

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS AGREED BY STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 20 JULY 2023

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The following recommendations were agreed at the full Council meeting held on 20 July 2023.

The next stage is for a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to be implemented to bring the recommendations into effect for the next parish council elections in May 2024.

Except as set out below, no new parishes or parish councils should be constituted, no existing parish or parish councils should be abolished, no other areas of existing parishes should be altered, no parishes should be renamed and no other changes to existing parish arrangements should be made as part of this Community Governance Review.

### **AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS**

#### **Cam Parish Council Future Community Governance Review**

- a) A Community Governance Review for Cam parish is held before 2028.

##### Reason for decision:

Due to the scale of development in the North of Cam Parish it was decided that a future Community Governance Review would be necessary to ensure continued effective community governance.

#### **Frampton-On-Severn Parish Council Increase in Councillors**

- a) The number of Parish Councillors for Frampton-on-Severn Parish Council is increased to TEN.
- b) A Community Governance Review for Frampton-on-Severn Parish is considered in the future if the development at Oatfield becomes established.

##### Reason for decision:

Due to the development proposed to take place within the parish and the workload of the active parish council, the number of Parish Councillors should be increased for continued effective and convenient community governance. For this reason, it was also decided that a future Community Governance Review would also be necessary.

#### **Hunts Grove Parish Council Increase in Councillors**

- a) The number of Parish Councillors for Hunts Grove is increased to NINE.

##### Reason for decision:

Due to the development that has taken place within the parish and the workload of the active parish council, the number of Parish Councillors should be increased for continued effective and convenient community governance.

## **Minchinhampton and Brimscombe Parish Council Future Community**

### **Governance Review**

- a) A Community Governance Review for Minchinhampton Parish and Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish is held before 2028.

#### **Reason for decision:**

Brimscombe Parish Council were not included as part of the Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review, further consultation would be required to ensure that governance arrangements were reflective of the identity and interests of local communities. Furthermore, due to expected future developments in the area it was decided that a future Community Governance Review would be necessary.

## **Creation of Great Oldbury Parish Council and Amendments to Stonehouse**

### **Town, Eastington and Standish Parish**

- a) A new parish of Great Oldbury will be created and the parish should be called Great Oldbury Parish Council as shown on Map 1;
- b) The effective date for the new parish council will be the 1 April 2024, with elections for the parish council to take place in May 2024;
- c) Great Oldbury Parish Council should return SEVEN parish councillors;
- d) The parish should not be divided into wards;
- e) Changes are made to boundaries of the existing parishes of Eastington, Standish and Stonehouse as shown on Map 2;
- f) No changes are made to the councillor allocations for Standish Parish Council and Stonehouse Town Council; and
- g) The number of Parish Councillors for Eastington is decreased to NINE.
- h) A request to the LGBCE is made to amend the boundaries of Severn and Stonehouse District Wards to be coterminous with the new parish boundaries on the understanding that a District Ward review may need to take place as a result of the electoral variance in Severn Ward.

#### **Reason for decision:**

The creation of the parish better reflects the identities and interests of the community, and would provide effective and convenient local government. This recommendation is subject to the agreement of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as it affects 'protected electoral arrangements' within the meaning of section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

### **Stonehouse Town Council Creation of and Amendment to Ward Boundaries**

- a) The warding arrangements of the Town of Stonehouse are redrawn to create three wards, North, Central and South Wards as shown on Map 3;
- b) The allocation of Councillors is redistributed across the wards with an allocation of SIX Councillors for North Ward, FOUR Councillors for South Ward and FOUR Councillors for Central Ward.

#### **Reason for decision:**

The amended warding arrangements are necessary to provide effective and convenient community governance.

### **Standish Parish Council Future Community Governance Review**

- a) A Community Governance Review for Standish Parish is considered in the future the development at site PS19a becomes established.

#### **Reason for decision:**

Due to the development proposed to the South of Standish abutting the proposed Great Oldbury Parish it was decided that a future Community Governance Review would be necessary to ensure community governance continued to be effective and reflective of local community identities.

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