

# Scheme for Community Councils

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# Background

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- **The City of Edinburgh Council is required to produce a Scheme providing a framework for the operation of Community Councils.**
- **The most recent review of the scheme was in 2013.**
  - Changes included: updated criteria for Local Interest Groups, updates to Standing Orders, introduction of small scale boundary change procedure, introduction of a Model Code of Conduct, provisions for special meetings and more.
- **Areas for improvement have been identified.**
  - Based on: Community Councillor and Councillor feedback, best practice, Scottish Government advice, EP Governance review and consultation of Governance and Community Planning Arrangements.
- **Triennial elections in October 2019**

# What is the scheme?

- Establishes the relationship between the Council and the CC
- Gives the CC some of its powers
- Establishes the procedural framework by which the CC operates.



## Procedure for review

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- Set out in Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- Statutory consultation.
- Full Council oversight.
- Entire process approximately 9 months.



# Draft Timeline

<b>October 2018</b>	Preliminary consultation period
<b>January 2019</b>	Subject to Council approval, public notice of the draft amended Scheme for a period of eight weeks consultation.
<b>2 May 2019</b>	Revised Scheme, incorporating changes from consultation submitted to Council for approval. If proposals are amended then a second statutory consultation period is required (22 February 2019 to 19 April 2019).
<b>27 June 2019</b>	Report to Council and, subject to approval, publication of final draft amended Scheme and further four-week consultation period.
<b>August 2019</b>	Report to Council to approve final scheme.
<b>August 2019</b>	Submission of Scheme to Scottish Ministers for approval.
<b>October 2019</b>	Final scheme to be implemented for triennial CC elections and CC term.

# Proposals

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- Tidy-up
  - Code of Conduct
  - Nominations and Elections
  - Constitution and Standing Orders
  - Name changes
  - Boundaries
- Innovations
  - Complaints
  - Youth Engagement



# Discussion

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- **What doesn't work in the current Governance Framework and how can this be improved?**
- **How can the scheme be adapted to help community councils carry out their role more effectively?**
- **What is the best way for the Council to engage with Community Councils on the Scheme Review?**

# Questions?