

CGR 1

Parishes Affected

Drayton St Leonard, Newington, Nuneham Courtenay, Pyrton, Swyncombe, Waterperry with Thomley

Matter to be considered

Whether the current governance arrangements remain appropriate

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

All of the councils with the exception of Waterperry with Thomley (who have not replied at all) responded to the effect that they wished to continue to operate as independent parish councils. Drayton St Leonards and Newington indicated that in certain circumstances they might consider having a joint parish council, but that was not their current wish.

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

No change

Justification

The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils encouraged us to include this particular term of reference as it considers very small parish councils may be unviable. There are six parish councils in South Oxfordshire with an electorate below 200. We wrote to them all, none has shown any interest in reviewing their governance arrangements and the working group does not consider that there is sufficient evidence to justify recommending any change.

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