



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	COUNCIL – 18 MARCH 2026
Subject	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REIEW
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To approve the final recommendations of the Community Governance Review
Annexes	Annex A – Details and consultation responses for each area
Recommendation(s)	That Council resolves to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve the final recommendations in relation to the Community Governance Review for Cirencester, Cutsdean, Fairford, Moreton-in-Marsh, Southrop, Tetbury, as set out in the table at para. 5.1.2. Authorise the Head of Legal Services to make a Reorganisation of Community Governance order to implement the changes agreed by Council.
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting Communities
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/	Following Council's approval of the Community Governance Review



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Consultation	in November 2025, consultation has taken place with Parish and Town Councils, Ward Councillors, County Councillors and residents in each of the affected areas.
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1** Following approval by Council in November 2025, consultation on proposed changes to parish and town council boundaries and councillor numbers has been conducted.
- 1.2** This report sets out the responses to the consultation and recommendations to be considered.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Community Governance Reviews ("CGR") provide the opportunity for Principal Councils to review and make changes to community governance within their areas.
- 2.2** A CGR enables strong, clearly defined boundaries to be put into place, which reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.
- 2.3** Consultation has now taken place on the proposed changes in the areas under review. This includes a meeting with ward members from the areas under review to discuss the consultation responses and agree the recommendations provided here.
- 2.4** Down Ampney Parish Council was included in the initial request for a CGR, however following a change in councillors this request was withdrawn. No consultation has taken place on this.

3. WARD MEMBERS' COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW MEETING

- 3.1** At the conclusion of the consultation, a meeting of ward members for the areas included took place.
- 3.2** Members were provided with the full responses for each area and their views were sought on the recommendations.
- 3.3** The recommendations included in this report were agreed with those members.
- 3.4** The full responses for each area can be viewed by contacting the Electoral Services Officer.

4. PROCESS

- 4.1** The consultation included letters being sent to all households affected by the proposed changes. Residents were able to respond by completing an online form, emailing or writing to the Council.
- 4.2** Parish councils, district and county councillors and MPs were also included in the consultation and were able to respond in the same way.



4.3 Responses to the consultation were collated for each area and a discussion was held with the relevant ward member(s) to agree the recommendations as they appear in this report.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The recommendations for each area are included in Annex A and can be summarised as follows:

Cirencester – Preston	No change
Cirencester – Siddington	No change
Cutsdean	Cutsdean Parish Council to be dissolved and a Parish Meeting created for the area. This change to come into effect no later than 1 October 2026 once all legal requirements have been put in place
Fairford	Increase the number of councillors for Fairford Town Council from 13 to 15 with effect from the May 2027 elections
Moreton-in-Marsh	No change
Southrop	Increase the number of Councillors for Southrop Parish Council from 5 to 7 with effect from the May 2027 elections
Tetbury	Create three wards in Tetbury Town Council with effect from the May 2027 election

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

6.1 If the recommendations are not approved, the parish council arrangements will remain as they are.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The changes outlined above can be implemented by the Council within existing resources, any increase in costs for parish elections will be recharged directly to the relevant parish council.



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8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1** Any review and decision 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.
- 8.2** If approved, a Reorganisation Order will be required to be drafted, made and confirmed.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 9.1** Governance arrangements should reflect the identities and interests of local communities and promote local cohesion.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1** The consultation responses are available to view by contacting the Electoral Services Manager.

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