

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

The Council 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 the whole of the district of South Oxfordshire. The 2007 Act vested powers with the Council to undertake such a review.

The Council 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 April 2008 (“the Guidance”).

Proposals for consideration

The council is considering the following parish matters:

	Parish	Matters to be considered
CGR1	Drayton St Leonard, Newington, Nuneham Courtenay, Pyrton, Swyncombe, Waterperry with Thomley	Whether the current governance arrangements remain appropriate.
CGR2	Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe	Creating a single parish council to cover both parishes.
CGR3	Benson, Ewelme	Amending the boundary of Benson parish so that the whole of RAF Benson lies within the parish.
CGR4	Wallingford, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Cholsey	Amending the boundary of Wallingford parish to include land bounded by Wallingford by-pass. Amending the boundary of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell parish to incorporate land north-east of Wantage Road, currently in Wallingford parish.
CGR5	Chinnor, Crowell	Amending the boundary of Chinnor parish to include Crowell.

CGR6	Clifton Hampden, Culham	Amending the boundaries of Clifton Hampden and Culham parishes to enable Culham Science Centre to sit wholly within one or other parish.
CGR7	Clifton Hampden	Increase the number of parish councillors to seven.
CGR8	Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford	Amending the boundary of Crowmarsh Gifford parish to include land east of the River Thames in the vicinity of Wallingford Bridge.
CGR9	Didcot, East Hagbourne, Long Wittenham, West Hagbourne	Amending the boundary of Didcot parish to incorporate that part of the Millbrook estate that is currently in East Hagbourne parish and parcels of land allocated for housing in Long Wittenham and West Hagbourne parishes.
CGR10	East Hagbourne	Creating a single ward parish.
CGR11	Goring	Reducing the number of parish councillors to 10 and renaming the parish Goring-on-Thames.
CGR12	Goring Heath, Mapledurham	Amending the boundary of Goring Heath parish to include the hamlet of Nuney Green, currently in Mapledurham parish.
CGR13	Great Milton, Waterstock	Creating a more logical boundary between Great Milton and Waterstock parishes in the vicinity of Oxford Services on the M40.
CGR14	Henley-on-Thames, Harpsden	Amending the boundary of Harpsden parish to include land south of Rotherfield Road currently in Henley-on-Thames parish. Amending the boundary of Henley-on-Thames parish to include land north of Gillott's Lane and land south of Grey's Road, both areas currently in Harpsden parish.
CGR15	Highmoor, Rotherfield	Amending the boundary of Highmoor parish to include the area of Satwell

	Greys	Close currently in Rotherfield Greys parish.
CGR16	North Moreton, South Moreton	Amending the boundary of North Moreton parish to include properties along Dunsomer Hill, currently in South Moreton parish.
CGR17	Nuneham Courtenay, Marsh Baldon	Amending the boundary of Nuneham Courtenay parish to include land on the west side of the A4074, currently in Marsh Baldon parish.
CGR18	Pishill with Stonor, Watlington, Swyncombe	Amending the boundary of Pishill with Stonor parish to include all properties in Russell's Water.
CGR19	Shiplake, Harpsden	Amending the boundary of Shiplake parish to include land south of Bolney Lane and land north of Woodland Road, both areas currently in Harpsden parish.
CGR20	Sonning Common, Rotherfield Peppard	Amending the boundary between Sonning Common and Rotherfield Peppard parishes.
CGR21	Sonning Common, Kidmore End, Eye and Dunsden	Reviewing the boundary of Sonning Common, Kidmore End and Eye and Dunsden parishes at the junction of Kennylands Road and Peppard Road.
CGR22	Sonning Common, Kidmore End	Amending the boundary of Sonning Common parish to include Chiltern Edge School, currently in Kidmore End parish.
CGR23	Sonning Common	To increase the number of councillors from the current 12 to 15.
CGR24	South Moreton, Aston Tirrold	Amending the boundary of South Moreton parish to include properties in Moreton Road, currently in Aston Tirrold parish.
CGR25	Tiddington with Albury, Waterstock	Amending the boundary of Tiddington with Albury parish in the vicinity of Oxford Road to create a more logical boundary with Waterstock parish.

CGR26	Watlington, Pyrton, Pishill with Stonor	Amending the boundary of Watlington parish to include all properties in Christmas Comon.
CGR27	Watlington, Pyrton	Amending the boundary of Watlington parish to include the playing field, currently in Pyrton parish.
CGR28	Wheatley, Holton	Amending the northern boundary of Wheatley parish to align with the A40, incorporating land currently in Holton parish.
CGR29	Goring Heath, Woodcote	Amending the boundary of Goring Heath parish to include the properties in Potkiln Lane lying south of a point 110 metres from the junction of Potkiln Lane and Long Toll, currently in Woodcote parish.

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
- housing developments that straddle parish boundaries, thereby resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours
- effective and convenient representation of local residents at parish level
- the LGBCE's proposals for the warding of South Oxfordshire for the purposes of district council elections
- the newly created county council electoral divisions
- 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

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. It is now nearly 15 years since a district wide review took place. The LGBCE has also recently completed a review of district warding arrangements, which has resulted in widespread changes some of which cut across existing parish boundaries. For these reasons the council considers it timely to carry out a



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CGR now, in time for implementation of any changes at the next scheduled parish council elections in 2015.

Consultation

These are the final terms of reference for this review, as amended by council at its meeting on the 20 February 2014. There is no further consultation on them.

The council has established a working group comprising six councillors to consider the parish matters identified in these terms of reference and make recommendations. Council considered the working group’s provisional recommendations at its meeting in February 2014, and decided what changes it wishes to propose. Formal consultation on these will commence in March and end on 31 May 2014. The council will consult directly those people living in properties that it is proposing moving from one parish to another.

Timetable

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

Action	Completion Date
Council considers responses to consultation and agrees final terms of reference	24 October 2013
Terms of reference published and consultation commences	1 November 2013
Initial consultation closes	31 January 2014
Council agrees draft proposals for consultation	20 February 2014
Further consultation closes	31 May 2014
Council agrees changes	17 July 2014

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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