

Community Councils Consultation 2019 – Phase 1 Survey Results

The Council is undertaking a formal review of its Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils (the “Scheme”), in line with procedures outlined within the Local Government Scotland Act (1973).

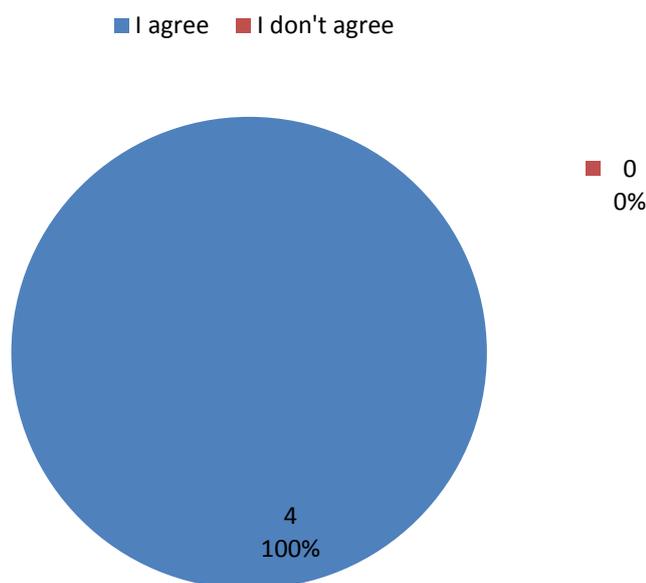
The review is happening in 2 phases. The first phase relates to the composition and boundaries of community councils; and the second phase will address the Scheme governance documentation (this will be publicised once the first phase of the review is completed).

In this first phase of consultation the public were asked to submit their views, via an online or hardcopy survey, on proposed changes to:-

- (1) the member composition of community councils; and
- (2) the boundaries of certain community councils affected by recent changes to the electoral wards.

The first phase of consultation ended on 26th June 2019. Twelve responses were received and the results of the survey are detailed below.

1. Do you agree with the removal of sub-warding?



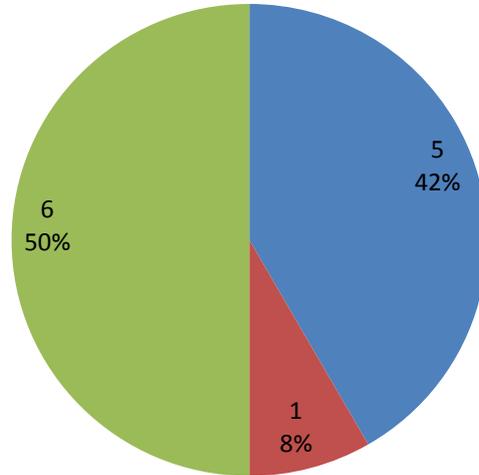
This question didn't affect eight of the responders.

Comments:

- *I agree with the removal of sub-wards because community councils should be small enough that it *is* local people using local knowledge to represent local people. There should be transparency enough in reporting measures that if one street/area was dominating proceedings, these isolated instances could be acted upon. Let's remove pointless barriers for people to get actively involved in local democracy.*

2. Do you agree with the proposed formula for determining community council membership?

■ I agree ■ I don't agree ■ Neutral



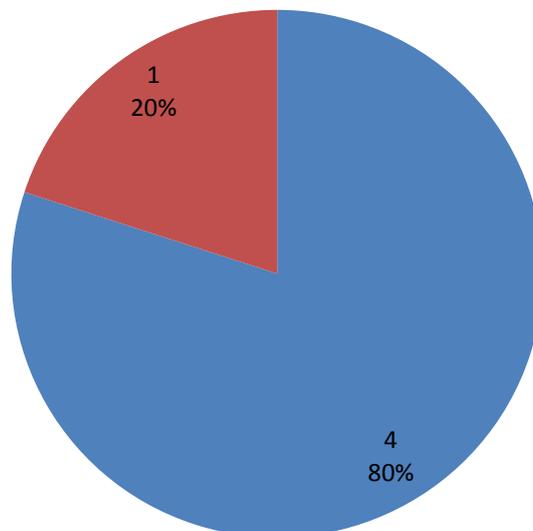
Comments:

- *It can be very difficult to get cc members, any increase in minimum membership nos could mean that some areas have no cc - this can only ever be a backward step.*

3. Which is your preferred option for the Belmont & Kincaidston area?

■ Option 1 - The Belmont & Kincaidston area becomes a separate Community Council

■ Option 2 - The Belmont & Kincaidston area joins the Forehill, Holmston & Masonhill Community Council



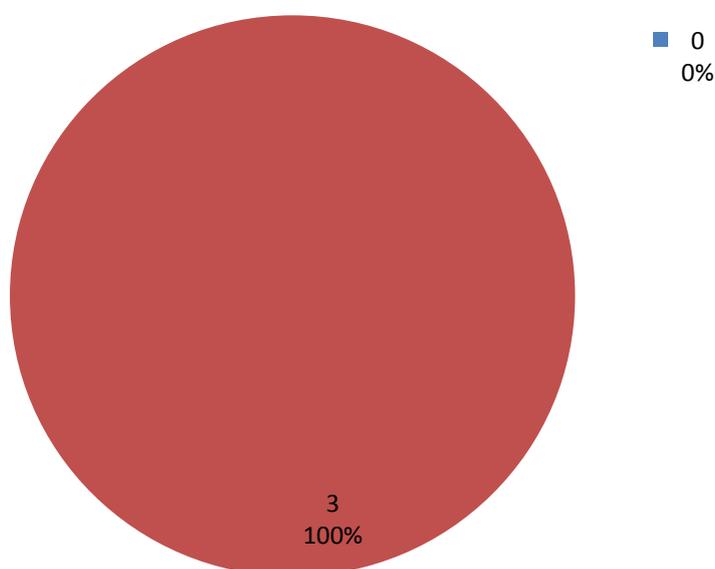
This question didn't affect seven of the responders.

All responders who preferred 'Option 1 – The Belmont & Kincaidston area becomes a separate Community Council' have a postcode within either Belmont, Kincaidston & St Leonards or Forehill, Holmston & Masonhill Community Council areas.

The responder who preferred 'Option 2 – The Belmont & Kincaidston area joins the Forehill, Holmston & Masonhill Community Council' has a postcode outwith the Belmont, Kincaidston & St Leonards or Forehill, Holmston & Masonhill Community Council areas.

4. Which is your preferred option for the St Leonards area?

- Option 1 - The St Leonards area becomes a separate Community Council
- Option 2 - The St Leonards area joins the Alloway & Doonfoot Community Council

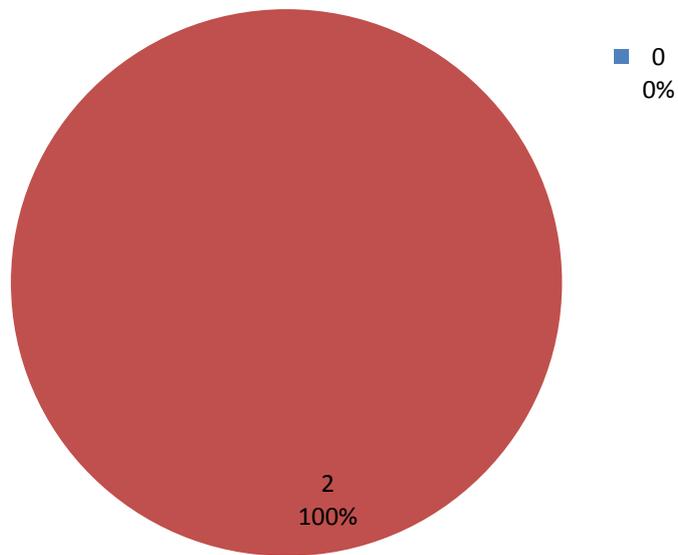


This question didn't affect nine of the responders.

Two out of the three remaining responders have a postcode within the Belmont, Kincaidston & St Leonards or Alloway & Doonfoot Community Council areas.

5. Which is your preferred option for the Annbank area?

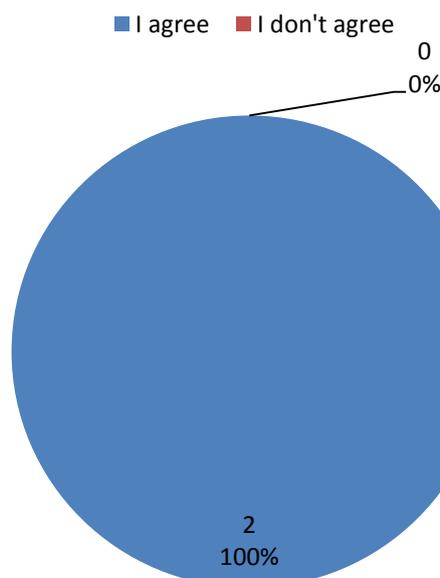
- Option 1 - The Annbank area becomes a separate Community Council
- Option 2 - The Annbank area joins the Mossblown & St Quivox Community Council



This question didn't affect ten of the responders.

All responders who preferred 'Option 2 – The Annbank area joins the Mossblown & St Quivox Community Council' have a postcode outwith the Annbank & Coylton and the Mossblown & St Quivox Community Council areas.

6. Do you agree that the Coylton area should become a separate Community Council?



This question didn't affect ten of the responders.

All responders who agreed that the Coylton area should become a separate Community Council have a postcode outwith the Annbank & Coylton Community Council area.

Additional Comments

- *The opportunity should be taken to unite the North and South Prestwick Community Councils. Both are short of members and frequently the same issues are under discussion as the South consider that, as the centre of Prestwick is in the North area, they are entitled to comment on issues within their remit.*
- *Both Community Councils in Prestwick are short of Community Councillors. May I suggest a public consultation on the possibility of the unification of Prestwick North Community Council and Prestwick South Community Council.*
- *Both Community Councils in Prestwick are short of Community Councillors and I would suggest a public consultation on the possibility of the unification of PNCC and PSCC.*