

Appendix three

Vale of White Horse District Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

The council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee ("the committee") has agreed to undertake a number of community governance reviews (CGRs) pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 of parts of the district of Vale of White Horse. The 2007 Act vested powers in the council to undertake such reviews and the council has delegated those powers to the committee.

The committee will undertake the reviews 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 March 2010 ("the guidance").

Proposals for consideration

The committee proposes to consider the following parish matters:

CGR reference	Parish/Area	Matters to be considered
CGR_A(13)	Grove, East Challow	Amending the boundary of Grove parish to include Grove Technology Park, currently in East Challow parish (subject to LGBCE consent) Map attached
CGR_B(21)	Kennington, Radley Kennington, Radley and Sunningwell	Amending the boundary of Radley parish to include Chandlings Manor school currently in Kennington parish (subject to LGBCE consent) Map attached OR Amending the boundary of Sunningwell parish to include land to the west of Oxford Road currently in Kennington and Radley parishes (subject to LGBCE consent) Map attached

CGR_C(24)	Wantage, Grove and Lockinge	Amending the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Stockham Farm currently in Grove parish; and at Crab Hill, currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes (subject to LGBCE consent) Map attached - ??two separate reviews
CGR_E	Longworth	A review of the parish warding arrangements
CGR_F	East Hanney	A review of parish councillor numbers. Not yet considered by the committee
CGR_G	South Hinksey	A review of possible warding arrangements. Not yet considered by the committee

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 newly created wards of Vale of White Horse District Council for the purposes of district council elections
- the divisions of Oxfordshire County Council for the purposes of county council elections
- 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 reviews?

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. The council completed a review of the whole district in 2014 but at that time deferred certain reviews (CGR_A(13), CGR_B(21) and CGR_C(24)) until after the district council elections in May 2015. Since that time, several other parishes have asked the council to conduct a further review of their electoral arrangements **and the committee has agreed to carry out those reviews.**

Consultation

The committee will consult formally on the reviews. This will include those people living in properties directly affected by any changes to parish boundaries.

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 complies with the legal requirement.

Action	Completion Date
Publication of final terms of reference	October 2016
Consultation commences	November 2016
Consultation closes	31 January 2017
Committee agrees draft proposals for consultation	March 2017
Further consultation commences	April 2017
Further consultation closes	30 June 2017
Committee agrees changes	July 2017

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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