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All Chief Executives of principal councils Our Ref:
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governance reviews

Dear Sirs,

**Community Governance Reviews: Publication of Model Reorganisation of
Community Governance Order**

A model reorganisation of community governance order is published today by
Communities and Local Government at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/modelreorganisationorder>

Under Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 principal councils can carry out reviews of parish arrangements in their area and implement by order any recommendations made in their reviews. This model order is published alongside the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews which was published on our website in April 2008 and we hope the order will assist principal councils when implementing decisions made following their reviews.

The model order template is offered on an advisory basis to help councils drawing up their orders but they are not obliged to follow this example. Principal councils will still want to seek their own legal advice that any orders they produce meet the necessary legal requirements.

Yours faithfully,

Steve A'Court