

CGR 19

Parishes Affected

Letcombe Regis

Matter to be considered

Increasing the number of parish councillors to eight

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

Letcombe Regis parish council requested the increase, “because the development of the Richmond retirement complex has resulted in an increase of approximately 200 residents in the village. The present number of 6 councillors is considered inadequate to effectively represent the increase in and diversity of residents.”

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

To increase the number of councillors for Letcombe Regis parish council to seven

Justification

The National Association of Local Councils recommends that parish councils representing up to 900 electors have seven representatives and those with an electorate of 1400 have eight. The electorate of Letcombe Regis is around 550 thus the working group recommends that council support the principle of an increase in the current number but only to seven rather than eight.