



COUNCIL

15TH MAY 2018

AGENDA ITEM (9)

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS - APPROVAL OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

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Purpose of Report	To consider the approval of draft recommendations for the purpose of formal consultation.
Recommendation	That the Council agrees the following draft recommendations for the purposes of formal consultation:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the removal of warding arrangements at parish/town level in relation to Bourton-on-the-Water; Fairford; Moreton-in-Marsh; South Cerney; and Tetbury;• an increase in the overall number of councillors on Cirencester Town Council to 16 (from 15) by way of an increase, from one to two, in the number of councillors to represent the New Mills Ward;• an increase in the overall number of councillors on Upper Rissington Parish Council to 11 (from 7); but warding arrangements be not introduced at this stage.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To ensure that the statutory provisions are met, and that due process is followed.
Ward(s) Affected	Bourton Vale; Bourton Village; Fairford North; Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South; Moreton East; Moreton West; New Mills; Siddington & Cerney Rural; South Cerney Village; Tetbury East & Rural; Tetbury Town; and Tetbury with Upton.
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	N/A
Financial Implications	The largest resource requirement relates to Officer time, although a number of formal notices will need to be published. However, these costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Legal and Human Rights Implications	The reviews will be conducted in accordance with statutory provisions and associated guidance.
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	The conduct of the reviews will be met from existing resources.
Key Risks	None
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not required

Related Decisions	<p>Council, 9th July 2013 - Approval of Final Recommendations for the previous District-wide Community Governance Review</p> <p>Council, 29th September 2015 - Approval of Community Governance Review relating to a number of Parish De-wardings</p> <p>Council, 20th February 2018 - Approval of Community Governance Review relating to (i) an increase in the overall number of councillors on Cirencester Town Council by way of an increase, from one to two, of the number of councillors to represent the New Mills Ward; and (ii) an increase in the overall number of councillors on Upper Rissington Parish Council and the potential introduction of warding arrangements.</p>
Background Documents	Review requests from relevant Town/Parish Councils
Appendices	None

Performance Management Follow Up	Implement Council decision
Options for Joint Working	These reviews relate to parish areas within Cotswold District, and such reviews cannot look beyond the District boundary.

Background Information	
1.	<u>General</u>
1.1	<p>The Council has agreed to undertake Community Governance Reviews (CGRs) in respect of the following parish arrangements within the District:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the removal of warding arrangements at parish/town level in relation to Bourton-on-the-Water; Fairford; Moreton-in-Marsh; South Cerney; and Tetbury; • an increase in the overall number of councillors on Cirencester Town Council to 16 (from 15) by way of an increase, from one to two, in the number of councillors to represent the New Mills Ward;

- an increase in the overall number of councillors on Upper Rissington Parish Council (from the current seven to either 9 or 11); and the potential introduction of warding arrangements (based on any increased number of councillors).

1.2 The next stage of the process is to agree draft recommendations for formal consultation purposes.

2. Draft Recommendations

2.1 The relevant draft recommendations for the various de-warding proposals, and the proposals in respect of Cirencester Town Council, are straight-forward.

2.2 However, there are a number of options relating to Upper Rissington Parish Council. Having evaluated further the options, it is suggested that the following draft recommendation be agreed for consultation purposes:-

- to increase the number of councillors on the parish council to eleven, in line with the informal scale of councillor numbers;
- to not implement warding arrangements for the time being.

2.3 The alternative proposals (i.e. an increase in numbers from seven to nine), and the introduction of warding arrangements, will be referred to in the formal consultation, so that support for such alternatives can also be assessed in advance of a final recommendation being agreed in due course.

3. Review Process

The remaining stages in the review process are as follows:-

- (i) Consultation on draft recommendations:-
 - Local government electors in the areas
 - County Councillors for the areas
 - Local public and voluntary organisations, businesses, and residents' and/or community associations.
- (ii) CDC considers representations received and decides whether to implement draft recommendation(s), in whole or in part (September 2018 Council Meeting).
- (iii) Publication of review decision (final recommendations), including reasons.
- (iv) Seek formal agreement of LGBCE to the 'Cirencester Order'.
- (v) Make formal Orders, and make copies available as required by relevant Regulations.
- (vi) Revised arrangements to be effective from May 2019 elections.

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