

WHITEHAVEN COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

PHASE I CONSULTATION – QUESTIONNAIRE

Copeland Borough Council is conducting a community governance review to consider whether there should be a town council created to cover Whitehaven – the only unparished area in the borough.

This first stage of consultation is to help us understand people’s views about what a town council might look like. A second stage of consultation will take place later in the year, where all Whitehaven residents will be asked for their views.

Town (and parish) councils are the most local level of democratic representation in the country, and they can provide a range of different services to the community, at a very local level. In some areas these include the provision of amenity services (like toilets and Christmas lights).

Q1 What benefits do you think a town council would bring for the town?

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Q2 Would there be any disadvantages to the town in having a town council?

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Q2 What information would you need about a town council before you make a final decision in phase II of the consultation? Please rank the most important of the following by marking them as 1 (the most important), 2 and 3:

- The additional cost to me as a Council Tax payer.....
- What services the town council will provide.....
- What additional resources a town council will attract to Whitehaven.....
- How many town councillors there will be.....
- How often I will be able to vote for town councillors.....
- Will there be a Mayor of Whitehaven.....
- How the town council would be managed.....

**Q5 If there is a town council, which of these services do you think it should deliver?
Please rank the 5 most important where 1 is the most important and 5 the fifth most important:**

Parks and open spaces.....

Play areas.....

Community halls.....

Public toilets.....

Bus shelters.....

Allotments.....

Leisure facilities.....

Grants to voluntary groups.....

Environmental projects.....

Police community support officers.....

Car parks.....

Mayoralty.....

Do you have any other comments or observations you would like the Community Governance Panel to consider?

Please give your postcode:.....

If you would like further information, please give us your name and email address (optional)

Name.....

Email address.....