

Vale of White Horse District Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

The council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee ("the committee") has agreed to undertake a community governance review (CGR) pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 of part of the district of Vale of White Horse. The 2007 Act vested powers in the council to undertake such a review and the council has delegated those powers to the committee.

The committee will undertake the review in accordance with the guidance on community governance reviews issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in March 2010 ("the guidance").

Proposal for consideration

The committee proposes to consider the following parish matters:

CGR reference	Parish/Area	Matters to be considered
CGR_A	Grove	Removal of current warding arrangements
CGR_B	Grove (East Challow)	Amending the boundary of the parish to include Grove Technology Park, currently in East Challow parish
CGR_C	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor (Fyfield & Tubney)	Amending the parish boundary east of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor to include land currently in Fyfield & Tubney parish
CGR_D	North Hinksey	A review of the parish name to include Botley and alter the status of the parish – change to community council
CGR_E	South Hinksey (Kennington)	Amending the parish boundary south of South Hinksey to include the former Westwood Hotel site, currently in Kennington parish
CGR_F	Sunningwell (Wootton and Cumnor)	Amending the parish boundary to include the area of Boars Hill currently in Wootton and Cumnor parishes and amending the parish name to reflect the change
CGR_G	Uffington	Increasing the number of parish councillors from six to seven
CGR_H	Wootton	A review of the parish name to reflect the settlement of Boars Hill

Assessment criteria

The factors that the council will take into account in making decisions are as follows:

- natural or man-made boundaries that help to define clearly one community from another
- effective and convenient representation of local residents at parish level
- views expressed in relation to any changes, particularly from those people directly affected
- the extent to which proposals reflect the identities and interests of the affected community
- the size and population of the local community

Why is the Council undertaking the review?

The guidance states that it is good practice for principal councils (in this context that means this council) to undertake CGRs every 10-15 years. The council completed a review of the whole district in 2014 and agreed to undertake a further review every four years with any changes to be implemented for the next scheduled elections. Changes were implemented at the scheduled elections in May 2015 and May 2019. Any changes agreed as part of this review will be implemented for the elections in May 2023. The council invited parish councils to submit matters for review and these issues are set out under proposals for consideration. The committee has agreed to carry out this review.

Consultation

The committee will consult formally on the review.

Timetable

The 2007 Act requires the council to complete a CGR within 12 months of the date of publication of terms of reference. The proposed timetable complies with the legal requirement.

Action	Completion Date
Publication of terms of reference	March 2022
Consultation commences	March 2022
Consultation closes	29 April 2022
Committee agrees draft proposals for consultation	May 2022
Further consultation commences	June 2022
Further consultation closes	29 July 2022
Committee agrees whether to make changes	12 September 2022
Community Governance Order completed and consequential matters in place for implementation at the district and parish council elections in May 2023	Autumn 2022

How to make comments

Please submit any comments via email to cgr@southandvale.gov.uk

The council does not require a hard copy of any submission. For those without access to email please send any submission to:

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