

# **Community Governance Review**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Introduction**

Cotswold District Council has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review of Upper Rissington and Great Rissington Parishes.

In undertaking the review, the Council will be guided by Part 4, Chapter 3, of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and the Local Government (Parish and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

### **What is a Community Governance Review ?**

A Community Governance Review ("CGR") provides an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, which reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.

It can take place for the whole or part of the District and can consider the following:

- creating, merging, altering or abolishing Parishes;
- the naming of Parishes and the style of new Parishes;
- the electoral arrangements for Parishes including:
  - the ordinary year of election;
  - the number of Councillors to be elected; and
  - the warding (if any) of the Parish
- grouping Parishes under a common Parish Council or de-grouping Parishes

The Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- is effective and convenient

In doing so, the review will take into account:

- the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or Parish

If changes are made which affect the District Ward boundaries, the District Council will ask the Local Boundary Commission to consider amending the ward boundaries to match.

### **Why undertake a Community Governance Review?**

The Council has received a request to undertake a review of the boundary between Upper Rissington and Great Rissington to bring the skatepark into the Upper Rissington parish.

## Who will undertake the Review?

As the relevant Principal Authority, Cotswold District Council will oversee the review and approve the final recommendations.

## Draft Review Timetable

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Council approve Terms of Reference and Timetable	22 January 2025
Consultation with relevant stakeholders	Up to 28 February 2025
Recommendations considered by Council	19 March 2025
Consultations on draft recommendations, if required	20 March – 17 April 2025
Final recommendations considered by Council	21 May 2025
Order prepared to include implementation date	By 31 July 2025