,961	190
Woodlands	5171	5,171	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,993</b>	<b>Exceeds 28,933</b>	<b>Exceeds 940</b>

\* unable to give exact prediction for that area as developments listed are not split between polling districts, and cover a wider area into Eastfield Town Council

2.7. The above electorate increases above are due to an expected increase of dwellings either for smaller site developments (building conversions, changes in premises) or larger developments in as detailed within the former SBC Local Plan:

Division	Development leading to increase
Castle	St Thomas Hospital, Former Argos Building, Westwood Campus Site, Pavilion House
Eastfield - unparished part	Middle Deepdale (East), Eastfield (Kebbell Phase 4), Land to North of Middle Deepdale (east of Deep Dale Valley) (HA8)
Falsgrave & Stepney	Land off Springhill Lane
Weaponness & Ramshill	Villa Esplanade, The Breece West Street, 5 - 6 Esplanade Gardens

2.8. The increase in Eastfield Division (unparished part) was taken into account by the LGBCE when carrying out their review of former SBC wards in 2017/2018, which led to the expansion of Eastfield Ward (and then subsequently the introduction of polling district QC) but the parish boundary remained unchanged. The North Yorkshire Structural Changes Order 2022 introduced divisions for North Yorkshire Council based on former borough wards, and hence an anomaly exists (the division being part parished and part unparished) which is explored further within the recommendations for Eastfield Town Council.

### 3. Assessment of Submissions

- 3.1. The following table shows the number of households written to, the number of submissions received, and response rate, for both phases of consultation during this review. Responses were not limited to households only, anyone within an interest was invited to respond.

Consultation Stage	Stage 1	Stage 2	Increase / Decrease
Households posted to	21,930	21,904	↓ 26
Responses received for area	538	731	↑ 193
Response rate	2.45 %	3.34 %	↑ 0.88 %

- 3.2. Responses were received through a combination of online surveys, paper surveys returned, and emails containing views/comments, which have all been fed into the consultation responses and statistics.
- 3.3. Submissions received, both in summary form and in full can be found in the Scarborough area consultation phase 2 report at Appendix C. Some comments are quoted in this assessment where they may be helpful to illustrate a point.
- 3.4. Response rates in the table above were calculated by comparing the number of returns with the number of households directly consulted by means of a mail out inviting responses from all properties in the areas under review. Close to 200 more responses came in for this stage 2 consultation than the initial stage, which could be because of the very specific nature of the recommendations contained within the consultation documentation, and so residents are better able to articulate their views on them.
- 3.5. The majority of responses came from people who live in Scarborough, and some from those who work, own a business, or represent a community organisation in Scarborough. The remainder came from individuals who have second homes in Scarborough or visit regularly with family living in Scarborough.

#### Proposal for a new Scarborough Town Council

- 3.6. The survey specifically asked 'It is recommended to create a town council named Scarborough Town Council for the unparished parts of Scarborough. Do you agree with this proposal?', responses were:

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	511	69.9 %
No	174	23.8 %
Not sure	46	6.3 %

- 3.7. Coincidentally in the Stage 1 consultation, in which residents were asked to select from a range of preferred options, the exact same percentage were in favour of 'option 2 – to create a parish council' (376 responses, 69.9% - refer to section 1.12 above) as have opted for 'yes' on this specific question though it must be noted that the question this time is much more specific, with fewer options to choose from, and a higher response rate, with 135 more responses in favour when comparing the two.

Those 'for' a new town council

- 3.8. Of those who selected 'yes', around 130 comments were provided, within which the word 'local' appears 87 times. Those comments are mainly around having local decisions, made by local people, about local services, around local issues and local places, for the local people. The theme of 'local' is significant (62.7% - see page 5 of appendix C):

*'It is essential for the local people to have their voices heard'*

*'It is important for local democracy that residents have local contacts who know the area and are approachable'*

*'It is in the best interests of residents of Scarborough that they may elect representatives to continue to discuss and serve the requirements of this area as appropriate. Having had years of self control to suddenly be faced with control from afar has not felt at all comfortable. The recommendations outlined in the circular appear to be well thought through and fair'*

*'This will improve democratic representation in the town which has remained unparished for a very long time. It would be unfair to not create a town council for the people who live here'*

*'Local knowledge, experience and input'*

*'Local people to look after local issues'*

*'A Town Council for Scarborough is essential, and is in fact long overdue. During the existence of the Scarborough Borough Council, the Town Councils of Whitby, Filey and Eastfield and the Parish Councils of Newby and Scalby and of Osgodby were invaluable in representing the interests of their residents to the Borough Council, forcefully when necessary.'*

- 3.9. Many refer to the need to make sure decision making locally is open, transparent and fair with local representation to facilitate that. This theme accounts for 19.4% of the comments for a town council. Many comments reference feelings that the new large unitary authority is too large to properly represent the local Scarborough area since the abolition of SBC, hence support for the creation of a local Town Council, both for residents and businesses:

*'I think it is important that we have a local parish council because North Yorkshire is such a big area to be covered by one large council'*

*'I understand the objectives of creating the new NYC, but in my opinion a decision-making body in Northallerton will struggle to attend to very local matters'*

*'I am suspicious of the absorption of Scarborough into a united North Yorkshire Council'*

*'North Yorkshire is way too large geographically and in population'*

- 3.10. There are some comments about ensuring there is a body or organisation in place in future to ensure the local heritage & history of Scarborough is not lost (10.9% of comments for a town council), one even alluding to the importance of maintaining the Borough status:

*'This latest round of re-organisation will reduce the status and degree of self-governance of Scarborough to its lowest level since the time before Henry II created the borough of Scarborough. It is important therefore that the name of the new "town" council embodies this important historic status'*

*'...to preserve the civic history...'*

- 3.11. Some comments refer their support for the creation of a Scarborough Town Council being to allow and facilitate the devolution of powers and responsibilities to the local area and to support local empowerment:

*'If true devolution is happening and greater responsibility and involvement coming to parished areas then a must for the Scarborough urban area otherwise representation locally greatly diminished'*

*'I am very keen that we have local accessible representation available to deal with the sorts of services listed under the FAQs in the stage 2 consultation'*

*'Necessary for the devolution of appropriate local decision making.'*

Those ‘against’ a new town council

- 3.12. Of those who selected ‘no’, again there were around 130 comments provided. Within the comments there are 69 (54.3%) references to additional and perceived unnecessary additional costs, many referring to the cost of living crisis. Many understand that a town council will incur additional costs, for staffing, running costs, and potential member allowances. Some simply stated that they felt any new town council would just be a ‘waste of money’.

*‘I am concerned that this town council will not be effective and will require unnecessary expenditure of public money.’*

*‘Another expense when people are been squeezed with cost of living expense’*

*‘An additional tier of governance is not required. I believe the addition cost of the proposal to the rate payers will not have any extra benefits’*

*‘Have just spent time and money abolishing a council. Stop wasting more money setting a new one up’*

- 3.13. Nearly 43 comments specifically referred to the additional and perceived unnecessary tier of local government and bureaucracy through the introduction of a new town council.

*‘I feel it unnecessary as the original LGR proposal was to reduce the number of tiers of local government. It is the role of the new authority to provide the full range of services.’*

*‘It seems pointless to close one Council (Scarborough Borough Council) in order to create a Unitary Authority and streamline bureaucracy, to then create another Council and additional local government tier’*

*‘I was under the impression that the North Yorkshire County Council would be running the show, I can not understand why we need another level of a local council’*

*‘Another layer of governance is not necessary. The town is already represented by elected councillors’*

- 3.14. Of those who selected no, some simply felt it was the wrong time to make the proposals for a new town council with the recent un-tarification of all North Yorkshire councils, and that the new NYC would be better to serve the local people as promised, for now:

*‘There is an understandable fear that if Harrogate and Scarborough were the only two North Yorkshire areas not to have a Parish Council that their needs might be overlooked by the new North Yorkshire Council, but that might be a risk worth*

*taking compared to the alternative. I still take it that the new Council will contain some representatives from both Harrogate and Scarborough'*

*'I cannot see the point of spending all this time and money to create a new unitary authority and then try to bring back the previous system. Let us give the new system a chance and review in say 5 years'*

*'A new unitary authority has just been formed, North Yorkshire Council, to deliver all services from Northallerton. We were informed that a new unitary authority would be more beneficial and also cut costs'*

- 3.15. One element that comes through in comments, is a belief that the introduction of a new town council for Scarborough may be somewhat reintroducing or a replication of a council which has recently been abolished. This demonstrates a potential general misunderstanding on the roles of a principal council and a parish council, and the types of services a parish could deliver more locally and to the benefit of the local residents. Alternatively, it could demonstrate a level of faith in the new unitary council to deliver all services at very local levels.
- 3.16. There is some criticism of the former local administration for Scarborough prior to LGR which some believe a town council is merely a route for that administration to return, under a different guise. As a counter argument to this, those who selected 'yes', have references to elections as an opportunity to ensure the right people are voted in should a new town council be implemented.
- 3.17. It is not clear from the comments whether those who selected 'no', are fully aware of the opportunity cost of not having a parish council for Scarborough, such as limited options for devolving powers and funding to local areas, or local services delivery through a more local body. So many are so strong and clear in their preference not to incur any additional costs or introduce any further layers of local government that the opportunity cost may not be realised or desired.

#### Those 'not sure' about a new town council

- 3.18. Those who selected 'not sure' have been more willing to explain their choice with 28 comments left by the 46 selecting this option (63%). There are concerns about the apparent lack of information required to make a decision about a new town council. It was explained in the consultation documentation that until a new council is formed, and members elected to it, it simply isn't possible at this stage to know the costs or services that the new town council may deliver, though indicative figures and potential services were provided.

*'Until we see detailed spreadsheets showing not only who will do what and how much it will cost but also who did it previously and what it then cost we are simply not in a position to comment'*

- 3.19. The majority selecting this option are concerned about the same things as those who selected 'no', such as cost, and the additional layer of local government, especially whose effectiveness and ability to deliver is not known. However, there is open mindedness to the potential for a return of some 'control' or more local services to the local people if a town council were to be created, and that this may be needed:

*'I approve of local representation, but am concerned that local representation has been taken away from residents by virtue of SBC being absorbed in the new North Yorkshire Council, and we are now being asked to pay for local representation to be restored by virtue of our contributions to this new Town Council*

*'We are stuck with the bigger council and it looks as though the only way to maintain local representation is for us all to fork out these extra payments. I can't say I am happy with this'*

*'It's only of value if the council has power and funds to carry out specific work or action which benefit local people. Adding a layer of bureaucracy would just be a cost with no value.'*

- 3.20. There were around 10 comments left by people representing local community organisations, with approximately two thirds in support of a new town council for Scarborough. Those opposed to the recommendations echoed the same concerns as the majority of those who chose 'no'. Those in support were keen on the local element, as with the majority who selected 'yes':
- 3.21. The majority of people who selected 'no' to the concept of a new town council for Scarborough, also selected 'no' for all other questions, which somewhat skews the value of the responses to those questions, but it has been possible to identify those who selected 'yes' to the concept, and assess their responses to the other specific questions about what a new town council might look like.

### **Warding Arrangements**

- 3.22. The survey specifically asked 'It is proposed that the new Scarborough Town Council be divided into 5 wards following the same ward boundaries as the existing divisions. Do you agree with the proposed warding arrangement?'
- 3.23. Of the 731 total responses to the survey, 18.6% (136) said 'no' to this specific question, but when removing those who also selected 'no' the recommendation of a town council at all, there were only 15 responses remained which had said 'no' this question.



All responses			Those answering ‘yes’ or ‘don’t know’ to the recommendation of a new Town Council		
Answer	Number	%	Answer	Number	%
Yes	541	74 %	Yes	505	90.7 %
No	136	18.6 %	No	15	2.7 %
Not sure	54	7.4 %	Not sure	37	6.6 %
Total	731		Total	557	

3.24. It is clear that in general, there is much support for the recommendation of the warding pattern for a new Scarborough Town council to follow the same ward boundaries as those already in place for NYC divisions, which creates 5 wards for the new town council. Of those wholly in favour of the creation of a town council (511), 484 (94.7%) were also in support of the recommended warding pattern.

3.25. Of those in support, the reasons provided were mainly around the logic making sense and reducing confusion to electors, some examples being ‘it makes sense’, ‘appropriate’, ‘simple’, ‘avoid confusion’, ‘logical’, ‘continuity’.

3.26. Of those who said ‘no’ to this warding recommendation, reasons were very mixed with no common thread, and many of the comments simply repeated comments from the first question being not in favour of a new town council. One comment stated that the proposed wards are too large, with another supporting that argument, being to have more wards to allow more councillors. Some specifically referred to a road and a desire for it to be within a different proposed ward but no reasons were given as to why:

*‘It makes no sense whatsoever that one half of Stepney Road is in Woodlands Ward’*

*‘Wyedale Avenue should come under Northstead and not Woodlands’*

3.27. One comment suggested that Weaponness & Ramshill should be separate wards saying ‘they are vastly different demographically and the people of Ramshill will be short changed by this current proposal’. Another comment also claimed Weaponness to be too large, though the proposed wards are very evenly split by electorate in the draft recommendations.

3.28. No comments received against this recommendation gave specific reasons or justification for their answers in terms of geographical size, split of the geography, or community divisions, other than repeating their views in general opposition for recommendation to create a new town council. Some referred to changes to former Borough wards made in 2018 by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, which are not relevant to nor can be affected by this review.

## Names of wards

- 3.29. The survey specifically asked 'It is proposed that the names of the 5 wards of the new council match the names of the existing county divisions, which are; Castle, Falsgrave & Stepney, Northstead, Weaponness & Ramshill, and Woodlands. Do you agree with the proposed ward names?'
- 3.30. Of the 731 total responses to the survey, 17% (124) said 'no' to this specific question, but when removing those who also selected 'no' the recommendation of a town council at all, only 19 responses remained which had said 'no' to this question.
- 3.31. Those who said 'no' gave general comments which were generally against the recommendation for a town council at all, with few comments giving specific reasons relating to the names themselves.
- 3.32. 76.3% of those who responded to the survey were in support of this specific recommendation, mainly giving reasons around consistency, familiarity, and to avoid any confusion with existing electoral areas and their names:

*'Following the same names of the NYCC divisions that the Scarborough Town Council wards are to be based on, makes sense, and will potentially avoid elector confusion when it comes to different election levels'*

*'Avoids confusion. Both tiers using same terms.'*

*'These remain relevant and recognisable, so are sensible in this context'*

*'It is logical to use the same names as existing county divisions, to avoid confusion'*

*'This seems the obvious proposal and should reduce voter/resident confusion and allow the parish councillors to be able to work with their county representative'*

- 3.33. Of the comments received in relation to this question, there were very few alternative suggestions for the area, but there was the following:

*'North should be Northstead with part of South Newby and (South Woodlands) Barrowcliff. Old Town should be Castle. West should be Falsgrave, Stepney and (North) Woodlands. South should be Weaponness & Ramshill. My reasons for this are that these local areas have varying business and residential activities and strategic economic development should be better focused and targeted rather than one Town Council whereby future decision making may result in a status quo'*

- 3.34. Five comments were received specifically asking for the Weaponness & Ramshill Ward to be renamed to 'South Cliff' that being more reflective of what residents refer to the area as.
- 3.35. Two comments refer to potentially renaming Northstead to be called Peasholm, or Northstead & Peasholm, to better reflect the areas within boundaries.
- 3.36. To generalise, there are far more in support of maintaining existing names of wads, matching that of the divisions to avoid any confusion for electors and electoral areas, than there are suggestions for alternatives.

## Council Size

- 3.37. The survey specifically asked 'It is recommended that each of the new 5 wards be represented by 3 Councillors per ward, giving a total council size of 15. Do you agree with the proposed number of councillors?', and of the 731 responses 461 (63.1%) answered 'yes' to this question, 184 (25.2%) answered 'no', and 86 (11.8%) 'not sure'.
- 3.38. Of the 184 (25%) that said 'no' to this specific question, when removing those who also selected 'no' the recommendation of a town council at all, there were only 59 (8%) responses left which had said 'no' to this question.
- 3.39. Comments were given for answers to this question, many of which were short. Very few gave justified reasons for their views, and many of those against echoed their views against the recommendation of a town council at all.
- 3.40. Of those who said 'yes' to the recommended council size (63.1%), some simply stated that 3 councillors seemed 'sufficient', 'appropriate', 'enough', or 'reasonable'. Some answers gave more explained views:

*'Any more than 3 councillors per ward would seem too high, and give a council size 20+, which compared to other large town councils in the area is large, and similarly, any fewer than 3 per ward would give a council size of 10 or less, which would be insufficient if the Town Council is to be ambitious. As the proposed wards are of a similar size, they need similar councillors per ward, so having different of representation within each ward is not justified. I agree with 3 per ward.'*

*'This seems to be the right size for such a council. We need enough councillors to do the work, which could be considerable, and a council of 15 is a good size for debate. Moreover, 3 councillors per ward gives scope for a variety of people to be elected (in terms of personal and political outlook)...*

*‘Allows a spread of political or independent representation’*

*‘This number should provide good representation for each of the wards and therefore The Council, not too big or unwieldy, which should aid decision making’.*

3.41. Of those that said ‘no’ or ‘not sure’ to the recommended council size (270, 37%), many echoed concerns views about the introduction of a town council at all, and around 70 comments stated that they felt 3 councillors per ward was too high, the majority stating a preference of 2 per ward, with the remainder stating a preference of 1 per ward, or no preference other than for it to be fewer than 3 per ward. One said:

*‘Reduce the number of wards to 3, thereby reducing the number of councillors to 9 which should result in cost savings. Given the relatively small geographical size and population of the area, 15 councillors is a very high number.’*

3.42. Some of the comments asked questions rather than gave answers, such as ‘why 3?’, ‘is 3 enough?’, ‘is there enough work for 3’ (referring to per ward). Some asking if the number of Councillors affects running costs, and if so to reduce it, again the theme of cost coming through in people’s views, and some feeling ill-informed to make a decision.

3.43. One suggestion was to have no more than 1000 voters for each councillor, but this would give a council size of 28, which is very high for a council of this electorate.

3.44. In general, the support is in favour of a council size of 3 per ward, total 15.

## **Timescales**

3.45. The survey specifically asked ‘It is proposed that the elections to the new Scarborough Town Council be held on 2 May 2024 for a reduced term of three years, with ordinary elections taking place in 2027 and every four years thereafter. Do you agree with the years in which elections will be held?’. Of the 731 responses 539 (73.7%) said ‘yes’, 140 (19.2%) said ‘no’, with 52 (7.1%) selecting ‘not sure’.

3.46. Of the 511 respondents to the survey who are in favour of the creation of a town council over 90% of those are also in support of this specific recommendation on timescales.

3.47. Those answering supporting this specific recommendation gave reasons such as it ‘making sense’ and sensible to have the elections falling in cycle with other local elections in the local area.

- 3.48. Those against or not sure, as with other questions, echoed views about general opposition to the creation of a new town council at all, but a handful of comments referred more to the frequency of elections after the town council's establishment rather than the commencement date. Suggestions were made for elections to be held more frequently than every 4 years. Also there are some who have asked about 'what happens between now and 2024', maybe not realising that the council would be those elected in 2024, and that till then, the council is not formed.
- 3.49. The general approval of 'elections' to the new council is strong, with comments referring to the need for 'fresh blood' and ensuring voters play a part in deciding who is appointed to this new town council, if formed.

## 4. Statutory Criteria

4.1. Section 93 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires that the Council must have regard to the need to secure that community governance in an area under review

- reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area
- is effective and convenient

and in deciding what recommendations to make the principal council must take into account any other arrangements for community representation or community engagement that already exist in an area

4.2. Parish councils have two main roles: community representation and local administration. For both purposes it is desirable that a parish should reflect a distinctive and recognisable community of place, with its own sense of identity. The views of local communities and inhabitants are of central importance. Some of the factors which help define communities of place are: the geography of an area, the make-up of the local community, sense of identity, and whether people live in a rural, suburban, or urban area.

4.3. It is proposed that a new parish be created for the unparished area of Scarborough. The response to the consultation supports this, with 69.9% of those responding that they agreed with the proposal to create a parish council, and 28.4% disagreeing with proposal. Respondents wanted to see increased local representation and decision making and service delivery at a more local level. The proposed parish is a clearly identifiable built up area, surrounded on all sides by existing town and parish councils with established identities. The town is made up of a number of residential suburbs, each with their own identities and small secondary shopping areas, but the town is of such a size that many shops and services are based centrally and the town centre is seen as the focal point for town life.

4.4. The Government believes that the effectiveness and convenience of local government is best understood in the context of a local authority's ability to deliver quality services economically and efficiently, and give users of services a democratic voice in the decisions that affect them.

4.5. Local communities should have access to good quality local services, ideally in one place. A parish council may be well placed to do this. With local parish and town councils in mind, effective and convenient local government essentially means that such councils should be viable in terms of providing at least some local services,

and if they are to be convenient they need to be easy to reach and accessible to local people.

- 4.6. A single town council covering the whole of the unparished area is more likely to provide a council with the capacity to consider taking on services, should it be able to reach an agreement with the principal council. A single large council would provide economies of scale, freeing up resources for services.
- 4.7. Where a review recommends the creation of a parish council, recommendations must also be made in respect of the electoral arrangements. If the principal council recommends dividing a parish into wards when considering the size and boundaries of wards and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward they must have regards to
  - The number of local government electors for the parish
  - The projected electorate in 5 years
  - The desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable
  - Any local ties which will be broken by the fixing of any particular boundaries
- 4.8. It is proposed that the parish be divided into wards following the same ward boundaries as for the existing county divisions. These divisions were formed by combining two wards of the now abolished Scarborough Borough Council, a warding pattern established by the 2018 Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review of Scarborough Borough, and there can be confidence that such boundaries appropriately reflect the various communities within the town. Forecast electorates have been considered. 74 % of respondents agreed with the proposed warding pattern.
- 4.9. To implement a different warding pattern to that in place for North Yorkshire Council would be contrary to guidance that parish warding reflect existing division boundaries. It is expected that an LGBCE review of the county will lead to a review of warding patterns in the town before the next elections in 2027.
- 4.10. It is also proposed that the names of the wards be the same as the names of the existing county divisions, to retain familiarity with existing electoral areas and to avoid confusion to electors. 76.3 % of respondents agreed with this proposal. There were some comments received relating to potential alternative names of wards relating mainly to Weaponness & Ramshill, Northstead and Peasholm, as areas local residents identify with, though these comments were few, and the desire to maintain commonly known and recognised ward names in line with existing electoral area names, reducing confusion to electors was felt key at this stage.

4.11. A number of comments were made in relation to who could stand for election, and not wanting some previous Borough councillors. The law sets out the qualifications for standing for a parish council election and it would not be possible to put in place any sort of process to select candidates to stand for election.



## 5. Final Assessment and Final Recommendations

- 5.1. The majority of responses (69.9%) indicated support of the creation of a Town Council for Scarborough, with the majority of responses supporting both the proposed numbers of wards (74% in favour), their names (76.3% in favour), and council size (63% in favour). 73.7% supported the proposal that the first elections to a town council take place in May 2024 for a reduced term of three years, with ordinary elections taking place in 2027 and every four years thereafter.
- 5.2. There were around 70 comments relating to 3 councillors per ward (15 in total), with over half of those being general comments in favour. 3 referred to the need for 'new' councillors, 3 referred to a needed for no councillors, 2 wanting more councillors, and one wanting fewer councillors.
- 5.3. The latter has been considered, though when comparing to other parish councils in the North Yorkshire area, it is felt that to reduce the number of councillors to less than 3 per ward would potentially leave the new council at a disadvantage from the outset with insufficient capacity to make effective decisions for such an electorate, especially at a time of significant change in local government in the area, and may miss potential to really establish itself as a thriving parish, deliver local services, and make the most of all opportunities offered under 'double devolution'.
- 5.4. There were no substantive or justified alternative suggestions put forward in relation to community governance arrangements for the area. No substantive or justified alternative proposals were made in relation to the specific draft recommendations for the name of the proposed council, its warding pattern, names of those wards, or the council size, therefore is it proposed to create a single parish (with a council) covering the unparished area called Scarborough Town Council, with the exception of the following:
- To exclude the unparished part of Eastfield Division which is being recommended to form part of Eastfield Town Council (refer to Final Recommendations for Eastfield area)
  - To exclude the unparished part of Charles Williams Apartments which are being recommended to form part of Newby & Scalby Town Council (refer to Final Recommendations for Newby & Scalby area)
  - To exclude the 3 unparished properties at Osgodby which are being recommended to form part of Osgodby Parish Council (refer to Final Recommendations for Osgodby Area)

5.5. Legislation offers a choice of alternative styles for a parish council: town, community, neighbourhood or village. Given the number of electors it seems most appropriate to propose the name Scarborough Town Council. Styling the parish council as a town council would also allow the use of the designation “Mayor” instead of Chair.

5.6. The final recommendations arising from this community governance review are:

Recommendation 1 - A new parish be established for the unparished area of Scarborough (with the exclusion of the anomalous areas listed above)

Recommendation 2 - The new parish be named Scarborough

Recommendation 3 - The new parish of Scarborough should have a parish council and be called Scarborough Town Council

Recommendation 4 – that the parish comes into effect from 01 April 2024 for administrative purposes, and the first election for the town council be 2 May 2024 for a reduced term of three years, with ordinary elections taking place in 2027 and every four years thereafter

Recommendation 5 -

the parish be divided into wards

the wards for the parish shall be those which apply for North Yorkshire Council after 1 April 2023, as named below:

Castle  
Falsgrave & Stepney  
Northstead  
Weaponness & Ramshill  
Woodlands

Recommendation 6 – there should be 15 councillors elected to the parish

Recommendation 7 - the number of parish councillors to be elected for each ward shall be:

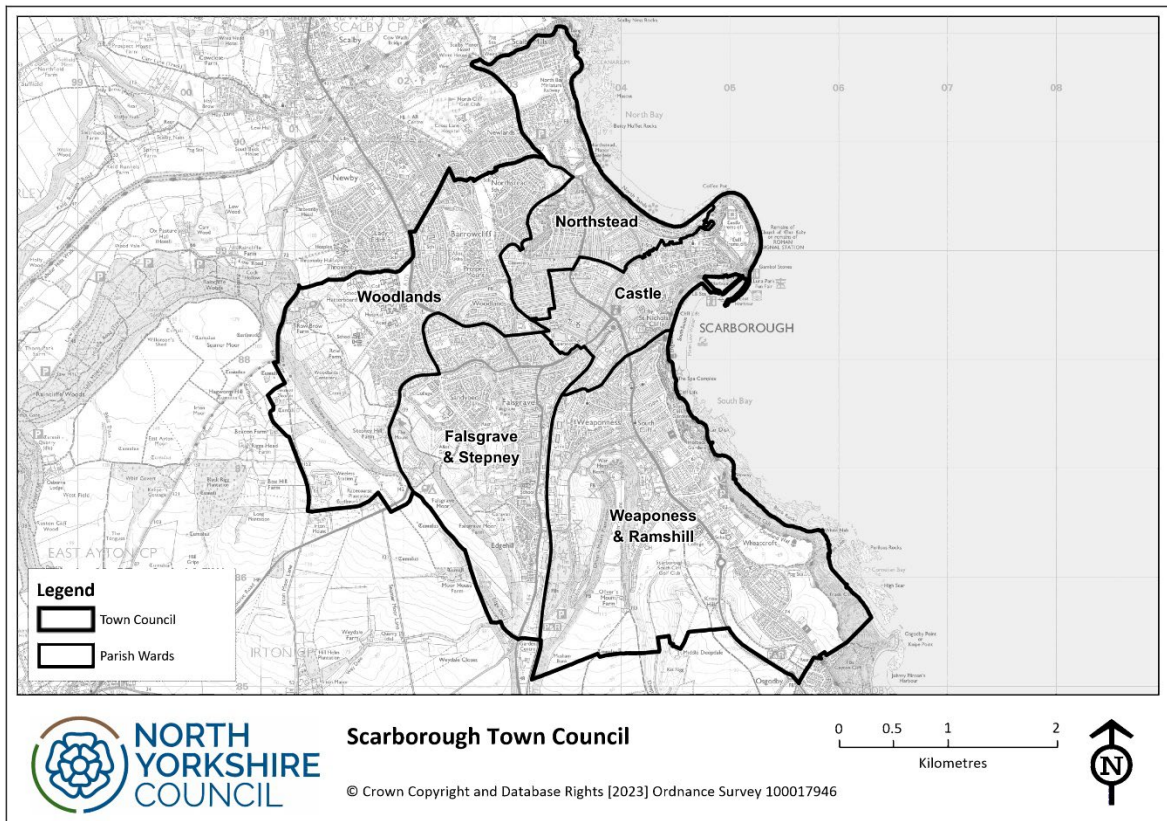
Castle	3
Falsgrave & Stepney	3
Northstead	3
Weaponness & Ramshill	3
Woodlands	3

**TOTAL**

**15**

Recommendation 8 – that the change takes effect on 15 October 2023 for electoral purposes (ahead of publication of the revised register planned for 01 December 2023)

5.7. A map of the final recommendations for this area is as follows:



## 6. Consequential Matters & Next Steps

### Assets

- 6.1. As part of Local Government Reorganisation all the assets of the former Scarborough Borough Council transferred to the new NYC. Should the new Scarborough Town Council wish to take on responsibility for any assets formerly belonging to SBC, it will need to demonstrate that it has the ability to do so to NYC, whilst delivering value for money.
- 6.2. Under section 9 of The Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 allotments within the unparished area must transfer to the parish council on the date of a reorganisation order. These assets would be transferred to a new parish council as part of the reorganisation order.
- 6.3. Under section 15 of The Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 the only other asset to be transferred is the civic collection, including the civic regalia, which is has been the responsibility of the Charter Trustees for Scarborough since 1 April 2023. Under this regulation the Charter Trustees would be dissolved on the date on which the first parish councillors for the parish come into office. When the civic collection transfers to a town council that council then has the responsibility to pay for storage, insurance, upkeep, repairs and any other costs associated with the collection.
- 6.4. No other assets will be automatically transferred on creation of a town council. Assets will only be transferred to parish councils where they want it.

### Precept

- 6.5. Under section 3 of The Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008 the principal council (NYC) is responsible for adopting an initial budget requirement figure for the first year of a new council on behalf of the new parish council. When any newly elected Chair of a parish council calculates the precept required they would have to do so within the limit of NYC's anticipated precept sum for that year.
- 6.6. When a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order is made, it must contain a budget requirement figure. The budget requirement is the amount a new town council would require in its first year; dividing this figure by the equivalent number of Band D dwellings would give an indication of the level of precept.
- 6.7. As parish councils do not receive money from central government, they are reliant on income raised from the precept. The precept would need to reflect the set-up and running costs of a town council including office accommodation, employment costs, office and IT equipment, insurances, professional fees and the costs associated with the civic function and the Mayor. The cost of delivering services in

future years will also need to be considered. It is anticipated that there would be a surplus in year 1, which would go to reserves for use in future years and enable the parish to begin on a secure financial footing.

6.8. As part of second phase of consultation of this review, to ensure that residents were as informed as possible enabling views on the draft recommendations, information was provided with indicative precept figures, as follows:

- The precept levied by Filey Town Council - £55.26 for a Band D property
- The precept levied by Whitby Town Council - £47.34 for a band D property
- Of the 29 parish councils in the former Borough of Scarborough which levy a precept, 15 have a band D precept of over £40

6.9. A new Scarborough Town Council precept is anticipated to be in the region of £40-£50 per year for a Band D property, giving a total precept budget of approximately £490,000 - £610,000

### **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)**

6.10. The principal council (NYC) must keep the Commission informed of any upcoming changes to parish arrangements within its area to ensure any forthcoming reviews of divisions/wards within its area, take the new parish arrangements into consideration.

6.11. The LGBCE has indicated that a review of NYC divisions/wards will be taking place prior to the elections to NYC in 2027, and have therefore already been informed of this review of a relatively large unparished area. The LGBCE are aware of conclusion date of this review, and will be informed of the outcome.

### **Polling Place & Polling District Review**

6.12. As this proposed new parish council is based on existing NYC divisions, with established polling districts, there is no need for a polling district review consequential of the creation of the new parish council, as existing polling districts and polling places should be fit for purpose.

6.13. However, under section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the requirement for principal councils to commence and complete a review of polling districts within 16 months from 01 October 2023, a compulsory review will be taking place which will ensure any changes can be made during that process.

## **Other Electoral Matters**

- 6.14. In readiness for the publication of the revised register of electors due on 01 December 2023, NYC will ensure that the new council and its warding pattern is created within register structures, reflective of these final recommendations,
- 6.15. NYC will make preparations for holding elections to the new Scarborough Town Council in May 2024, and ensure information is communicated to prospective candidates about standing as a candidate ahead of the election period.

## **7. Contact Details**

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## Community Governance Review - Consultation Stage 2 Methodology

### Scarborough Unparished Area

- The stage 2 consultation began on Thursday 2 March 2023, and ran for a period of just over 9 weeks.
- The Community Governance Review webpage used for the stage 1 consultation was re-instated, and updated with further information for stage 2 including information from the stage 1 consultation, the Executive report and the draft recommendations.
- The consultation webpage contained a link to an online survey allowing residents and other stakeholders to submit views on the draft recommendations.
- An A4 page information pack was also prepared containing the same information as was on the webpage, as well as a copy of the survey in paper format. The information pack contained the outcomes of the first stage of consultation, the specific draft recommendations being made, and the potential impact on residents.
- A letter informing residents of this next stage in the review process and enclosing the information pack was posted to each of the 21,904 households on the electoral register in the unparished area of Scarborough (excluding 1 – 12 Charles William Apartments, the unparished part of Eastfield Ward, and the 3 properties forming the unparished part of Cayton Ward, all of which received information and a survey specific to those areas). The letter explained the reasons for the review, and invited residents to have their say via the survey. The letter signposted residents to the consultation area of the council's website. A QR code was included on the letter to enable residents to access the survey directly from their mobile phones.
- An option was provided to request hard copies of the survey via telephone or email for those residents who preferred to complete a paper copy of the survey or who did not have access to the internet.
- Copies of the leaflet, paper survey and pre-paid return envelopes were made available at Scarborough Town Hall, Derwent Valley Library (as Scarborough's main library was temporarily closed due to building works during this consultation stage), Eastfield community library - More Than Books, and Newby and Scalby library and information centre.
- In addition to the letter to every household, key stakeholders were also emailed a link to the consultation webpage and invited to give their views. This included the following stakeholders:

- local MPs, the PFCC and councillors for the relevant area
  - Directly affected parishes of Eastfield, Newby & Scalby, and Osgodby, as they had areas specifically detailed within the Terms of Reference
  - Parish councils adjoining the unparished area
  - Scarborough Borough Council's consultation stakeholder list which included disability groups, business, charities, voluntary groups, local associations, business groups and local public services
  - Any respondees to the initial consultation who did not already appear on any of the above distribution lists
- The survey which was used for this unparished area invited residents to say whether they agreed or not (or state 'not sure') with each of the specific recommendations, and were able to provide comments against each recommendation.
  - In addition to the 'all households' letter, NYCC and SBC social media feeds were used to raise awareness of the review at commencement. This was supplemented by reminder posts during, and close to the end of the review on NYC social media feeds. All social media posts used a consistent approach with messaging, signposting and branding to avoid confusion for residents.
  - A press release entitled "New town councils recommended for Harrogate and Scarborough" was issued on 23 December 2022 leading to the review gaining coverage in the local press. A further press release entitled "Have a say on Harrogate and Scarborough town council proposals" was issued week commencing 03 March 2023 to promote the consultation.
  - An article titled "New Scarborough town council: your views needed" was also included in the Scarborough Borough Council Residents' newsletter circulated via email on 29 March 2023.
  - Council staff were informed of the review during LGR webinars, via the Council's intranet, and via the SBC 'Colleague News' newsletter and invited to take part.
  - An 'easy read' version of the information leaflet was available on request for residents with learning difficulties and the survey could also be made available in other formats on request.



# Community Governance Review - Scarborough

On 1 April 2023 Scarborough Borough Council will be dissolved and replaced by the new North Yorkshire Council. On that date Charter Trustees will be established for the parts of Scarborough Town which are not currently covered by a parish or town council to ensure the continuation of Mayoral and other ceremonial functions. This will be in place until a parish or town council is created, during this period the Trustees would not have powers to deliver any services.

This Community Governance Review is seeking the views of residents and stakeholders. An initial phase of consultation has previously taken place asking if respondents would like a town council to be created in their area. 69.9% of those who responded told us that they were in favour of a town council for the unparished area. From that, draft recommendations have been made. This second consultation is seeking views on the following draft recommendations:

- To create a town council for the unparished area called Scarborough Town Council
- That council will consist of 5 wards (matching the existing county divisions in the area)
- Each ward will be represented by 3 elected councillors per ward, giving a total council size of 15
- The new town council will commence on 01 April 2024 for administrative purposes
- The new council will have its first election in May 2024, with an initial term of 3 years, with ordinary elections taking place in 2027 and every four years thereafter.

An annual precept would be payable to fund the administration of the town council and any services it chooses to provide.

## Using Your Personal information

Any information provided in this survey will be used in the strictest confidence and will only be used for the community governance review.

For further information on how we collect, use, share, secure and retain your personal information, and your legal rights, please see our Privacy Notice at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/privacy-notices](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/privacy-notices)

Please respond by **5 May 2023**, even if you responded to the initial consultation, to help shape the future of this area.

## Where are you from?

### 1. Please state which of the following best describes you:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in Scarborough           | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a representative of a community organisation in Scarborough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work in Scarborough           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state below)                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I own a business in Scarborough |   |

### 2. Please answer the following:

Your home, work or business postcode:

Your community organisation:

Other:

## Your views on the recommendations

### New town council

3. It is recommended to create a town council named Scarborough Town Council for the unparished parts of Scarborough.  
Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes

No

Not sure

4. Do you have any comments on this recommendation?

### Warding pattern

5. It is proposed that the new Scarborough Town Council be divided into 5 wards following the same ward boundaries as the existing county divisions.  
Do you agree with the proposed warding arrangement?

Yes

No

Not sure

6. Do you have any comments on this recommendation?

## Names of wards

7. It is proposed that the names of the 5 wards of the new council match the names of the existing county divisions, which are; Castle, Falsgrave & Stepney, Northstead, Weaponness & Ramshill, and Woodlands.

Do you agree with the proposed ward names?

Yes

No

Not sure

8. Do you have any comments on this recommendation?

## Council size

9. It is recommended that each of the new 5 wards be represented by 3 Councillors per ward, giving a total council size of 15.

Do you agree with the proposed number of councillors?

Yes

No

Not sure

10. Do you have any comments on this recommendation?

## Timescales

11. It is proposed that the elections to the new Scarborough Town Council be held on 2 May 2024 for a reduced term of three years, with ordinary elections taking place in 2027 and every four years thereafter.

Do you agree with the years in which elections will be held?

Yes

No

Not sure

12. Do you have any comments on this recommendation?

## About you

### Age

13. Which age category are you in?

16-19

20-29

30-39

40-49

50-64

65-74

75-84

85+

prefer not  
to say

### Disability

14. Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person or to have long-term, limiting condition?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return this completed form to:

Corporate Director,  
Central Services North Yorkshire County Council,  
County Hall,  
Racecourse Lane,  
NORTHALLERTON  
DL7 8AL  
no later than 5 May 2023.



# Community Governance Review – Consultation Responses (Phase 2) – June 2023

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Scarborough

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## Summary of responses

The second phase of the Community Governance Review started Thursday 2 March 2023, and ran for a period of just over 9 weeks until Friday 5 May 2023. All households within the community governance review received a letter, information pack, and details of how to participate in the consultation.

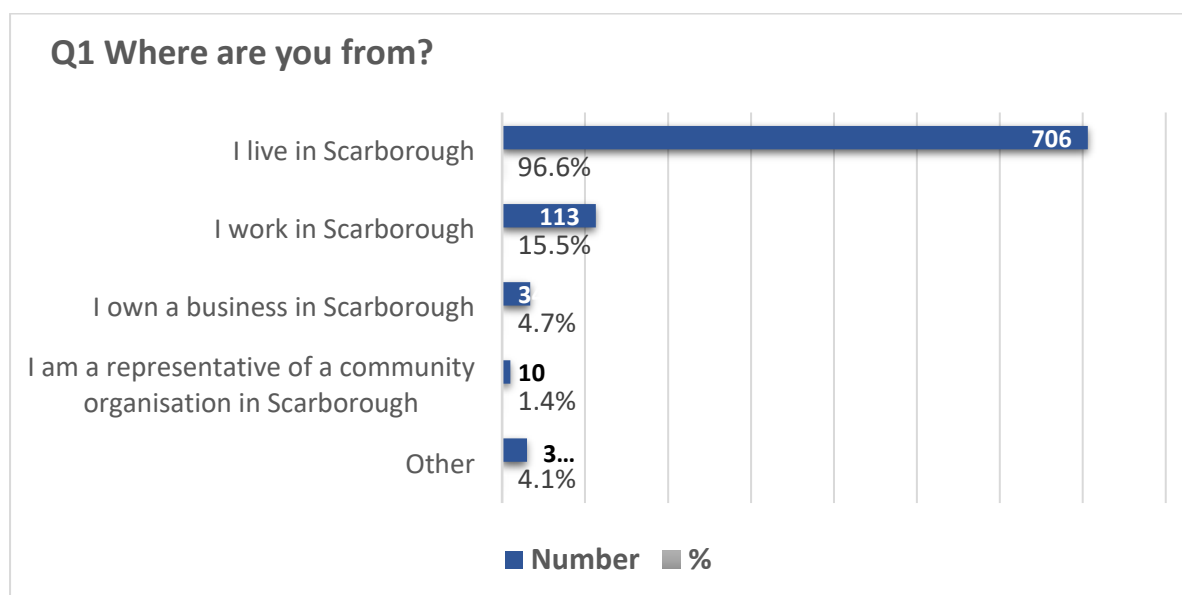
A total of 731 responses were received during this period, and a summary of the responses can be found along with further details within this report.

### Where are you from?

The majority of responses to the Community Governance Review in Scarborough consultation live in Scarborough, with 96.6% of responses.

Please state which one of the following best describes you?	Number	%
I live in Scarborough	706	96.6%
I work in Scarborough	113	15.5%
I own a business in Scarborough	34	4.7%
I am a representative of a community organisation in Scarborough	10	1.4%
Other	30	4.1%

Respondents could select multiple options.



Further details on representatives from community organisations and other types can be found in Appendix A.

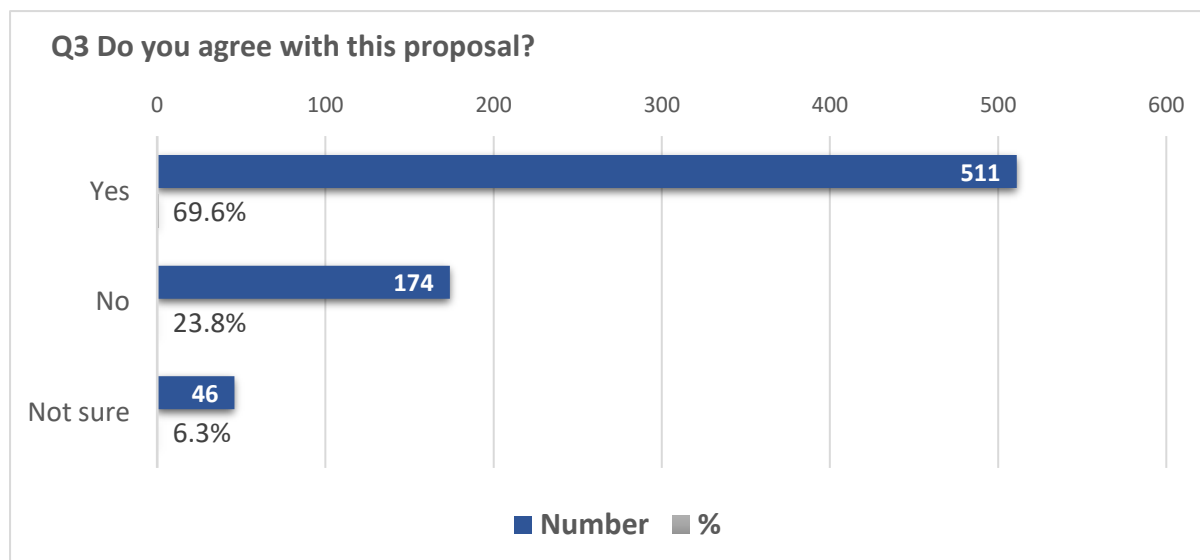


## Views on the recommendations

### New town council

It is recommended to create a town council named Scarborough Town Council for the unparished parts of Scarborough.

The majority of responses (69.6%) agree with the recommendation to create a town council called Scarborough Town Council.



### Comments on the new town council recommendations

There were 284 comments on this recommendation.

There were 129 comments from people responding yes to the recommendation.

The top 3 comments from people agree who agree with the recommendations are:

1. Local representation/decision making is needed
2. Protect Scarborough's needs/interests and tackle local problems
3. People have concerns about the costs despite agreeing with the recommendation.

Comment theme (for yes (agree) responses to recommendation)	Number	%
Local representation/decision making needed	81	62.7%
Protect Scarborough's needs/interests and tackle local problems	25	19.4%
Concerns about costs	14	10.9%
General comment in favour of recommendation	13	10.1%
Governance and accountability	8	6.2%
Extend powers/services for new council/ proper funding required	3	2.3%
Other	6	4.7%

Some comments were given more than one theme

There were 127 comments from people responding no to the recommendations.

The top 3 comments why people disagree with the recommendations are:

1. Waste of money/concern about how much it will cost/need to reduce cost
2. There is no need for two-tier local government
3. Local government reorganisation (LGR) was supposed to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

<b>Comment theme (for no (disagree) responses to recommendation)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Waste of money/how much will it cost/reduce cost	69	54.3%
No need for two-tier local government	29	22.8%
LGR supposed to increase efficiency and cut costs	21	16.5%
Added bureaucracy	14	11.0%
Poor response to consultation	14	11.0%
Not a good idea/not needed	9	7.1%
Unclear on benefits/further information needed	3	2.4%
Alternative arrangements proposed	2	1.6%
Other	10	7.9%

Some comments were given more than one theme

There were 28 comments from people responding not sure to the recommendations.

The top three themes for these comments are:

1. People are not clear on the benefits of the new council or require further information
2. Waste of money/concern about how much it will cost/need to reduce costs
3. Governance and accountability issues.

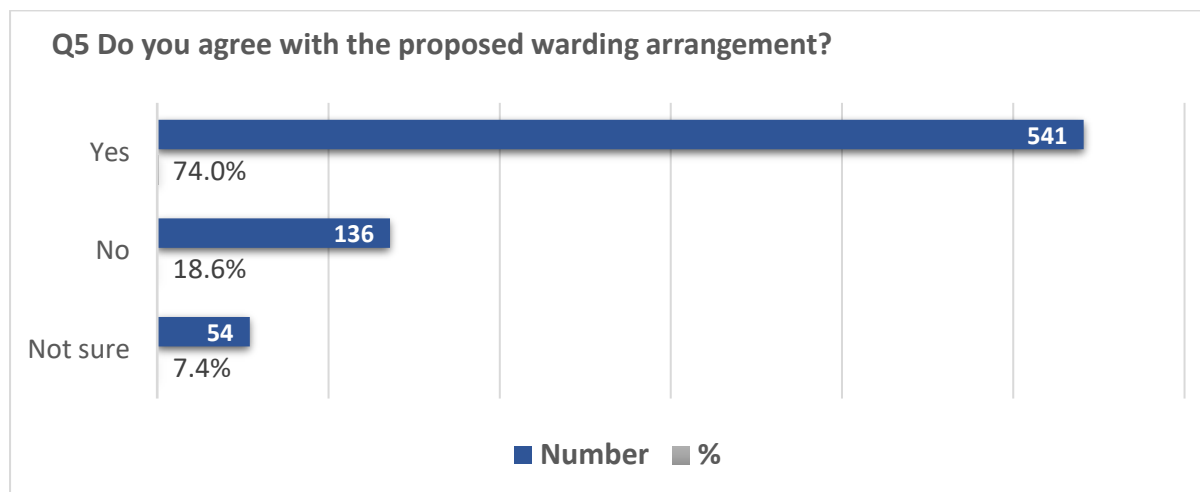
<b>Comment theme (for not sure responses to recommendation)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Unclear on benefits/further information needed	10	35.7%
Waste of money/how much will it cost/reduce cost	10	35.7%
Governance and accountability	7	25.0%
Fewer councillors needed	3	11.1%
Added bureaucracy	1	3.6%
General comment in favour of recommendation	1	3.6%
LGR supposed to increase efficiency and cut costs	1	3.6%
Protect needs and interests of Scarborough/tackle local problems	1	3.6%
Other	4	14.3%

Some comments were given more than one theme

## Warding pattern

It is proposed that the new Scarborough Town Council be divided into 5 wards following the same ward boundaries as the existing county divisions.

The majority of responses (74.0%) agree with the proposed warding arrangement.



## Comments on the proposed warding arrangement

There were 114 comments on the proposed ward arrangement.

There were 40 comments from people responding yes to the proposed ward arrangement.

The top 3 comments from people who agree with the recommendations are:

1. General comment in favour of the warding arrangement
2. Governance and accountability issues
3. Specific comments about a ward or wards.

Comment theme (for yes (agree) responses to ward arrangement)	Number	%
General comment in favour of ward arrangement	27	67.5%
Governance and accountability	8	20.0%
Specific query about ward(s)	2	5.0%
Further information needed	1	2.5%
Review in future	1	2.5%
Other	1	2.5%

There were 60 comments from people responding no to the proposed ward arrangement.

The top 3 comments why people disagree with the recommendations are:

1. There is no need for the Town Council
2. Specific concern about a ward or wards
3. There is no benefit from the new arrangements.

<b>Comment theme (for no (disagree) responses to ward arrangement)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
No need for the Town Council	11	18.3%
Specific concern about ward(s)	10	16.7%
No benefit from new arrangements	8	13.3%
Concerns about costs	8	13.3%
Fewer wards needed	5	8.3%
Waste of time and money	3	5.0%
More wards needed	2	3.3%
Too many councillors	1	1.7%
Other	7	11.7%
Referred to previous comment	5	8.3%

There were 14 comments from people responding not sure to the proposed ward arrangement.

The top 3 comments why people are not sure about the recommendations are:

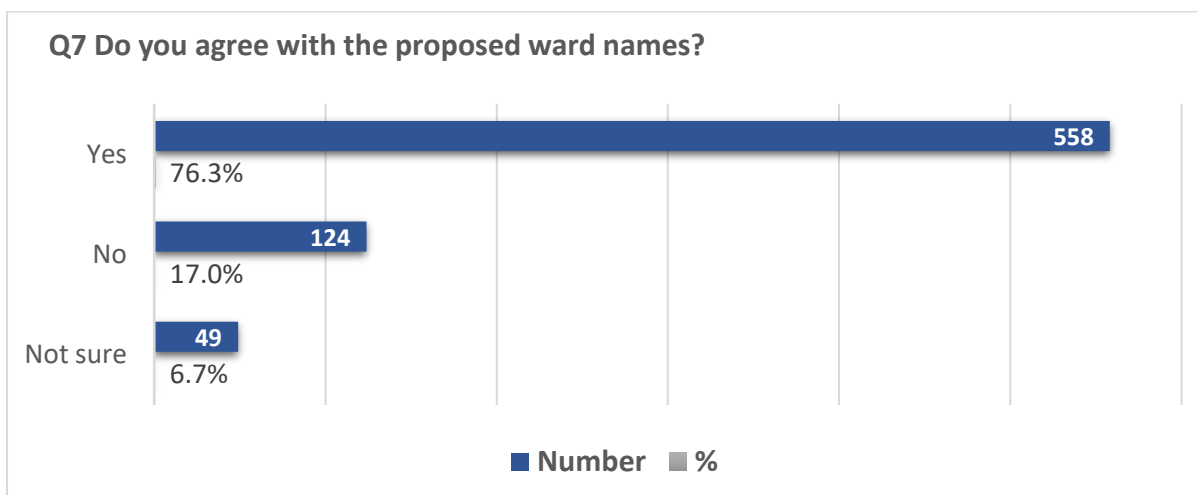
1. Specific concerns about a specific ward or wards
2. General comment in favour of ward arrangement
3. Further information is needed.

<b>Comment theme (for not sure responses to ward arrangement)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Specific concern about ward(s)	4	28.6%
General comment in favour of ward arrangement	3	21.4%
Further information needed	3	21.4%
New wards needed	1	7.1%
Governance and accountability	1	7.1%
Referred to previous comment	2	14.3%

## **Names of wards**

It is proposed that the names of the 5 wards of the new councils match the names of the existing county divisions, which are: castle, Falsgrave & Stepney, Northstead, Weaponness & Ramshill, and Woodlands.

The majority of responses (76.3%) agree with the proposed ward names.



## Comments on proposed ward names

There were 77 comments on the proposed ward names.

There were 30 comments from people responding yes to the proposed ward names.

The top 3 comments from people agreeing about the recommendations are:

1. General comment in favour of the ward names
2. Specific concern about ward(s) or ward name(s)
3. Other theme.

Comment theme (for yes (agree) responses to ward names)	Number	%
General comment in favour of ward names	19	63.3%
Specific concern about ward(s) or ward name(s)	4	13.3%
Governance and accountability	1	3.3%
No need for new council	1	3.3%
Other	2	6.6%
Referred to previous comment	3	10.0%

There were 42 comments from people responding no to the proposed ward names.

The top 3 comments from people disagreeing about the recommendations are:

1. Specific concern about ward(s) or ward name(s)
2. There is no need for the new council
3. No view on ward names.

Comment theme (for no (disagree) responses to ward names)	Number	%
Specific concern about ward(s) or ward name(s)	14	33.3%
No need for new council	11	26.2%
No view on names	3	7.1%
Fewer wards needed	2	4.8%
Concerns about costs	2	4.8%
More wards needed	1	2.4%
Further information needed	1	2.4%
Other	2	4.8%
Referred to previous comment	6	14.3%

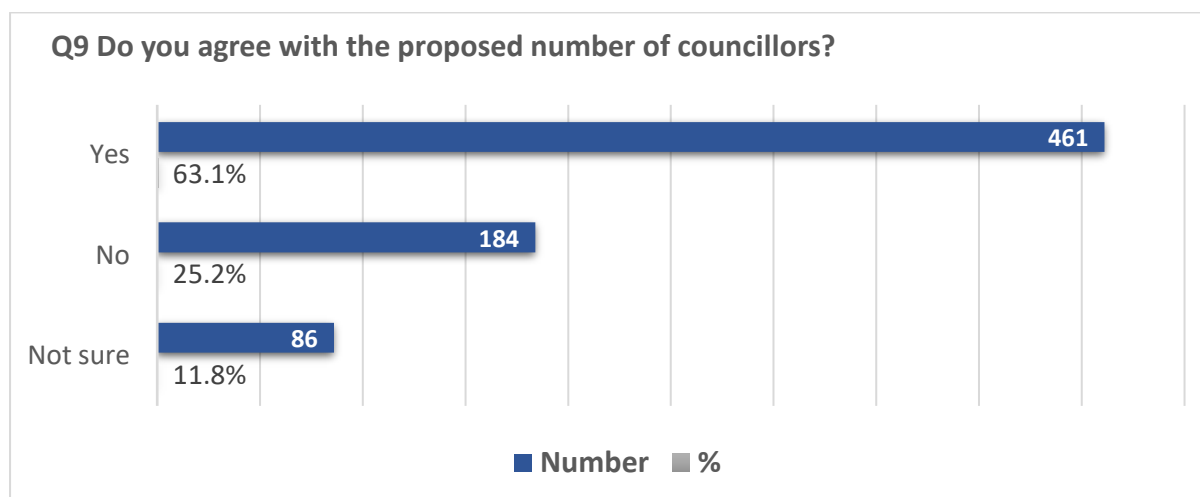
There were 5 comments from people responding not sure to the proposed ward names.

Comment theme (for not sure responses to ward names)	Number	%
Specific concern about ward(s) or ward name(s)	1	20.0%
No need for new council	1	20.0%
No view on names	1	20.0%
Need new names to show new approach	1	20.0%
Referred to previous comment	1	20.0%

## Council size

It is recommended that each of the 5 wards be represented by 3 Councillors per ward, giving a total council size of 15.

The majority of responses (63.1%) agree with the proposed number of councillors.



## Comments on proposed number of councillors

There were 174 comments on the proposed number of councillors.

There were 41 comments from people responding yes to the proposed number.

The top 3 comments from people agreeing about the recommendations are:

1. General comment in favour of the proposed numbers
2. Governance and accountability issues
3. New representatives are needed.

Comment theme (for yes (agree) responses to councillor numbers)	Number	%
General comment in favour of proposed numbers	22	53.7%
Governance and accountability	4	9.8%
New representatives needed	3	7.3%
Additional ward(s) needed	3	7.3%
No need for new council	2	4.9%
More councillors needed	2	4.9%
Fewer councillors needed	1	2.4%
Other	4	9.8%

There were 106 comments from people responding no to the proposed number.

The top 3 comments from people disagreeing about the recommendations are:

1. There are too many councillors
2. Council/councillors are not needed
3. There are concerns about costs.

<b>Comment theme (for no (disagree) responses to councillor numbers)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Too many councillors	56	52.8%
Not needed	16	15.1%
Concerns about cost	10	9.4%
Waste of time and money	9	8.5%
Number of councillors should be based on ward size	3	2.8%
More wards and councillors needed	1	0.9%
Wards are incorrect	1	0.9%
Further information needed	1	0.9%
Other	3	2.8%
Referred to previous comment	6	5.7%

There were 27 comments from people responding not sure to the proposed number.

The top 3 comments from people who are not sure about the recommendations are:

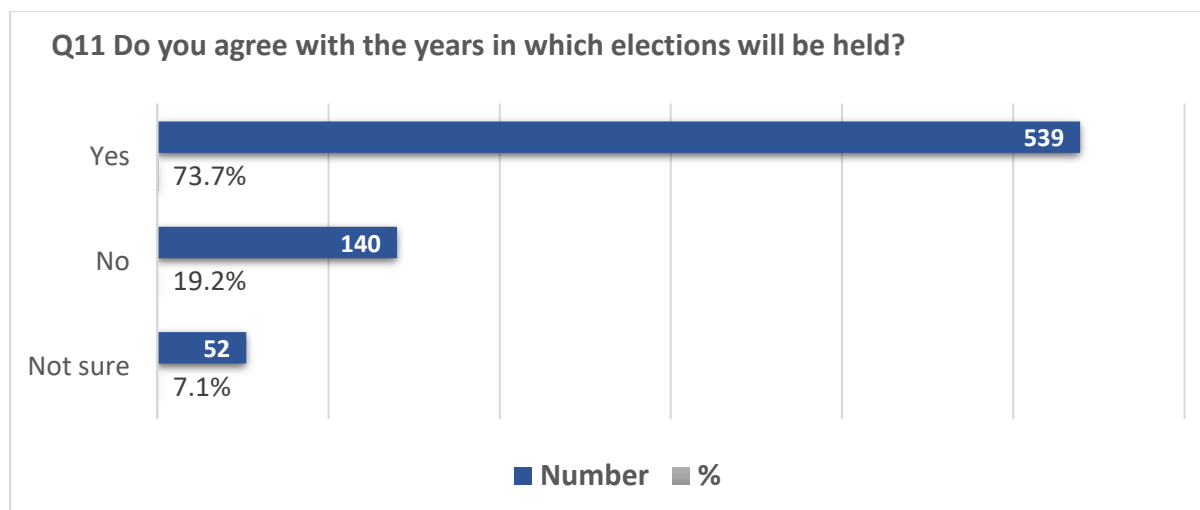
1. There are too many councillors
2. Further information is needed
3. New representatives are needed.

<b>Comment theme (for not sure response to councillor numbers)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Too many councillors	13	48.1%
Further information needed	6	22.2%
New councillors needed	2	7.4%
General comment in support of number	1	3.7%
Number of councillors should be based on ward size	1	3.7%
More wards needed	1	3.7%
Other	1	3.7%
Referred to previous comment	2	7.4%

## Timescales

It is proposed that the elections to the new Scarborough Town Council be held on 2 May 2024 for a reduced term of three years, with ordinary elections taking place in 2027 and every four years thereafter.

The majority of responses (73.7%) agree with the years in which elections will be held.



### Comments on proposed timescales

There were 87 comments on the proposed timescales.

There were 29 comments from people responding yes to the proposed timescales.

The top 3 comments from people who agree with the recommendations on timescales are:

1. General comment in favour of proposed timescales
2. Further information is required
3. Query about what happens in the interim period before elections are held.

Comment theme (for yes (agree) responses to proposed timescales)	Number	%
General comment in favour of proposed timescales	15	51.7%
Further information required	3	10.3%
Query about interim period	3	10.3%
As soon as possible/earlier	3	10.3%
Reduce term office to 2 years	1	3.4%
Concerns about cost	1	3.4%
Town council not needed	1	3.4%
Other	2	6.9%

There were 47 comments from people responding no to the proposed timescales.

The top 3 comments from people who agree with the recommendations on timescales are:

1. Town council is not needed
2. Elections should be every 3 years
3. Timetable should be sooner.



<b>Comment theme (for no (disagree) responses to proposed timescales)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Town council not needed	15	31.9%
Elections should be every 3 years	8	17.0%
Timetable should be sooner	5	10.6%
Delay for a period/until 2027	3	6.4%
More often	2	4.3%
Query about interim period	2	4.3%
Elections should be every 2 years	2	4.3%
Elections should be every 4 years	1	2.1%
Waste of money	1	2.1%
Other	4	8.5%
Referred to previous comment	4	8.5%

There were 11 comments from people responding not sure to the proposed timescales.

The top 2 comments from people who agree with the recommendations on timescales are:

1. Elections should be every 3 years
2. No view or not able to answer.

<b>Comment theme (for not sure to proposed timescales)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Elections should be every 3 years	2	18.2%
No view/not able to answer	2	18.2%
Elections should be sooner	1	9.9%
Rolling election programme	1	9.9%
Query about interim period	1	9.9%
Further information needed	1	9.9%
Review if not working	1	9.9%
Referred to previous comment	2	18.2%

## Appendix A – Representatives from community organisations and other types of respondents

Below are details of community organisations in Scarborough:

- Representations were received from community organisations in Scarborough, including the following listed below. Their representations are included in the comments.
  - 2nd ELO Scouts
  - Crescent Arts
  - Friends of Oriel Cricket and Recreation Ground
  - Hiscox
  - Kenways Guest House
  - Neighbourhood Watch for Attlee Close
  - NHS
  - RWCE
  - Samaritans of Scarborough
  - Scarborough Museums and Galleries
  - SNC
  - Sound of Scarborough
  - The Central Tramway Company Ltd
  - United Scarborough
  - Weaponness Valley Community Group.

Below are details of other types in response to the question where are you from?

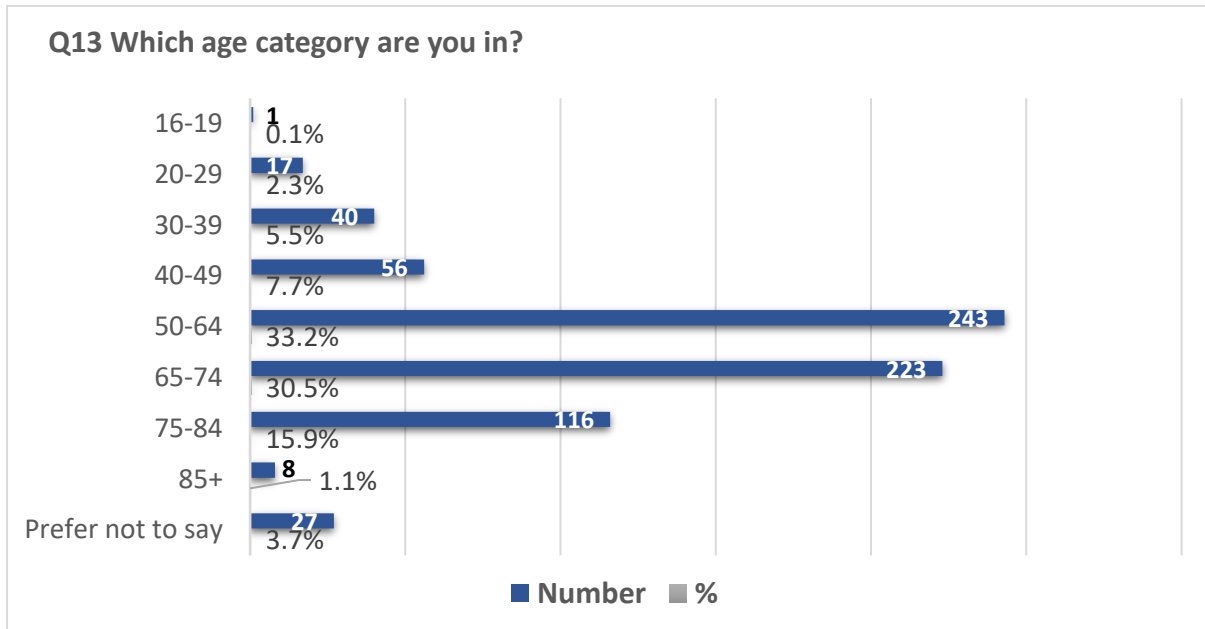
- Respondents stated they had a holiday home or second home or owned a property in Scarborough (14 responses), were retired (7 responses), were a director/official from an organisation (2 responses) or a SBC Councillor (1 response).

## Appendix B – Equalities monitoring

### Age Category

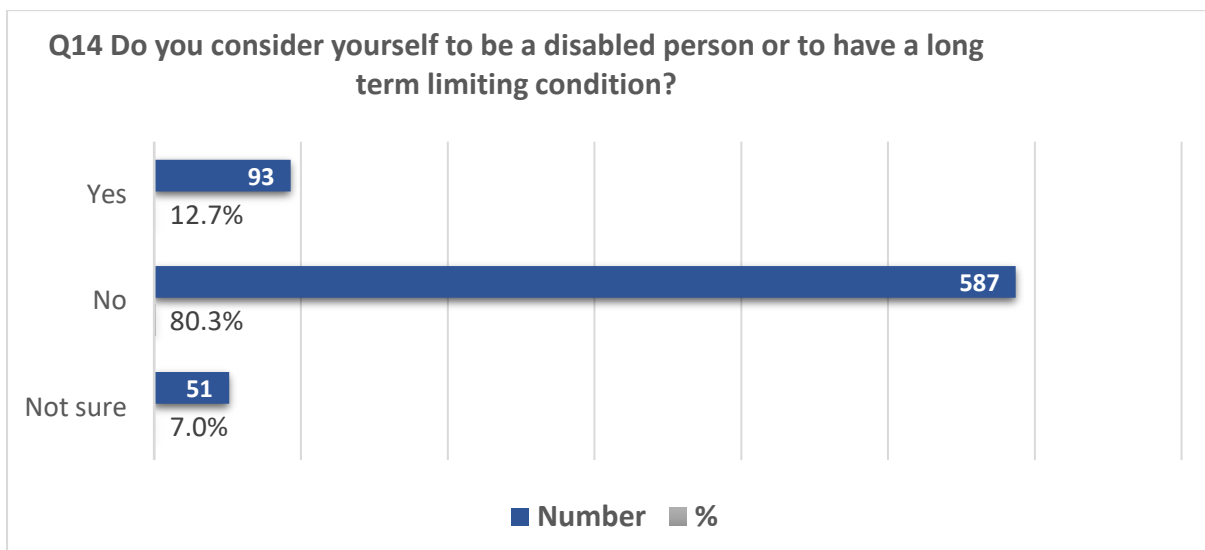
The highest numbers of responses come from people aged 50 to 64 and 65 to 74 years of age.

The chart below shows the distribution of responses by age category.



### Disability

Some 12.7% of those people responding consider themselves to be disabled or have a long-term limiting health condition.



## Appendix C – Consultation comments in full

The comments received in response to the consultation are provided below.

### Q4 Comments on new town council recommendation

#### Comments on yes (agree) responses

A Parish Council is vital in a town with such specific needs and specialised assets (harbours, major theatres, large public gardens etc). Scarborough is one of Britain's largest and most successful resorts. With several upcoming large-scale development projects, the town is forging ahead, but needs local resources and local representation to fully realise its huge potential. A Scarborough Town Council would do just that. Not just desirable - essential.
A Town Council for Scarborough is essential, and is in fact long overdue. During the existence of the Scarborough Borough Council, the Town Councils of Whitby, Filey and Eastfield and the Parish Councils of Newby and Scalby and of Osgodby were invaluable in representing the interests of their residents to the Borough Council, forcefully when necessary. They took on exactly the role envisaged for them under the Double Devolution proposal in the bid for a Unitary Authority for all of North Yorkshire. Scarborough Town residents have not had and still do not have any corresponding forum. The NYC Parish Charter sets out clearly the role and importance of Town and Parish Councils. I support the creation of a Town Council for Scarborough.
A town of Scarborough's size and importance as one of the UKs top tourist destinations needs a local body able to act in the best interests of its residents and assets. As one of the two largest towns in North Yorkshire, I do not believe that Charter Trustees could possibly offer what our town requires. Our assets and needs must be managed locally by a Town Council, otherwise the local government reorganisation would leave Scarborough in a far worse position than at present and the town's voice and influence would be lost.
Absolutely essential that residents are represented and involved on a local level
Absolutely essential to get our voices heard by NYCC
Absolutely essential. Need to add pavement/pedestrian area condition/cleaning/decoration to the suggested list of services. Not clear how we would represent concerns and needs for action upwards to the CC.
After reading and going through the Scarborough Community Governance Review I am in full support of Scarborough having a Town Council as I think it is important for the Town and community that we still have local councillors that understand what the Town needs and for people to be able to contact a local Councillor or parish Councillor.
Agree that we need some form of local representation
Any new town council should have fresh unbiased representation from council that has no axe to grind and has genuinely got the best interests of the areas and the town as a whole.
As part of governance, to ensure full transparency of decision making and budget expenditure to the community this council serves. There's is too much negative press in Scarborough about back handers, biased decision making etc, and this needs to stop. Integrity of service are important qualities required of any such group. I commend the individuals willing to take on the responsibility of such councillor roles.
BUT North Yorkshire is way too large geographically and in population
Certain decisions are best made by people who live her as, hopefully, they will have the town's best interest at heart.
Concerned about the cost and extra bureaucracy / potential waste of time and money - versus, having a representation
Councillors should be made up of people who have not been involved in the current council
Deal with youth drug use and rehab of Scarborough residents
Double devolution for Scarborough and Harrogate. Too large and local to be managed by County Hall effectively.
Essential
Fully support the creation of a clear locality that has defined powers to comment on issues that are relevant to local people and has an ability to establish work that supports priorities according to strategic direction of the town council.
Gives a local organisation for some local decisions

Good
Happy with this unless the Town Council proposes to become a waste collection authority.
Having had a new Unitary (governance from further afield) ...local representation is more important than ever.
Hopefully it will work better
Hopefully the new town council will continue to organise events and festivals such as the Christmas light switch on and the food festival on South Bay last summer. Also I think it's important that parks and public conveniences are maintained especially for the use of tourists.
Hopefully we can have more of a voice in complaining and getting quicker action on the state of the footpaths, roads, trees in our area.
I agree with the recommendations and believe they should be implemented
I am happy to support the proposals in the stage 2 consultation.
I am in favour of the creation of a town council as detailed in the Stage 2 consultation.
I am suspicious of the absorption of Scarborough into a united North Yorkshire Council. But it is important for the local area to have representation and some responsibility in order to avoid being eaten up by the larger more anonymous body
I am very keen that we have local accessible representation available to deal with the sorts of services listed under the FAQs in the stage 2 consultation. I have always been happy with the way SBC dealt with all of this.
I am wholly in favour, for reasons of local empowerment and representation, and to keep us on a level playing field with other parts of North Yorkshire. I was once a member of a parish council and saw the benefits which it had for local people.
I believe local representation is important as people who live in the area are better able to understand the issues affecting local people.
I believe that Scarborough should have its own representation outside of the main North Yorkshire Council
I can't understand what the church has to do with council decisions?
I do feel that councillors should be elected on their views of what is best for Scarborough rather than their political allegiance.
I don't see why the town council needs to have a mayor at huge additional cost to the local council tax payers. Completely unnecessary. That money could be much better allocated within the council budget.
I feel having someone local to go to with problems or other things is a good thing
I feel that we need someone to represent small communities in big decisions for our area.
I feel we need to take care of Scarborough town and not be swallowed up without local representation.
I hereby register my agreement with the formation of a new Scarborough Town Council, and with the proposals advanced as to how this should be brought into effect.
I hope that the office headquarters for the new Town Council will be based at the Scarborough Town Hall to preserve the building and the civic history
I hope there will be new people in the town council and not the existing councillors being there under a different heading so there are different and new views on a range of issues
I instinctively feel there would be greater consideration for, and accountability for, initiatives or actions which affect local people. The test would be that it delivers value for money given the need for a precept.
I just believe it would be beneficial to have a local contact
I prefer that we have representation that lives, works and understands the needs of the local area
I received in the post yesterday a letter regarding the Scarborough Community Governance Review. As a homeowner on XXXXXX Road in Scarborough and as a tenant in a shop unit on XXXXX Street, in the town centre, I feel this initiative is essential to protect the heritage and push growth in and around the town. The Council that has just ceased to exist has provided, for many years, essential and non-essential services to the local area. These services are still needed and I think Scarborough Town Council is the best way forward. Some councillors have supported and encouraged me and my business to flourish over the years. This sort of support is invaluable and with a Town council this support will hopefully still be available. Others still need to have a place in Scarborough Town Council. They are fundamental in putting Scarborough 'back on the map', supporting hospitality and retail throughout the town. Showcasing Scarborough as a proper holiday destination, not just a day trip for fish and

chips. I hope to see some fresh faces on a new Town Council and hope 'normal people' will be given an opportunity to be part of this new chapter for Scarborough. [edited]
I support Scarborough Town Council as I consider NYCC, geographically and demographically may consider Scarborough is remote and may not be considered as important as other areas controlled by NYCC. Scarborough is a vibrant town and needs local representation and consideration.
I think it is important that we have a local parish council because North Yorkshire is such a big area to be covered by one large council what is relevant in Wensleydale isn't always relevant to the coastal areas
I think it is important to have this council, but it needs to maintain simplicity and value for money for the residents.
I think it will be good for the town to have our own Town Council
I think it would good for the residents and businesses in Scarborough's parishes to have local representation and a voice in some decision making, however I am concerned in the current cost of living crisis it would add additional costs to the existing council tax charges.
I think it would help locals to own their own problems and solutions better
I think it's important for local residents to be supported in a county as large as North Yorkshire.
I think it's important that Scarborough town has a formal voice in decision-making and on a par with other towns and areas within North Yorkshire.
I think that it is good for Scarborough, will have local representation. Northallerton seems far away, North Yorkshire is a large and varied county.
I think the creation of a Town Council for Scarborough is a good thing, especially with a single unitary and Scarborough losing its most local voice, coupled with the potential for double devolution. Also, it having a council of elected members is the best and safest way to ensure the residents get representatives on that council that they feel will do the town justice in terms of service potential.
I think we will better, people will better
I want as much local control as possible because I do not trust the new unitary authority to maintain the funding and support for Scarborough
I would like it to be more economic
I would like the councillors to emphasise Open Spaces, Community Transport, Festivals and Sports to encourage retention of younger people in our town.
If true devolution is happening and greater responsibility and involvement coming to parished areas then a must for the Scarborough urban area otherwise representation locally greatly diminished.
It is essential because Scarborough will be forgotten in the new authority. It will be the wealthy areas of North Yorkshire who will benefit the most.
It is essential for the local people to have their voices heard.
It is important for local democracy that residents have local contacts who know the area and are approachable. It feels very uncomfortable to lose the representation of the now defunct Scarborough Borough Council and have decisions taken many miles away in Northallerton, with minimal representation of local views. The concern of increased costs is understandable but if we believe in a strong democracy, we have to pay the price.
It is important for residents to have their say on what goes on and not be governed from afar.
It is important that if the new town council goes ahead then it represents value for money and we see an improvement in the services the council provides. The council needs to be transparent in quantifying these improvements such as purchasing land so more residents can have allotments. That the problems of youth anti-social behaviour in the town centre is tackled effectively. There is an increase in accessible public toilet facilities in the town centre and more grants to support independent retail outlets. So many shops change hands too quickly as entrepreneurial initiative is not supported enough.
It is important that the local community is represented on a town council and the local body will champion Scarborough's interests Centralised councils do not always respond to local needs.
It is important to be able to see council officers and councillors as and when required. It is important for local democracy to feel connected in our community/town.
It is in the best interests of residents of Scarborough that they may elect representatives to continue to discuss and serve the requirements of this area as appropriate. Having had years of self-control to suddenly be faced with control from afar as not felt at all comfortable. The recommendations outlined in the circular appear to be well

thought through and fair. Time clearly will prove that correct or otherwise. Only concern being as mentioned in the papers received is with regards costs, duplication etc and any additional tax than that which is necessary may be applied.
It is much more desirable and logical to have a local authority which is truly local. Not everyone is sufficiently computer literate to navigate the NYCC website and it is very difficult to find the correct department for any queries. Local affairs need local representatives, locally based. Northallerton is a long way away and a totally different environment.
It might make more sense for all the existing parish/town councils to be dissolved so that there was truly only one level of bureaucracy in North Yorkshire. However that option does not seem to be available and so it seems equitable that all areas should have equal local representation, hence a new Scarborough Town Council should be established.
It seems the best way to get a local voice and some degree of control
It seems like a huge waste of time and money to devolve a town council just to create a new one.
It was my impression that the creation of the new North Yorkshire Council was intended to streamline local government, reduce bureaucracy and save money by enjoying economies of scale. Therefore, the introduction of an additional town council for Scarborough seems a contradiction. On balance, it would be a mistake for Scarborough to be the only town within the new unitary area not to have some form of local representation. However, it has to be said that during the seventeen years I have been a resident and bed and breakfast business proprietor, now retired, there have been far too many major projects that have stalled due to local politicians' inertia.
Keep all costs to a minimum especially any payments to members of the elected council. No abuse of the finances/allowances should be tolerated. All expenses paid to councillors should be transparent and able to be viewed by members of the public. Keep town hall
Local control and priorities must be a feature of new arrangements
Local decision making will improve many services
Local knowledge, experience and input
Local people to look after local issues
Local representation is fundamentally democratic.
My husband and I were not aware of any previous consultations and only heard about this within the last week. No correspondence was received and we haven't seen any posters or advertising about these proposals. We could have missed it. We want an elected group that follows the wishes of the electorate and is able to listen and communicate with the residents. The area is run down with filthy and weeded pavements, neglected buildings, HMOs, basement entries full of litter and constant dog fouling. The state of some of the roads like King Street and Friar Way are very bad. We need commitment and financial input to bring the area up to give incentive to residents and to visitors. An elected town council that forms a dialogue, listens and reacts to the needs of residents would be a refreshing change. .
My only comment would be the need for 15 councillors. Could you not do just as good a job with 10.and save some money?
My Wife and I would rather continue to have a local New Town Council. I still miss the community and police meetings I attended every month but which were suspended due to covid and never started again.
Necessary for the devolution of appropriate local decision making.
Need for some local input
Need locals to make a difference
No need to complicate it! Geographical area aptly describing the area covered by the five wards.
No. I am generally supportive of the recommendations
Northallerton is over 50 miles away from Scarborough. Staff at North Yorkshire Council won't necessarily have knowledge of the town.
Not clear if the town council will have a town management role e.g. control of services or just representation of the community to Yorkshire unitary council
One Council replaced by another powerless one? Is this wise? Can it be repealed if it doesn't work?

Please focus on making the streets clean as they are much dirtier than any other towns in the country
Satisfactory recommendations for the common good in Scarborough
Scarborough continues to develop and maintain its potential as a tourist destination. I am keen to see its architectural and cultural identity preserved and enhanced for the good of all. All seaside towns are suffering from neglect and decline to a greater or lesser extent. Morecombe is its cultural heritage to preserve and revive its fortunes. Scarborough must not do the same.
Scarborough has by Royal charter enjoyed self-government since before 1163, when Henry II granted to the burgesses of Scarborough all liberties enjoyed by the citizens of York. Local government and reorganisation in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries have at times promoted and at other times eroded the self-governance enjoyed by the Borough of Scarborough. This latest round of re-organisation will reduce the status and degree of self-governance of Scarborough to its lowest level since the time before Henry II created the borough of Scarborough. It is important therefore that the name of the new "town" council embodies this important historic status. I suggest therefore that the name of the new council is the Borough of Scarborough Council.
Scarborough is too big - and too far away from the new centre of administration - not to have its own voice. It has a distinct culture, heritage, as well as social problems and areas of unmet need which need addressing. It is not just a seaside town but also an area where youth services need support, local people can easily be isolated through changes to public transport (e.g. bus services) and needs local oversight and advocacy.
Scarborough needs local decision making
Still concerned about a possible increase in council tax as a result of this.
Strongly feel that Scarborough needs to maintain its local voice and be able to continue to provide its excellent services, particularly the likes of parks and gardens and local festivals
That the existing councillors must not automatically become new councillors
The information about costs proposes a possible precept 'in the region of £40-£50. This is at the lower end of the ranges quoted and will not be sufficient to provide the services expected by visitors to a well-known tourist/holiday destination. It needs to be at least at the top end of or higher than the quoted figure. Nearly all of the services listed as being the responsibility of the town council are spending responsibilities, none seem to be revenue earning.
THE NEW COUNCIL MUST UPHOLD COVENANTS ON LISTED BUILDINGS, THE CURRENT COUNCIL ARE LETTING CENTRAL HOTEL TURN THE CRESCENT INTO A SLUM. THE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT THESE BREACHES OF THE COVENANT (BINS IN PLAIN SIGHT AT THE FRONT OF BUILDING WHEN THEY HAVE A REAR BIN STORE, DIRTY LAUNDRY IN PLAIN SIGHT IN MASSIVE TROLLIES , PAINTING THE STONE FRONT A SICKLY BABY POO YELLOW ETC,) BUT HAVE DONE NOTHING ABOUT IT.
There is a danger of unrepresented areas being neglected
There needs to be community representation at local authority meetings
This council would need a new election when formed. Not just allowing the previous administration straight back in to power.
This is vital to retain local accountability and services.
This should ensure concerns of particular significance to Scarborough, the town, are properly represented at a local level.
This should have been done long ago.
This will improve democratic representation in the town which has remained unparished for a very long time. It would be unfair to not create a town council for the people who live here.
To make sure that the unparished can be looked after. Taking care of unparished areas business in this or that other areas.
Try and keep the precept to minimum given current cost of living £40 sounds plenty at this time. It can be reviewed when up and running
Very important that we have representation at local level for our community.
Very important to have local issues dealt with by local representatives.
We are worried its effectiveness and the cost. This additional precept will no doubt increase yearly
We believe that it's vital for Scarborough to have a town council to ensure that residents/businesses have some input into the running of the town.



We must have a say in what happens in our own town.
We need a voice
We need a voice to represent the local community.
We need local interpretation/delivery of the wider plan
We need local people involved.
We need local representation and accountability
We need local representatives
Whilst some cost is inevitable and there is a risk of such a body becoming a powerless waffle factory for local busybodies, I think local representation is important. I understand the objectives of creating the new NYC, but in my opinion a decision-making body in Northallerton will struggle to attend to very local matters. Scarborough is represented, of course, but a small voice in a very large administrative area. A formal, elected body can be in touch with and lobby for Scarborough's interests having agreed a unified position, and will be harder to ignore than a handful of NYC councillors backed up only by their local political parties. Also, it goes some way to mitigating the loss of training grounds for those entering politics that the abolition of all the districts has caused (whether intentionally or not). British democracy is hardly thriving at the moment, with widespread disengagement and cynicism, and taking away local representation and only having it at a regional level is not going to help people to feel empowered to influence the kind of matters that shape their everyday experience at home.
Will the new councillors get allowances as the existing parish councillors currently don't Will NYC councillors and family relations be able to stand on both if elected?
With an expanded higher tier authority, the existing need for a body that will concentrate exclusively on promoting the interests of the urban area becomes even more desirable.
Would be the best thing for Scarborough
Yes, I agree, in the hope that each ward will have fair and open representation from Councillors who will give openness, and transparency care about the area and community's needs and requests more than the past few years.
You can call it whatever you want, as long as it does not cost me and my wife any more in council tax.

### Comments on no (disagree) responses

"Whilst the old adage, "Out of the Frying Pan and into the Fire" unfortunately comes too readily to mind, one must live in hope that the removal of Scarborough Borough Council can only be a good thing. The loss of two outdoor swimming pools and an indoor one, the destruction of the Futurist Theatre, despite the Council receiving thousands of objections from residents, years of procrastination over a multi-screen cinema, and no direct financial share of the benefits from Open Air Theatre ticket revenues, are just some of the more recent examples of Scarborough Borough Council's failings and weaknesses. I also remember that it wasn't so long ago that they had toyed with the idea of selling the magnificent Town hall and moving out to Eastfield. Your Stage 2 Consultation document perfectly reiterates the most common reasons people gave for objecting to the creation of an extra tier to supplement the new North Yorkshire Council; I am nonplussed that only 97 of your Respondents seemed to think this. However, given that only 538 responses were received in total from the Scarborough area I also wonder how many people failed to receive the initial consultation details. One can only surmise that the ridiculously small number of people voting on the issue of having a Parish Council, is a reflection of the general apathy and disinterest built up over a number of years. Unfortunately this lack of involvement looks as if it might result in a continuation of a 'mini me' Scarborough Council, with the inevitable old problems. There is an understandable fear that if Harrogate and Scarborough were the only two North Yorkshire areas not to have a Parish Council that their needs might be overlooked by the new North Yorkshire Council, but that might be a risk worth taking compared to the alternative. I still take it that the new Council will contain some representatives from both Harrogate and Scarborough. Despite my opening adage, I am still prepared to put my trust in the efficiency and fairness of a single Unitary County Council Authority than face the expense and risk of financing a down sized second tier Scarborough Council. Time will tell how wise this proves!
536 people out of 27909 responded for a Parish Council. Less than 0.02% of the Total Wards responded, and you call that democracy?

<p>A new unitary authority has just been formed, North Yorkshire Council, to deliver all services from Northallerton. We were informed that a new unitary authority would be more beneficial and also cut costs. We have had an increase of approximately £85 on a band D council tax and if a new Scarborough Town Council is formed a further £40-£50 would be imposed. Why do we need a town Mayor? Totally unnecessary. The whole proposal should be scrapped before increased charges are introduced for all.</p>
<p>A Parish council is not needed. That is why governance was transferred to North Yorkshire. If we are creating another council in Scarborough we may as well have kept the existing one. This just creates another tax burden for the residents of Scarborough in difficult cost of living times. If one is created it should be funded from the council tax which is going to North Yorkshire.</p>
<p>A waste of money. The current council members are mostly incompetent and it is unlikely that a new organisation would attract anyone with any useful level of talent.</p>
<p>After the behaviour of our local council in recent times we do not need any more 'jobs for the boys'.</p>
<p>Although you state 69.9% of those who voted for the creation of a town council, the proportion of this percentage is of very few in comparison to the number of people who actually live in this part of Scarborough</p>
<p>An additional tier of governance is not required. I believe the additional cost of the proposal to the rate payers will not have any extra benefits. I have lived in a ward in my previous home for nearly 30 years pay extra parish council tax and not seeing any benefit of it.</p>
<p>An unnecessary level of bureaucracy that we don't need. The old council didn't listen to us so no doubt these would be the same ones trying to get on the gravy train and ignoring the people of the town anyway.</p>
<p>Another expense when people are being squeezed with cost of living expenses. I was under the impression that the North Yorkshire County Council would be running the show, I cannot understand why we need another level of a local council.</p>
<p>Another layer of governance is not necessary. The town is already represented by elected councillors</p>
<p>Another level of bureaucracy that will cost more on council tax bills.</p>
<p>Another level of government we don't need and no doubt with the same out of touch councillors we've just managed to relieve ourselves of</p>
<p>Another needless level of government, if Parish councillors are responsible for bins, car parking, community centres etc what are the councillors elected to North Yorkshire responsible for. We may as well just stick to what we have at present.</p>
<p>Another town council is not needed</p>
<p>As residents of Scarborough we both feel strongly that the town does not need a parish council and certainly does not need a Mayor. We do not even know the name of our present Mayor. The cost of having a Mayor could be used much more effectively. We do not need a town council either, as they are always promising us improvements that never materialise or end up costing more than the expected costs. We do feel that Scarborough should be represented in County Hall especially on aspects of planning and tourism. Our town survives on the tourist industry. The fishermen and the harbour also needs to be represented and supported. The town centre is falling apart with lots of shops now closed and new ones opening and not surviving. Rent and rates need to be looked at carefully here. Planning in Scarborough needs to be selected well with homes built or renovated for all pockets. Our Police service in this town needs to be overhauled, we are suffering with much more serious crimes over the last 2 years, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour is getting worse. Another major problem is that we have a large amount of immigrants sent here, if they are working that is fine, but a lot are just walking the streets and causing problems especially in public areas i.e. local parks and gardens. Up to now the Town Council has done very little about this</p>
<p>Can't understand why you would streamline and make cost savings to then but another layer in costing the tax payer during a cost of living crisis</p>
<p>Cost and adds unnecessary tier of organization</p>
<p>Defeats the purpose of having a unitary authority; adds to the precept; 538 responses is too low to estimate the real feeling amongst the population.</p>
<p>Definitely not happy paying any more on my council tax we already pay one of the highest council taxes in country</p>
<p>Do not see the need for a mayor and costs associated with that appointment.</p>

Do not think the outgoing council really looked after its residents and the fabric of Scarborough. Our roads are a disgrace. The children and teenagers of Scarborough have nowhere that is cheap and cheerful for them to do especially when it is raining, and the toilets at 40 pence a go is extremely unfair.
Do not wish to pay any further costs.
Don't need one, the County Council is more than enough to deliver our needs. It's an unnecessary expense for the tax payer and it will increase further, I find it laughable the people of Eastfield have to pay an additional amount just to have the grass verges cut no doubt when this is forced through, the same will happen here.
Don't see how it will be different from the previous council who were not any good
Firstly, it's too big an area and there would be an unequal representation for improving local communities. Secondly the whole point of the New Authority was to deliver change.
From the literature provided it appears that there will not be enough money from the proposed precept to fund the administration and services to serve the unparished parts of Scarborough. It also seems unclear regarding how things will be administered. I understand the councillors will not be paid, at all, whereas previously we had paid employees working for the Borough Council and councillors who received a stipend, we apparently will still retain the services and have its admin paid for out of a precept (if we chose to have a town council) which will inevitably increase Council Tax. Unpaid councillors may be unmotivated.
Have just spent time and money abolishing a council. Stop wasting more money setting a new one up.
I agree that Scarborough should have a town council, for Scarborough though. Surely it will be more efficient all round if all the Scarborough Parishes are included in "Scarborough" i.e. the five town centre parishes plus Newby Scalby, Eastfield, Osgodby and Cayton. There may well be an argument to add Burniston and Cloughton. I also suggest that the number of Councillors per parish be reduced to 2, giving a total of 20. This would have the advantage of the Mayor covering all of Scarborough and the associated costs spread over the 10 parishes
I am concerned that this town council will not be effective and will require unnecessary expenditure of public money.
I am not paying an additionally £40-£50 on top of my £200 plus a month council tax. There is a cost of living crisis, you greedy people. Have some empathy.
I cannot see the point of spending all this time and money to create a new unitary authority and then try to bring back the previous system. Let us give the new system a chance and review in say 5 years.
I do not agree that a further layer of government is necessary. In the past, local councillors have not represented the wishes of the people adequately and I see no prospect of them doing so in future. The creation of a so called town council will only add an additional financial burden on residents with no tangible benefits.
I DO NOT AGREE THAT THIS SHOULD GO AHEAD, AT THIS TIME. IF THE COST OF THIS PROPOSAL IS ZERO TO COUNCIL TAX PAYERS, THEN FINE. IF IT RAISES THE COST OF COUNCIL TAX, IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM, THEN THE CONCEPT SHOULD BE SCRAPPED IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION, OR "CONSULTATION"! IT SEEMS TO ME, AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO HAS BOTHERED TO READ THIS PROPOSAL THOROUGHLY, THAT THIS IS NO MORE THAN A CYNICAL AND UNDERHAND WAY TO RAISE LOCAL TAXES, AT THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME. IT MAY HAVE ESCAPED THE ATTENTION OF THE "PRIVILEGED FEW", BUT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE WORST COST OF LIVING CRISIS EVER SEEN IN MODERN TIMES! TO EVEN SUGGEST THIS PROPOSAL, AT THIS TIME, CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES HOW FAR REMOVED FROM REALITY THE COUNCILLORS REALLY ARE!! I BELIEVE THIS LATEST "STEALTH TAX", SHOULD BE SCRAPPED IMMEDIATELY. IN SUMMARY, IT'S A NO FROM ME... AND THIS IS WRITTEN IN CAPITALS FOR A REASON!!
I do not agree with the additional level of bureaucracy. Money on administration of more offices and another round of elections for councillors who will have little sway on decisions that affect the residents and visitors. The outcomes will be decided at County Hall, at the Unitary level, so why have another layer of members/councillors with no decision making power. And the expense! Given the current costs of, for example, public conveniences in the proposed STC area, how will this be covered by a £490-£610k budget, at least half of which will already be spent on buildings, election and member costs and staff costs. Why would parks and open spaces be a town council responsibility when the economies of scale suggest that this should be maintained by the unitary authority from a localised depot? How is the cost of running a sports facility supposed to come from this same limited purse? Why do only Scarborough town residents have to fund festivals and special events when this should lie with the County Tourism responsibility. Or Christmas lights? If the purpose of having a unitary authority is to have one umbrella looking after residents why on earth is this being devolved into another set of retired busybodies who have no idea about what residents would actually want in place.

I do not feel the extra that will be paid will warrant any amount of work or things that a town council could provide or make any change
I do not support the creation of a Scarborough Town Council
I do not wish to pay more for another layer of councillors. SBC was abolished to save money - why create another council in its place. I accept that it will only cost around £1 a week but I wish to spend my £1 a week as I wish, not on a Town Council.
I don't agree with the changes to the way local government has been handled and implemented.
I don't think the outcome will justify the cost.
I don't want to pay any more than I already do, it is a very high council tax as it is
I don't see the point, the views of a local councillor be accepted by the NYCC and it will be too costly, the rates would increase exponentially are unlikely
I don't understand why the town council has been merged with the county council, only for another council to be set up. This seems like a big waste of money and everyone's time.
I feel it unnecessary as the original LGR proposal was to reduce the number of tiers of local government. It is the role of the new authority to provide the full range of services.
I feel the formation of a parish council would add an additional layer of expense to residents and unsure that residents would have much control over decisions made
I have concerns about wasting money and more bureaucracy.
I have lived and worked in Scarborough for thirty years and my opinion of its governing body, Scarborough Borough Council is at best an undemocratic, untouchable dictatorship. Authority in general are public servants, in place to organise the town for the benefit of its residents but unfortunately all this has been forgotten. I believe that the residents of this town, after years of being downtrodden, ignored and generally dispirited by SBC has resulted in the general apathy and disinterest which has clearly been shown in the ridiculously low numbers of residents who replied to the initial consultation. I would also like to add that I did not receive such a document. I would also be intrigued to know how many of the 376 people who stated they preferred a Parish Council were in fact individuals with no personal interest in becoming a Parish Councillor nor were family or friends of people who were. I personally have spoken to no one who would prefer a Parish Council. The loss of the wonderful outdoor swimming pool which if required should have been replaced on a like for like basis on the same site within the holiday area of the town and not an inferior replacement a mile from the seafront on the edge of a housing estate. The futurist theatre destroyed against the wishes of thousands of residents who realise that a major holiday resort such as ours requires a theatre. Both of these losses are now proudly advertised as gaping holes on our holiday seafront for all to see and have been for years with no apparent regeneration in mind. These are just two of the many losses we have incurred due to the failures of SBC and I am very glad they are going and hope the new regime will be a marked improvement. Only last week I was in NXXXXXK speaking to a man who had worked on the new lifeboat station. When he realised I was from Scarborough, he said "What a grotty place that is". Not good is it. What we require of the new North Yorkshire Council is honest, upstanding individuals who wish to govern and make decisions for the benefit of all not just for monetary or political gain or indeed any other agenda. As we all know to our peril, it is very easy to spend other people's money. The spending needs to be thoughtful and for things that are needed without the requirement to obtain further income from the already overstretched public. I believe there should only be one governing body in Scarborough, the new Council. We do not require a second tier of local Government with the old school back in power because of their past history, the cost and the bureaucracy that it will bring. Unfortunately, Ideas from the new Council such as a tourist tax makes me shudder, as this is the last thing we need as an advertisement to visitors. I do hope we are not going out of the frying pan etc.
I really do not see why we need an additional council, when we will have a Council already - North Yorkshire Council. Also there would be an additional payment to pay for the parish council, on top of the Council Tax we already pay - and I don't agree with this.
I refer to the above document asking for comments relating to possible changes to parishing parts of Scarborough. I think you have calculated the number preferring parishes as no account has been taken of those not submitting a reply. Consequently the preferred option is far from those calculated as those not voting have been completely eliminated. In my view, the number not submitting a response should be another category and would give a true and fair view. I'm against the parishing for a few reasons: Extra council tax. Most current parishes have trouble finding Councillors.

<p>I think it is unreasonable to expect people to pay another £50 a year on top of the very expensive council tax we already pay. Council tax equates to a large proportion of our income and along with the increase of 5% this year you are asking householders to agree to pay another £50 a year for a local parish council. Most people's income is not increasing at the rate of the annual council tax increase. This increase is also contributing to the ever increasing inflation rates we are currently experiencing in the UK. People are struggling to keep up with ever increasing house hold costs and this additional £50 per year to cover a parish council will only contribute to these struggles. Creating a parish council in Scarborough is another cost we can all do without.</p>
<p>I think that there has been too little explanation on this topic to give meaningful views. I note that the first consultation resulted in a positive vote by less than 2% of population - this obviously shows that there is something wrong with the process. In my opinion it would be better to let North Yorks CC run everything for a period of a few years and then vote, after practical experience can be evaluated. Lots of detailed questions on funding and scope not answered.</p>
<p>I thought the creation of the new North Yorkshire council was to streamline the system. The creation of a Scarborough council is imposing more bureaucracy and unnecessary costs.</p>
<p>I was never asked about the original consultation.</p>
<p>I would like to point out how difficult it was to obtain this form. 03/04/2023 tried online to fill this form in, the website was down. Rang Scarborough BC Town Hall, no forms available. Went to Newby &amp; Scalby Library – hadn't been given any forms. The lady rang the other two libraries listed, they hadn't been given any forms. All four places listed didn't have and never had these forms. Tried again online, started to fill in the form when it suddenly disappeared. Rang Northallerton – success at last, received this form 24/04/2023. The information with this form states 'the precepts levied by Filey Town Council (£55.26 for a Band D property) but every year this price will no doubt increase. When we moved back to Scarborough our full first year Council Tax was £1,054.82 (4.2%)? Each year the percentage of increase seems to rise (4.2%) this year, or something added such as 'Charter Trustees'. With people struggling to pay their ever increasing bills at the moment, the last thing we need is another layer of government which will probably have decisions overturned by North Yorkshire Council.</p>
<p>I write concerning the recommendation that a Parish Council be established for Scarborough from April 2024 onwards. Firstly, on the grounds of cost during the 'cost of living crisis' I am opposed to the establishment of a parish council that will lead to a further rise in Council Tax bills which seem set on an exponential rise as it is. Secondly I note that the first consultation saw 538 responses. Now 538 is hardly a large figure given the population of Scarborough is over 60,000. It represents only 0.87% or so actually responding, and then only 376 were in agreement with this meaning only 0.61% actually said yes to the proposal. I do not believe this represents a mandate to go ahead and form the proposed parish council. It is akin to asking a large group of people if they agree with something and one of them says 'yes, I think so'. It seems somebody really wants this parish council notion to succeed and will use the indifference of people to such matters to manufacture a mandate for this. Surely a much larger scale of interest needs to be registered in order for the notion to be viable. I hope you take my concerns on board and would hope to see a more concrete seal of approval before any such idea is carried forward.</p>
<p>If like Scarborough Borough Council it will be a waste of time.</p>
<p>If the new county council is doing its job, then it should be equipped to deal with governance in Scarborough, one of its main population centres. An additional layer of bureaucracy/councillors would not be welcome as it represents what should be duplication of effort. At the very least, the new County Council should be given the opportunity to 'prove itself' fit for purpose and capable of representing all areas for which it is responsible.</p>
<p>If we have North Yorkshire Council, we do not need a Scarborough Town Council this will be doubling up on staffing costs.</p>
<p>I'm afraid I have to disagree with the formation of more Bureaucracy, which involves the appointment of councillors that do not live in the area they purport to represent. I am against the present boundary that includes North Bay as part of Northstead. North Bay ought to be part of Castle ward as it is in closer geographical proximity, as well as being part of the old Town location. The recently elected councillors should be more proactive in improving the quality of life and opportunities instead of running the risk of becoming regarded as executive tokens that will lose touch with the communities they have been elected to serve if parish councils are introduced.</p>
<p>In the current cost of living crisis there is no need for a mayor and all of the costs associated with that appointment.</p>
<p>It already costs too much</p>

It is a waste of money. The existing Borough council has been ineffective and wasteful of public money. We do not need an extra tier of local government.
It is wrong to make people pay for yet another council when we already pay for services.
It seems illogical to dissolve an existing council covering Scarborough to then create a new tier of local government representing Scarborough Town. It will become a talking shop delivering little, if any, benefit to the residents of the Town and will impose unnecessary levy on the residents. The percentage of the residents that actually responded to the initial consultation does not provide a valid mandate for the creation of a Town Council and the new Council is merely imposing its own requirements. In addition, there is no need for the Charter Trustees, the Town does not require a 'mayoral' function.
It seems pointless to close one Council (Scarborough Borough Council) in order to create a Unitary Authority and streamline bureaucracy, to then create another Council and additional local government tier. Your communication received from Assistant Chief Executive, Barry Khan, today infers that this will provide a voice for the town. That surely is what our elected representatives are there to do. Your first consultation contained no likely costs for the establishment of a Town Council in Scarborough rendering its consideration fairly meaningless. At least your latest communication corrects that and provides some indicative costs. However in these straitened times, households do not need any additional costs placed upon them, particularly costs relating to local government which, as is the nature of the beast, will inevitably increase over time.
It would be a worthless exercise. Creating yet another layer of management with no power and no power and no funds.
Just adds extra level of decision making and undoes the benefits of those gained by the unitary authority.
Local voters were not 'engaged' at stage 1, as is evidenced by the amount of people who responded. The decision to create a parish council was already made, long before any 'public consultation'. Why do you continue with this charade? It is a waste of tax payers' money.
More cost than needed
More politicians at extra cost
My husband and I think a parish council should be established for Southcliffe, Weaponess and Ramshill, rather than a town council as we could set our own precept in order we could control our own expenditure in our own area. , so as not to subsidise other areas.
No point scrapping SBC to then put another layer of bureaucracy in.
No Town Council
Not needed. Costly exercise getting rid of previous authority and now spending more money to form another authority. Just leave it to NYC now
Not worth the increase in council tax.
Object to the extra expense of additional 'councillors'.
pointless setting up as we are becoming a unitary authority-more bills for everyone
Pointless then having a new NY council if you are virtually having another SBC. Is it lawful to propose this when so few people have responded and does that not tell you something? We do not need a town council and we certainly do not want to foot the bill in our council tax.
Possibly at a later date, but with the cost of living this should be postponed for at least 3 years possibly more
Scarborough and district council
Scarborough Council became pointless Yorkshire Council could make things better
Scarborough doesn't require it. The current council has not provided meaningful change to the area
Someone decided to dissolve the Scarborough Borough Council and replace it with the North Yorkshire Council. Presumably the rationale for this was partly to streamline layers of local government and partly economic: i.e., it was intended to be a form of value engineering whereby the residents of Scarborough experienced no loss of services but their provision by the replacement authority would be more cost efficient. What is difficult to understand is that now the new unitary authority is in existence, the proposal is to 'create' a town council for Scarborough - something it had previously (i.e., a council) but inevitably at additional cost to residents. If the overhaul of county and community governance arrangements in North Yorkshire is going to increase the financial burdens on residents then will it be possible to revert to the arrangements that existed prior to the end of March 2023? Clearly, the proposal doesn't appear to be reducing layers of local government either.

The area is too big for local representation - there should be separate Town/Parish Councils for each of the 5 areas (i.e. Woodlands, Northstead, Castle, Falsgrave & Stepney and Weaponess). This would create areas similar in size to the existing Parish Councils. Each are has distinct needs and each Town/Parish Council could then concentrate its resources on the local needs.
The council have only served to line their own pockets in the past so don't see that changing
The first round of the consultation was responded by too few people to give a mandate
The move to centralised authority was supposed to negate the need for extra Councillors...now pushing an agenda for Town Council with extra precept...plus Councillors already put forward, representing a unitary authority are possibly the worst choice for Scarborough!...we need fresh election to take into account this massive change to our local governance.
The new North Yorkshire Council will charge me £1575.18 for its services. Last year I paid £1298.82 to NYCC and £244.75 to SBC. "The new council will deliver all services and is committed to keeping services local and empowering communities" is a quote from your stage 2 consultation governance review. The new council has absorbed Scarborough BC council tax and as it states will deliver everything that SBC did. It seems unfair to expect residents to "pay again" especially in these financially challenging times. I thoroughly expect the new North Yorkshire Council to represent me and my fellow residents in Scarborough equally throughout the county.
The old town council was dysfunctional and manipulated. The same structure and interested parties must not be given that power again
The proposed town council for Scarborough is likely to continue the inadequate administration that has stumbled along for many years. Local people certainly need to have a say in local government, but we need to have, professional people at the forefront, with ideas, imagination, and experience in management at a high level. As well as being a local community, Scarborough is an important tourist venue, and there has been a lack of inspiration, bogged down by the concerns of local issues which could be handled by middle-management officers. The town is deteriorating in its general appearance, apart from the year-on-year neglect in improving the quality of the seawater. I was hoping that there might at least be a possibility of, for instance, improving the cleanliness of streets, which are, in some districts, quite disgraceful, but no chances of that now. Decisions on expenditure, in particular, have been worrying. With the same type of administration, there is not going to be any improvement. The proposed council structure seems to me to be almost identical to what we have had before – even as far as the same language used to describe it – wards, councillors, precept, bands, mayor, town hall, civic function. It is one more reorganisation which is, I am afraid, going to result in a waste of resources, and a missed opportunity to bring about real and lasting improvements.
The services the town council could provide is already provided and is not money well spent.
The town does not need more pointless bureaucracy or third rate councillors.
The value residents will receive for the likely precept costs will be minimal in my opinion. We will have an elected North Yorkshire Councillor which is sufficient. So why pay extra for the service, especially with the ongoing financial crisis in the Country.
There is no evidence to support the officer's view that the first part of this consultation was "very thorough" and gave a "solid basis" for this proposal. In that consultation the vast majority of the consultees gave no support for this proposal. The consultation failed in its purpose and neither engaged with the area's population or got an objective view. The consultation promised that other forms of community representation and engagement would be considered, if this is the case why are these not of the consultation? This "consultation's conclusion gives the appearance of a parished solution being predetermined. The only proposal outlined is that from the Council executive, an executive with no member from the town area in the proposals, and with no means for residents or those members representing the town area to vote on any proposal. It has no democratic mandate from the area being considered. Unless there is full engagement with the electorate of the town this exercise is a waste of resource. A referendum or similar should have been carried out instead.
This is another pointless expense. It will raise council taxes and won't benefit the hard working tax payers who pay, and it will go up yearly much more than our pay.
This larger council was brought in to save us money, having another town council will raise the cost, and now we can use the town hall for a museum, this is about the only town I know without one. Bin the idea it's not needed or wanted. Pointless and a waste of money. Scrap the idea completely.
This proposal creates another tier of bureaucracy & costs which I strongly oppose.

This will mean an additional Council Tax payment to cover the cost of something which will be a poor substitute of what we are about to be deprived. Further increases of Council Tax are unacceptable and for less representation, less real local democracy. The N Yorks Mayor role will be just another layer of bureaucracy detached from the unique character of Scarborough and the coastal area. I objected to the devolution plan from the start and I now object to replacing our 'supposedly accountable' local council with something inferior with less control and for which we will be paying more and receiving much less. I object to the whole plan and consider it a big mistake!
This would just be a replacement for what we have already, but we will be paying extra for nothing.
Thought the whole idea of creating NYCC was to centralise services and make savings that can be used to improve services, why create a layer of bureaucracy that will cost money!
Too many councillors, too much expenses. Use what we've got.
Total waste if tax payers money
Unbelievably undemocratic. 1.35% voted for this, 376 of 27,909. To make out that this is a recommendation to proceed is absurd. It proves the truism though that for evil to prevail good men do nothing.
Unnecessary costs will take funding from more important requirements in the county as a whole.
Unnecessary expense.
Waste of money
Waste of money which will increase year on year. NYCC have already had an increase in funding, there is no need for another layer of civil servants.
Waste of money, more narrow minded people objecting to anything positive for the town
Waste of Money. Added further costs to my tax bill which is too high already.
Waste of money. Totally unnecessary. Just seems like 'jobs for the boys'
We already have amateur politicians. No more are needed
We are best served by NYC. It is more cost effective.
we do not need a town council it just another excuse to add more money to the council tax bill
We do not need one
We don't need another tier of local government. Council tax cost enough! Please don't inflict any more financial burden on the public.
We don't need a parish/town council in Scarborough, it will cost all us rate payer's extra cash, for what? to have someone sat about talking, making out they can improve things, getting expenses, or have a political hold, I have been involved with town/parish councils in the past, there is nothing wrong here in Scarborough, we have all we need, I think it not going to be worth the expense, thank you,
We have too many politicians (local and notional) already and there's not a decent one amongst them!!! We don't need or want more!!!!
We were told that the new North Yorkshire council would save money. By having a Scarborough town council it would be a further unnecessary level of bureaucracy
We will be paying more council tax for poorer representation and services.
We're already paying enough council tax. The previous council did nothing to add value to the area.
What we're going to end up with is a council with less power and less ability to get things done than we had previously, and it's a convenient way to fob services off from NYC that they can't or don't wish to deal with.
Why abolish a council only to create another
Why do we need an additional level of bureaucracy
Why should I pay more on my council tax
Why should I pay more tax for a talking shop of right wing cranks and shopkeepers who'll spend their time discussing parking spaces? The government undemocratic ally abolished our council
Yes it would be a waste of time as public opinion doesn't matter these days
You closed SBC only to create it again. Makes no sense. SBC hardly had a good record for this town.



## Comments on not sure responses

<p>A new unitary County Council is being set up and SBC has being dissolved, assumingly for efficiency and cost saving reasons. It seems odd that Scarborough will now need to set up a Town council that will have an increase cost to Council tax, it just seems to be more bureaucracy, the same under a different name. I am very disappointed to see how few people completed the previous survey, perhaps it is similar to this one where the www given takes you to an information page on CGR and it is in fact several clicks further if you can find the correct section to navigate.</p>
<p>After reading the comments from respondents to the first stage consultation it seems to this resident the cost/benefit aspect of the proposed new form of two tier governance is the main sticking point. Until we see detailed spreadsheets showing not only who will do what and how much it will cost but also who did it previously and what it then cost we are simply not in a position to comment. Chapter headings and sound bites look good on paper but don't really tell us very much. The current two tier governance system is deemed inefficient and not cost effective so it is proposed to create a different two tier governance system which proposes to be more efficient and cost effective. How? You still haven't made this clear I'm afraid and until we see the actual, DETAILED numbers breakdown regarding this all of us are more or less walking in the dark.</p>
<p>Concerned about increase in cost of council tax</p>
<p>Do not think we need 3 per ward. 2 is sufficient. They also should all be independent</p>
<p>Don't like the name. Bit too close to SBC. Feels like it will be current council under a different name. Needs to emphasize that individual locals with no ties to former SBC would be eligible and encouraged</p>
<p>How will this council be funded and will any decisions ultimately be overturned by North Yorkshire Council?</p>
<p>I agree that local representation is needed but I have reservations about how 'new' a Scarborough Town Council would be. I would want assurances around transparency and scrutiny. I'd also be concerned about whether some people currently working in SBC could embrace the change and work collaboratively with the new unitary authority and not feel like they have 'been taken over'.</p>
<p>I agree with this but only if we have a new set of councillors that will work with the community and communicate with us. Defer from knocking down the heritage of Scarborough etc....</p>
<p>I am concerned over the funding of this additional council. Council Taxes are already high and this looks like an additional levy placed on residents. Why cannot this funding come from the Taxes already paid to North Yorkshire Council?</p>
<p>I approve of local representation, but am concerned that local representation has been taken away from residents by virtue of SBC being absorbed in the new North Yorkshire Council, and we are now being asked to pay for local representation to be restored by virtue of our contributions to this new Town Council. The amount in question will appear low to reasonably well-off residents, but there will be some in Scarborough for whom an extra £3 - £5 a month is not insignificant and will strain their finances further in an already difficult time. I hope this explains why I am 'not sure'. We are stuck with the bigger council and it looks as though the only way to maintain local representation is for us all to fork out these extra payments. I can't say I am happy with this.</p>
<p>I do not want a Mayor for Scarborough, there is no need and is a waste of money. There is no mention of a precept being levied even if a town council is not created, scrap the Charter trustees too This is creating an additional tier of local government which the formation of the new North Yorkshire Council was supposed to remove. It makes a mockery of the arguments for the newly formed Unitary council</p>
<p>I don't have enough information on exactly who will do what and how this new two tier administration will differ from the old two tier administration and of course the financial implications.....</p>
<p>I have little confidence in the proposed council, as well as current councillors for my current ward</p>
<p>If it is good for everyone then go ahead</p>
<p>If successful, presumably a town council will have a Mayor which will be paid for solely by the currently un-parished residents of Scarborough whom they will represent and not the whole of Scarborough. A total of 15 councillors for the proposed Town Council is, I feel, a little excessive (Eastfield has far less than that).</p>
<p>In your attached leaflet it states the recommendation is a Parish council for Scarborough that would be called a town council. Let's name a parish council Scarborough for whole town and call it a parish council with attendant statutory responsibility</p>
<p>It needs to be completely new with all new members and not the ones we have now how have ruined this town!!</p>
<p>It's only of value if the council has power and funds to carry out specific work or action which benefit local people. Adding a layer of bureaucracy would just be a cost with no value.</p>

<p>It's not clear what the relationship will be between the Charter Trustees and the Town Council. Do we need both? Why? It's also not clear why a "parish" council" is to be called a "town" council. Why not create a "Town" council and leave "parish" out of it? If it's the Charter Trustees who get to pick a Mayor, does the Town council get to pick one as well? We should have some idea of what a council should be doing (not just what they fancy doing from a list of possible activities. It's difficult not to see this as a recreation of the Borough Council that has just been disbanded.</p>
<p>Not happy with current set up. We pay our council tax for what? Most of our roads are patched more than a patchwork quilt. Does anyone from County Hall oversee? At times driving is dangerous due to unevenness. Town Centre total disgrace. Where is all our money going</p>
<p>Not seen any decent, unbiased information</p>
<p>Should it not cover Scarborough in general - both parished and unparished?</p>
<p>The cost of the precept is unknown.</p>
<p>Want representation but not as is now</p>
<p>While I think there is a need for some sort of council. 15 members would appear to be way over the top. 5 plus 1 would be better. Bin collection on bank holiday is a case of being out of touch with current state of the economy</p>
<p>Who is recommending?</p>
<p>Will the precept mean an overall increase in council tax or be funded from the new NYC council tax.</p>
<p>Worried that but won't be value for money.</p>

## Q6 Comments on warding pattern recommendations

### Yes (agree) response comments

A voluntary group could make representations to the new NY council on behalf of each parish.
Agree - in line with what is we already know. The councillors that currently represent us have done so very well and are confident that will continue.
Agreed. There is no need to change the existing Ward boundaries.
Appears appropriate.
Be good to have representatives locally.
Don't change what already exists.
Elections should be held using PR
Have 2 councillors
I feel this will operate better as people may be more encouraged to help in their communities and feel as if their real needs will be met.
If it's not broken, don't mend it.
If there has to be a new town council for Scarborough then I agree with the warding pattern.
If this is working well its best to leave things as they are.
If we have to have it
If we must have it, this is a logical way to create wards. Any other options would be confusing for voters especially when TC & NYC elections will be held on the same day.
It does appear to give a focus on the different parts of the town who may have specific wants/needs i.e. parking in the old town area or ant social behaviour in Ramshill
It is better to retain the existing administrative subdivision to avoid confusion. I don't know what area the county councillors will cover, but it will limit any uncertainty regarding who to contact.
It seems evenly spread.
it seems logical and will avoid confusion
Keep it the same ward boundaries, as the existing County Divisions.
Less confusion (maybe) to people identifying their councillors between the two tiers.
Logical approach, minimises confusion when wards are described.
Look fine
Looking at the map I think it would work really well
Makes sense
Makes sense to follow familiar boundaries which have been in place for many years. They are all relatively similarly sized with fair representation per councillor. Unable to come up with a better solution when looking at existing geographies. It will be key to ensure that any future arrangements to the town council boundaries are reviewed after any review of NYC divisions/wards to ensure the electoral areas are all still fit for purpose and coterminous where possible, to avoid elector confusion.
NEW BLOOD REQUIRED THOUGH, THE EXISTING MEMBERS (APART FROM JANET JEFFERSON) UNAPPROACHABLE
Not other than Parish Council to be established
One councillor for each ward plus 1 Leader
Only if we can actually have contact with our councillors through email or text. Doesn't appear to be the procedure at the moment. If we have a council I would like to see it work for the residents and not just the tourist
Only question really is whether the boundaries should be extended to the North (towards Scalby) and South (Eastfield and Cayton) as surely these areas also view themselves as part of Scarborough?
The approach ensures some measure of continuity
This maintains some connection with previous boundaries related to local government, so is sensible.

This makes sense, but again we need fresh faces to represent these areas in some cases.
This may need to be reviewed as more housing is built and population increases.
This vote made because I think a new parish council will be formed regardless of my objections
This warding arrangement would make it simple to understand and to administer.
Why are 3 councillors deemed necessary for each ward?
Why change the boundaries in Scarborough that have been there for years.
Will this council have input on the architectural heritage of Scarborough? If they do not have any responsibility for this, who does?
YO12 7HS appears to be in Northstead. We are nowhere near Northstead! Why are we not in Castle?

No (disagree) response comments

A parish is not supported. The details of the parish warding are therefore at this stage premature
As above plus additional costs
Do not consider that the proposed Town Council is required and consequently, neither are the proposed wards.
Do not feel the cost is justified
Do not need as many divisions for such a small area
Don't want it
Duplication of effort.
Following item 3. I do not agree with these changes from the very start!
I cannot see any reason to form 5 councils with 3 representatives in each. Surely one town council would suffice to oversee local decisions, maybe 1 representative from each area which would also reduce any administrative costs. There would obviously be some overlapping causing duplication of workload.
I do not consider North Bay to be part of Northstead. Northstead is a comparatively recent boundary change. North Bay was a separate ward until recent times. North Bay has little in common with Northstead. If Parish councils are to be introduced, North Bay should be part of Castle Ward, with which it has more in common.
I do not support the creation of a Scarborough Town Council
I do not want a Scarborough Town Council.
I don't agree with a town council
I don't think it will benefit us, it's just more paperwork
I feel this will just add more costs to the householders of Scarborough and is not needed
I feel very much like I am living in Castle not Northstead ward
I think where I live (Weydale Avenue) should come under Northstead and not Woodlands.
I was never asked about the original consultation.
If we need a new council we should only have one
In an area where there is a high level of poverty and significantly higher council rates than other districts. This addition and increase to council tax after already being one of the highest in the country, coupled with the fact the maximum increase for this financial year was all passed on to council tax payers, it does not feel like now is the right time for such a change and increase to individuals payments.
It is too many councillors for the geography of the area
It makes no sense whatsoever that one half of Stepney Road is in Woodlands Ward (?!)
It needed.
it will end up being the same people that have not made any changes yet
Lilac Walk as with all streets this side of the field are part of Northstead not Woodlands
Long Walk is included in the woodlands ward. Our address is and always has been Long Walk, Northstead.

More bureaucracy and self-serving councillors. Whether that is true or not, it's how it feels.
My postcode (Gillylees) is isolated from the rest of the ward due to road access. I cannot comment on the other ward boundaries.
No councils are interested in the opinion of the public and don't do anything to achieve public requests
No need to have wards
Not necessarily.
NYCC have a role to manage Scarborough. There is no need for an additional Scarborough Town Council.
Object due to additional expense of this proposal
Ramshill and Weaponness is too large
Reduce the number of wards to 3, thereby reducing the number of councillors to 9 which should result in cost savings. Given the relatively small geographical size and population of the area, 15 councillors is a very high number.
Scarborough Town should have four wards North, Old Town, West and South.
Scrap the lot
Should not be a town council
The area of Newby and, to some extent, Scalby are part of Scarborough. More so than the areas of countryside at the south end of Weaponness & Ramshill. Newby/Scalby could be a sixth ward.
The wards are too large and therefore not wholly representative of each area.
There is no need for the creation of a Town Council. 15 Councillor is excessive and will purely be a talking shop.
There should be more wards and they should be more local with more councillors overall.
These are 'leading questions' designed to get the response you want.
This isn't very balanced work/residential/leisure.
This will add extra costs to residents. The North Yorkshire Council is promising to provide and cover all the services provided by The current council
Too many
Total waste of tax payers money
Unnecessary expense
Unnecessary in the first place.
Waste of time and money on nimby ex borough councillors who only seek self-gratification and to supplement their pensions. However if this is going to happen then keep the same names and don't waste more effort reinventing a wheel
Weaponness & Ramshill should be separate wards. They are vastly different demographically and the people of Ramshill will be short changed by this current proposal.
We'll be a smaller part of a much greater whole of N. Yorks, and be greatly disenfranchised with a much weaker democracy.
Why do we need it?
Why do we need to change the wards? If it isn't broke, don't fix it.
You're not going to listen, just lining Councillors pockets.

### Not sure response comments

Again, cannot this until I know more of the facts related to Question 3
Agree with Ward boundaries but believe they should be made into separate Town Councils.
As long as the elected councillors actually live in the area they are going to serve.
Ditto above comment against question 3

Don't understand why Newby and Scalby and not included if we are talking about a "Town Council"? Surely can't run parks and gardens etc. Without a contribution from these areas?
I agree with 5 wards. But why was my postcode moved from Castle Ward to Northstead? I'm on the seafront nowhere near Northstead
I am not aware what difference this would make. ☹
If it were practically possible to have different wards i.e. not the same as the existing county divisions, then this would probably help to bring new voices into the council and the public debate. There is a risk of ending up having county councillors wearing 'two hats' rather than bring fresh views and energies into the new Town Council.
If we are using the existing wards.....what changes are actually happening?
If you need boundaries then these would do
Looks reasonable as far as I can tell, as long as it is appreciate that the different wards will have some very distinct needs and priorities.
Northstead Estate should be within Northstead Ward boundary
We used to be Woodland's ward

## Q6 Comments on names of wards

### Yes (agree) response comments

At the risk of repeating myself, please fresh faces that are fit for purpose
Avoids confusion. Both tiers using same terms.
But would like to see Northstead addresses come under Northstead and not Woodlands
Don't change
Fine
Fit previous pattern ok
Following the same names of the NYCC divisions that the Scarborough Town Council wards are to be based on, makes sense, and will potentially avoid elector confusion when it comes to different election levels.
Generally in agreement. Changing Ward names and boundaries could increase costs with little or no beneficial outcome. Perhaps 'Castle Ward' could be renamed 'Scarborough Old Town'??
I don't agree with a town council. Leave the wards as they are
I particularly approve of the use of "Weaponness" instead of the fanciful, baseless and entirely made-up "Oliver's Mount".
If we have to have it
If we must have it, it is logical to use the same names as existing county divisions, to avoid confusion as mentioned above.
Keep it the same, castle ward, which I live in, if possible.
Keep the same.
Logical
No problems either way though will save money on possible renaming of areas.
People will be better able to link themselves into their existing communities (keeping things simpler, especially for more recent arrivals) providing a cohesive unity in them - as things seemed to work better decades ago when this was in operation.
Retention of the existing districts ensures local understanding
Seems sensible to call them the same names as existing county divisions
Simple to understand and administer.
The map supplied misspells Weaponness
There are areas which do not identify the
These remain relevant and recognisable, so are sensible in this context.

This seems the obvious proposal and should reduce voter/resident confusion and allow the parish councillors to be able to work with their county representative
This vote made because I think a new parish council will be formed regardless of my objections
Yes I agree with the names - but would so some new young and fresh members of the Council - having come to Scarborough as a child, I have been horrified at the neglect and lack of ideas and nothing happening, in the past buildings of a listed nature knocked down. My home was XX XXX XXXXXXXXXX and at last the gardens and paths are looking wonderful. With funding from the EU.
Yes, Southcliffe is omitted from proposals

No (disagree) response comments

A parish is not supported. The details of the parish warding and naming are therefore at this stage premature
Areas need to be defined more. North Bay?
As above they should be separate
As above, North should be Northstead with part of South Newby and (South Woodlands) Barrowcliff. Old Town should be Castle. West should be Falsgrave, Stepney and (North) Woodlands. South should be Weaponess & Ramshill. My reasons for this are that these local areas have varying business and residential activities and strategic economic development should be better focused and targeted rather than one Town Council whereby future decision making may result in a status quo.
Call them what you like as won't matter anyway.
Council is not required
Do not feel the costs are justified
Do not wish to have a Town council
Doesn't need to change.
Don't see point of wards or parish councils, additional expense to ratepayers for little or no benefit.
Don't want it
However if this is going to happen then keep the same names and don't waste more effort reinventing a wheel
I do not believe the wards are necessary. My answer "no" is to prevent my answer being used as an agreement to the proposals.
I do not support the creation of a Scarborough Town Council
I have no idea which ward I would be in. I do not live in any of those locations.
I live on Trafalgar Square and I have no idea which one I fall into. Can't one be called North Bay
I was never asked about the original consultation.
It makes little to no difference what these areas are called.
Leave things as they are!
Need to add Holbeck or South Cliff
Northstead should be Northstead & Peasholm
North Bay should be its own Ward or part of Castle Ward.
Northstead could incorporate Newby and Woodlands and Barrowcliff could also be combined.
Object to unnecessary cost of this proposal
Ramshill and Weaponess should be South Cliff
The names are not relevant we do not need them.
The one called Northstead should be called Peasholm as that is a more accurate description of the area covered.
There is nothing wrong with the names and nature of these wards as they stand, but NOT to be part of the much greater whole of N. Yorkshire centralized control. The appointment of councillors will be more political and less locally focused.

There should be more wards and they should be more local with more councillors overall.
Too many
W+R change to South Cliff
We don't need them
Weaponness & Ramshill should be Weaponness, Ramshill & South Cliffe.
Weaponness & Ramshill is very cumbersome and clumsy. Far better to call it South Cliff
Weaponness and Ramshill should be separate wards.
Who looks after people that live in town?
Why so many?

### Not sure response comments

Names are names
Possibility of combining Castle and Town Centre Ward...then Edgehill, Falsgrave and Stepney with some Woodlands area (split)...other Woodlands area (split) to be given to Barrowcliff/Northstead ward.
Similar to my views expressed for Question 7 above; it would be best if the new Town Council brings fresh people in. Retaining the County Council names for the wards has the risk of there seeming to be nothing new, and discouraging new people from coming into the work of the new council.
The names are fine but are they necessary?

## Q10 Comments on proposed number of councillors

### Yes (agree) response comments

3 Councillors is enough.
3 should ensure access and democracy
Again if we must have, it the sizes are logical as they reflect the electorate sizes well.
All expenses kept to an absolute minimum. All expenses paid to be transparent and able to be viewed by the public.
Allows a spread of political or independent representation
Any more than 3 councillors per ward would seem too high, and give a council size 20+, which compared to other large town councils in the area is large, and similarly, any fewer than 3 per ward would give a council size of 10 or less, which would be insufficient if the Town Council is to be ambitious. As the proposed wards are of a similar size, they need similar councillors per ward, so having different of representation within each ward is not justified. I agree with 3 per ward.
Appropriate number in order to avoid conflicts of opinion...a casting vote if needed.
As a parish councillor myself for the past seven years, the numbers seem too small to be effective, but it's important to have a grass roots democratic balance against out of touch district council directions of travel including for example insane, unscientific and undemocratic initiatives like 15 minute cities, net zero and phasing out gas boilers and cookers.
Certainly no more
Each Councillor to have an independent fund for Ward cultural developments.
Hope the officers visit the areas more frequently than they do at the present moment
Hopefully someone who listens to residents in the area they represent and we don't just see them when they want to be voted in.
Hopefully we might get listened to
I feel that 3 councillors should provide enough different views to work towards each other on - if they have all enough interest in their ward as a whole.
I feel three is a good representation.



If those 2 are split
If we have to have it
In principal yes, but I would have preferred to see more councillors to ensure a wider range of opinion. I would wish Councillors to be aware of a need for close monitoring especially in the case of the Planning Committee. Previously, some decisions have not been to the advantage of our nice town.
It does not matter how many councillors you have per ward. What matters is when elected they don't just disappear into thin air. Councillors are there to speak for the voters not for themselves.
It's a reasonable number to form a smaller council and ensure there is still representation if someone's unable to attend. Larger groups of councillors require more expense to maintain.
Make sure they aren't idiots.
No need for any more Councillors which would add unnecessary expense.
None of this is needed. It duplicates the new council
numbers seem right, not too many or few, so hopefully decision-making may be more streamlined
Perhaps just two would be sufficient - would help to keep costing down?
Please - councillors running up at the Town Hall for meetings. I believe getting paid and this will have to be regulated. Sadly we no longer have Hazel Lynskey who loved and cared for Scarborough with a passion.
Proportionate, enables the council to have a wider cross section of representation.
Sounds a reasonable suggestion but there should be room for review once the council is up and running is the event alterations to the initial proposed numbers are advisable
Subject to a 6th Ward as stated above.
Subject to review and population expansion
That the 3 councillors see to the wishes of all their residents young and old, and cover their entire area and a personal meeting would be quite nice
The current councillors can be somewhat ineffective, and I think some of them have been in role for some years. They don't have the confidence of locals because we never see any successful investment in the town, it's going further and further downhill. I'd welcome a shake-up of the council representation, so I think anything you can do to attract new candidates would be useful.
This number should provide good representation for each of the wards. and therefore The Council, not too big or unwieldy, which should aid decision making.
This seems reasonable.
This seems to be the right size for such a council. We need enough councillors to do the work, which could be considerable, and a council of 15 is a good size for debate. Moreover, 3 councillors per ward gives scope for a variety of people to be elected (in terms of personal and political outlook) and better representation than the original proposal.
This vote made because I think a new parish council will be formed regardless of my objections
Unless the scope of the boundaries is included to cover more wards (particularly to the North - Scalby, and South - Eastfield and Cayton) in which case there should be more councillors.
Very pleased the number has been increased since the original proposal.
We need strong and numerous voices to speak on our behalf
Where will this new Town Council meet?
Will the councillors be proactive and be more 'visible 'to the community they represent?

#### No (disagree) response comments

1
1 councillor is currently doing the job why do we need 2 more?
1 councillor per ward
1 per ward is plenty

1 persons been a councillor for the ward for years
10 would be cheaper and just as effective
2 each is enough otherwise waste of money.
2 is enough per ward
3 councillors is too many. 2 is more than enough for such a small area.
3 councillors seems a lot for 5000 residents. 2 may be adequate and save costs to the taxpayer.
3 people in an area won't agree, they have their own agendas. Why not 1.
3 per ward is excessive
5 + 1 leader
A little excessive - could be reduced to one per ward; two at most especially for the larger ones
A parish is not supported. The details of the parish warding arrangements are therefore at this stage premature
All extra on precept added to council tax...we were supposed to be saving money by cutting excessive Councillors.
Could you consider having 2 Councillors per Ward as 3 seems excessive when you consider the number of electorate per Ward
Councillors are not needed
Do not feel the costs are justified and believe the survey is already weighted that it is going to happen anyway?
Don't need that many councillors in Scarborough
Don't think there should be a council.
Extra councillors are not required
Far too many. Max 2 per ward so 10 in total
Far too many. 2 maximum per ward.
For the level and amount of the services, 3 councillors per ward is excessive
Four wards would be 12 Councillors.
I also notice a new Mayor has been appointed for Scarborough. I remember sitting in the Yet Tree Cafe in Scalby watching the chauffeur driven limousine dropping off the Lady Mayor, and the Deputy Lady Mayor for their hairdressing appointment, maybe this expense could be spent elsewhere improving the lives of more people, not just the chosen few. 15 more people claiming expenses, just what we don't need at this time.
I am concerned that this will be unnecessarily expensive.
I consider that two councillors per ward would be sufficient.
I do not support the creation of a Scarborough Town Council
I feel that is too many
I know that people are already stretched financially and this would make matters worse.
I note the reference in the Stage 2 consultation document (section on the cost of a town council to residents) that the 'cost of delivering services will also need to be considered'. My view on this is that I already pay for these services via my Council Tax payments, which increase each year with no noticeable increase in scope or quality of services provided. If the changes to local government arrangements in North Yorkshire were not intended to deliver savings for taxpayers and residents - and even more sustainable services - then I don't understand what their purpose was. On this basis, and in order to minimise the financial impact of the changes I think the number of councillors in each ward should be no more than 2. I really do think, though, that residents in Scarborough deserve a good explanation of why these changes should cause to have to pay more to the local authority via their Council Tax payments. Who, after all, would have voted for that (if they had been asked)?
I strongly oppose creation of the Council but if we must have it I limit the number of councillors per ward to 2
I think 2 councillors per ward would be enough.
I was never asked about the original consultation.
I would prefer fewer - 10 would be fine.

If needed - 1 person per ward
If the functions are as described this number appears excessive. I would like to see an options appraisal for one, two or three Town Councillors. This recommendation does not appear evidence based
If the proposal is accepted, reduce to 2 to reduce cost
If this proposal happens the fewer councillors the better.
It is just the old council rebranded
It should be reduced to two per ward.
Just 2
Just more fingers in the pot
Make sure they is a range of councillors supporting different age groups
More councillors means more council tax which we cannot afford in the current climate. We do not seem to get any value for what we pay currently so to pay even more just to be treated with contempt and not listened to when we raise valid points would be scandalous
Needless waste of time and more money on council tax bills.
Numbers are excessive, don't need extra cost. Money better spent on schools, infrastructure.
Object to additional cost of this proposal.
Once again a waste of public money
Parish councils attract middle class, retired, white people.
Prefer 2 Councillors per ward
Reduce to 2 councillors per ward
Reduce to one per ward
Representation should be weighted according to ward population, not just three members for three member's sake
Save money and ditch the plan. We have just ousted the stale councillors who ruined the town and now you want to reimpose them on us.
SBC had 1 councillor. Why 2 extra councillors thereby increasing costs?
So much cost
Stick to 2. I'm guessing they get paid more to do this so cut cost and keep a couple per ward
Stop trying to get money out of the residents of Scarborough on top of what we already pay.
Suggest the wards could be represented by 2 Councillors each. This would make a saving and would seem to be adequate for size of the wards.
The area's do not reflect where people who live here think they are
The proposed additional councillors are not required.
There is a difference of 1,000 between some of the wards yet they all get same representation
There should be more wards and they should be more local with more councillors overall.
There should be no more than 1000 voters for each councillor
There will be less ability to change things no matter how many. It will be another level of bureaucracy and extreme political ideology. I do NOT agree with any of these changes!
They should be represented at county level only.
They will have little real control and be more politically motivated.
This is too many Councillors for the size of the Town and is an unnecessary expense
This proposal is creating additional power structures and bureaucratic burdensome costs. The whole point of a unitary authority is to streamline local government which was being touted as a `one-stop shop.` We already have SBC and NYCC.
Three is too many councillors for relatively small areas. Two is sufficient.

Three per ward seem excessive giving too much scope for disharmony. More people means more cost. In Scarborough we are already paying a hefty Council Tax in comparison to other more prosperous areas in Yorkshire.
Too many
Too many
Too many already
Too many councillors for the size of the area
Too many councillors I think for the wards areas. To save on staff and pay (wages) etc.
Too many councillors per ward. To help keep costs down in this low income area may be 2 councillors would be better
Too many councillors and not needed
Total waste of money
Two councillors would be adequate
Two would be more than enough
Utter waste. Another bandwagon for the now out of work councillors to try and jump on. Shameful when we've just become a unitary authority that this is getting thrust upon us
Waste of money
Waste of money. Also see above item 4
Waste of time as it always has been
Wasteful of public money and councillors have been historically ineffective in this area.
Way too many and will cause conflict
We do not need town councillors
Who is paying for all this!
Who will pay for this council? I don't want to pay anymore council tax and for the few that have voted it will be the rest of us that have to pay for something we don't really want
Why can't we have just one per ward
Why do we need 3 councillors per ward? Surely one will suffice. More councillors means more talk, less decisions. If you want more councillors increase the number of wards to serve.
Why do we need 3 per ward I feel this as not be explained fully?
Why extra councillors when there is the recently formed council,
Why three per ward? Why not one, the fewer there are the more chance of agreement to get things done and avoid a talking shop.
Would suggest 2 per ward. Decisions tend to be more easily made by smaller groups, in my experience!
Yes 0 Councillors

### Not sure response comments

15 seems a lot. I would suggest 2 per ward making a total of 10
3 councillors seems high for the number of residents in each ward, especially when compared with somewhere like Leeds City Council and the number of residents served by 3 councillors in those wards.
Any more would be excessive, certainly, and I would like to see an argument for 3 rather than 2 per ward. I suppose a balance has to be struck between "small enough to remain appropriate for the population represented" and "large enough to not become dominated by a small clique of busybodies".
Don't allow anyone from the previous council to run as they are rubbish and corrupt
How was this number calculated, what is to cost of each councillor?
I feel like these should have councillors, but I also think these should a few representatives from the areas as well not just councillors

I have not fully understood how levying a precept would work. Could it be cheaper if fewer than 3 councillors per ward were elected?
I wondered if 2 per ward might be better so that there were 10 in total
I would have thought that 2 councillors per ward is sufficient.
If all the positions are taken up by ex SBC council members then no. Needs to have actual locals to area maybe 6 per area. Feel all spots will go labour con and independent councillors and no room for locals. Need independent residents rate payers to shape area live in as some areas totally feel neglected to events. Southcliffe got church that empty that could be fully utilised as area hub by NYCC as more accessible
I'm not sufficiently knowledgeable about the need of the number of councillors. Perhaps we only need 1 per ward?
I'm unclear about what the work loading on the councillors would be given that we had three times this number at SBC.
Is there enough work for 3?
It seems a lot. Why so many? Given that the current/former borough council had no clear party majority and as a result could not make many decisions or see plans through to fruition, this would seem a good chance to reduce numbers, save money/expenses/office space required and actually have a smaller pool running things in the hope they could agree more readily.
Just wonder what are their individual responsibilities? As the major reason for objecting to the creation of a town council is about the cost, it is hoped that the expenses can be kept to the minimum. Wonder if one or two Councillor(s) can already represent the each ward. Then there will be five or ten Councillors to represent Scarborough Town Council. 15 Councillors may create an oversized Council.
May be too many given the subordination to Northallerton. Perhaps two per ward would be sufficient. Would there be an elected mayor?
My one objection is to a ward of 6170 having the same representation as one with 5171. Wards such as castle continue to grow at a quicker rate. Maybe a review at each election time on how many members a ward has would be an idea to reflect population.
Personally two per ward prob enough and saves cost
Seems like a large number of people?
Should be altered to suit Ramshill & Weaponness being separate wards.
That would depend on the costs and benefits they bring to the areas they represent
The councillors' salaries are unknown.
There seems to be a lot of councillors and expense so perhaps not so many.
Why 3?
Why would 3 Councillors be needed? 2 would be adequate - does number of Cllrs relate to costs in anyway?

## Q12 Comments on timescales

### Yes (agree) response comments

At the moment we live in West Yorkshire so can't have a say in anything in our area (Ramshill) which is a shame as we are council tax payers and spend time weekly in our area. We have had a flat on Albion Road for 4 years, it was empty for a year before we bought it and spent money on it. Next year we will be paying double council tax for no reason when there are 100's of homes available at all budgets in Scarborough and N Yorks.. so won't be spending a £100 per month less in our local shops, cafes and attractions to cover the cost!..
Good idea.
How will you ensure representation for Scarborough in the year before the election in 2024
However I believe a 2 year term would be enough to determine functionality, competence and running costs
I fully agree but am concerned about the interim arrangements before the new Town Council is operational.
I haven't seen any information which indicates how the new town council will be represented until the first councillors are formally elected in 2024. Hopefully the functions falling under the new town council's remit will be performed in the interim by elected Scarborough Council representatives on a temporary basis.

I hope it's going to be for voters or voting system, for any changes in this type of Scarborough Town Council, to develop for future reasons. Thank you for sending me this community governance review, in Scarborough.
I would have like the precept levy to come out of the existing community charge. I'm afraid many will not be interested in paying even the slightest bit more.
If we have to have it
If we must have a Town Council, this is a logical timeframe for elections.
It is assumed that the four year cycle matches the electoral cycle of the new North Yorkshire Council, otherwise, why not?
It provides enough time for 'difficult' decisions to be implemented rather than just making 'popular' but short term ones.
Make absolute sense to have a reduced initial term, and then fall in line with other local election cycles from 2027 onwards.
Not for establishment of town council
Not sure of the considerations for the date 2 May 2024. Wonder if the elections can be held earlier to tally with the fiscal year so that the tenure can be from 5 April 2024 to 2027.
Same day as general election?!
Seems good to me.
Seems to fit with the establishment of the unitary authority.
Shame it hadn't coincided with the new NYC but still sensible approach.
Shame start to consultation delayed thereby meaning a year will pass without that other elected representation.
The terms are fine. The reduced term at 'start up' is sensible.
This allows plenty of time for the new North Yorkshire Council to explain to the residents of Scarborough why their previous local government arrangements (Scarborough Borough Council) was dissolved, where the efficiencies from this decision are being delivered, why there now need to be a town council, why it should cost residents a penny more in Council Tax than they are already paying.
This vote made because I think a new parish council will be formed regardless of my objections
This will hopefully allow any changes to be given enough time to be concluded properly.
We need to establish the council as soon as possible, and thereafter it will be simpler for voters and administrators (and cheaper) to have the elections at the same time as the unitary council.
What about the year before May 2024, surely it is important for us to have representation then too?
What will happen this year? Some sort of interim holding position I hope
Whilst I fundamentally disagree with the creation of the Town Council, the above dates seem reasonable
Yes, providing the New Authority is willing and able to deliver the changes and make improvements to localism in good time.

#### No (disagree) response comments

3 Years for elections all the time
3 years max better to allow turnover of non-performance
A standard term should three years after 2027
Another waste of taxpayers' money.
Can't wait till I can vote on its abolition.
Council not needed
Defer for 3 years minimum
Difficult to get rid of the useless ones
Don't bother and save time.
Don't agree with the proposal.

Elections every two years
Every 2 years for local Councillors.
Every 3 always
Have I misunderstood? This town council is due to start in April 2024? What is rationale to delay elections? Would it not be more prudent to have councillors in place before hand?
Households cannot continue to keep up with the excessive annual increases in council tax year after year let alone increasing them by another £50 per year for another level of bureaucracy.
I am 100% not in favour of the creation of this group.
I believe the concept of Town councils to be seriously flawed.
I do not support the creation of a Scarborough Town Council
I don't want the elections at all
I don't want them
I was never asked about the original consultation.
If the elections are to be held. Which I disagree with, then it should be for 4 years at the outset
Less time between elections would be better
Not long enough
Not needed will be another waste of money
Please work to bring it forward to 2023.
Previous council was absolutely useless, if we get forced into having another one I at least want to have the ability to vote them out and hold them accountable much quicker
Save the money. Please give everyone a break
Should be every three years not 4. 4 is too long if you have voted councillors not doing the thing for their area. Don't agree with councillors getting paid to do a job for their ward, no increase of council tax.
Sooner...SBC have cancelled the last 2 scheduled Council meetings and there is an urgent ongoing situation regards works commencing on our working Fishing Pier 'West Pier'...£9.3 million about to be mis-spent public funds...no adequate consultations have taken place with residents and no-one wants it!!!...a parade of shops 9n a tidal flood zone and articulated HGV's passing through a Tourist hot-spot, heavily pedestrianised area...Ridiculous!!!
Stop at three
The first election should be in 2027
The timing of these elections is one year after the formation of North Yorkshire Council. There will be no democratically elected representatives for the next year. Please explain.
There is a significant inter-regnum proposed without justification.
There will be no need to vote as there is no requirement for the proposed additional councillors.
This proposal has no democratic mandate from the concerned town area residents do details like this are premature
Three years is my preferred option
Three years would be more than enough.
We do not need a Scarborough Town Council - North Yorkshire Council will provide the services we need.
We need elections much sooner than this
We will have even LESS control over our own affairs and quality of life locally no matter when these Councillors are elected or for how long. People will become even more apathetic and disillusioned. Sorry to be negative but the whole plan is deeply flawed!
Why not in 2023?
Will people be bothered to vote?

#### Not sure response comments

Can't see what's wrong with 3 year term
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Earlier, every three years.
I do not think I am aware enough to comment, it would surely depend on how good a job they are doing.
If things aren't up to scratch, can that be changed quickly
Is it not possible to have the first election before May 2024?
My preference would be for elections every year with a third of the Councillors standing down each year.
Seem as though this is being proposed as a "fait accompli" without any serious alternatives explored. In fact why centralise and immediately decentralise. Would like the funding implications to be outlined in more detail i.e. will councillors be paid/ how much/ how many staff will be required to fulfil these functions and will this mean a corresponding in County expenditure and staffing? etc.
This is not a question I feel for us to answer
What happens between now and May 24?