



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	COUNCIL – 22 JANUARY 2025
Subject	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – UPPER RISSINGTON
Wards affected	The Rissingtons
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Summary/Purpose	To approve and adopt the Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review, with draft proposals
Annexes	Annex A – Draft Terms of Reference
Recommendation(s)	That Council resolves to: 1. Approve and adopt the Terms of Reference for consultation
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivering our services to the highest standards
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	Before commencing the review, initial emails have been exchanged between Upper Rissington and Great Rissington about this issue. As a result, they are requesting a review of the parish boundary.



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1** Community Governance Reviews provide the opportunity for Principal Councils to review and make changes to community governance within their areas. A Community Governance Review enables strong, clearly defined boundaries to be put into place, which reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.
- 1.2** Upper Rissington Parish Council has requested that the District Council consider a change in the parish boundary with Great Rissington to bring the area of a land which includes the skatepark to be transferred to Upper Rissington from Great Rissington.
- 1.3** The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the proposal put forward and if agreed, approve the Terms of Reference and undertake a review. The process will include consulting with the relevant stakeholders.
- 1.4** A final recommendation will be made to Council once consultation has taken place on the proposal. If approved, an Order will be made to implement the change of boundary.
- 1.5** This review is separate from the District Boundary Review currently being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission. As there are no residential properties in the area being proposed for change, there shouldn't be any impact on that review.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Upper Rissington Parish Council have asked Council to consider transferring land which is currently in Great Rissington Parish and contains a skatepark to Upper Rissington parish.
- 2.2** The skatepark is maintained by Upper Rissington parish council but is currently outside of the parish boundary. The area is part of the development land and subject to a S106 and the Parish Council is seeking the Public Open Space ownership of the land.

3. MAIN POINTS

- 3.1** Approval is being sought to conduct a Community Governance Review to consider the transfer of the skate park land to Upper Rissington Parish Council.



3.2 The first stage of the review is to seek approval of the terms of reference and timetable as set out in the appendices.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 Council may decide not to approve the terms of reference, in which case the land will remain within the boundary of Great Rissington parish. The skatepark will continue to be managed and maintained by Upper Rissington parish.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial implications. There may be some small advertising costs as a result of any formal consultation, but this is expected to be met from existing budgetary provision.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal implications.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

7.1 There are no equalities impacts.

8. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Not applicable.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 No additional papers.

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