



Council name	<b>COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>
Name and date of Committee	<b>COUNCIL – 19 MARCH 2025</b>
Subject	<b>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – UPPER RISSINGTON</b>
Wards affected	The Rissingtons
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Summary/Purpose	To approve the final recommendation of the Community Governance Review for Upper Rissington
Annexes	Annexe A – Boundary map
Recommendation(s)	That Council resolves to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approve the final recommendations in relation to the Upper Rissington and Great Rissington</li><li>2. Authorise the Head of Legal Services to make a Reorganisation of Community Governance order to implement the changes agreed by Council</li></ol>
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivering our services to the highest standards</li></ul>
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	Consultation has taken place with the parish councils, district and county councillors and MP



## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1** Upper Rissington Parish Council 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.
- 1.2** Council approved the terms of reference at its meeting on 22 January and this report is to recommend that the change be implemented.

## **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. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1** Views on the proposed change were sought from the two parish councils, the district and county councillors and Member of Parliament.
- 3.2** Both parish councils have responded in support of the change.
- 3.3** Ward Councillor, Andrew Maclean commented "I am very happy for the land with the skate park to be moved from Great Rissington parish to Upper Rissington parish. It tidies things up and prevents any long-term issues arising."
- 3.4** County Councillor, Mark Mackenzie-Charrington commented "I've been aware of this proposal to merge the skatepark area at Upper Rissington into the parish from Great Rissington. I'm also aware that the principal has been agreed between the two Parish Councils. I have no observations or objections to make. Clearly the new border will need to be carefully mapped and agreed by each Parish Council before formal registration of the change."



#### **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1** Council may decide not to approve the change, 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. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1** To amend the boundary between Upper Rissington and Great Rissington to bring the skatepark area into Upper Rissington.
- 5.2** Head of Legal Services to make a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to implement the changes agreed by Council

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1** There are no direct financial implications.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1** The CGR must be conducted in accordance with relevant legislation, namely the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Local Government Act 1972.
- 7.2** If approved, a Reorganisation Order will be required to be drafted, made and confirmed.