

Community Governance Review - Consultation Briefing Note No. 23-11

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Background

A Community Governance Review is a process where the governance arrangements of a parish may be altered by Wiltshire Council. The process is overseen and recommendations made by the Electoral Review Committee. Full Council would need to approve any recommendations.

This note is further to Briefing Note 22-18 announcing the commencement of a Community Governance Review for 2022/23, Briefing Note 22-21 regarding a pre-consultation survey as part of the information gathering phase, and Briefing Note 23-04 regarding a consultation on draft recommendations.

Parishes where Additional Draft recommendations for governance changes have been made

- Castle Combe
- Grittleton
- Heywood
- Nettleton
- Tidworth
- Westbury
- Yatton Keynell

Draft recommendations

Following analysis of all relevant information the Electoral Review Committee consulted upon Draft Recommendations from 7 February – 28 March 2023.

At a meeting on 20 April 2023 the Committee agreed some of its proposals for consideration by Full Council, and amended others, which would be subject to further consultation.

Additional Draft Recommendations Consultation

The full Additional Draft Recommendation document, and a public survey, can be found at the council's webpage: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr>

A consultation on the proposed changes will take place from 10 May – 7 June 2023

Next step

The committee will analyse responses to the consultation and will then determine whether to formulate its final recommendations, to be considered at council as soon as practical.

Any changes to electoral arrangements for parishes, arising from the current Community Governance Review, would need to come into effect at the next scheduled ordinary parish council elections in May 2025.

Any changes to the areas of parishes would have to be effective from the start of the financial year on 1 April 2025.