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Phase two of community councils scheme consultation

Moray Council has launched the second stage of a public consultation on a redrafted scheme of establishment for community councils in its area.

It will come into effect ahead of community council elections later this year and will remain in place until the next scheduled elections in 2021.

Revisions to the scheme of establishment have been made following an initial round of consultation which came to an end prior to Christmas.

Comments are now being sought on the redrafted scheme – which includes arrangements for elections, meetings and finance – by the Monday, March 6 deadline.

Proposed amendments also include conduct during meetings, the lowering of the eligibility for members to 16 from 18 in line with the voting age for local government elections and provisions relating to community council complaints and the new Community Empowerment Act 2015.

The final scheme will be put before Moray Council for approval in March and will be in place for the community council elections due to take place in August/September.

More information on the consultation and review can be found at www.moray.gov.uk/communitycouncils or by contacting Moray Council's democratic services section at election.enquiries@moray.gov.uk or on 01343 563334.

Moray Council area stretches from Tomintoul in the south to the shores of the Moray Firth, from Keith in the east to Forres in the west. The council and its 4,500 employees respond to the needs of 95,510 residents in this beautiful part of Scotland, which nestles between Aberdeenshire and the Highlands.

Famous for its colony of dolphins, fabulous beaches and more malt whisky distilleries than any where else in Scotland, Moray is a thriving area and a great place to live.

Headquartered in Elgin, the administrative capital of Moray.

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