

Subject: Community Governance Review

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Dear parish clerks

I am writing to advise you that Vale of White Horse District Council will be undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) during 2022 with any agreed changes implemented for the 2023 elections. The purpose of this email is to give you advance warning of what is happening, so that your parish council or parish meeting can start thinking about whether it wishes to seek any changes and submit these for consideration. The council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee will undertake the review and make the final decision on any alterations. I have set out below the issues that the review will cover:

- Altering the existing boundary of a parish.
- Creating, merging or abolishing parishes.
- Changing the name of existing parishes.
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. how many parish councillors are required and parish warding).
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council, or de-grouping parishes.
- The "style" of a parish (enabling an area to be known as a town, community, neighbourhood or village rather than a parish).

For information guidance states that it is good practice for principal councils to undertake CGRs every 10-15 years. This council undertook an extensive district wide review in 2013/14 and a further review of specific areas/issues in 2017/18. The council has agreed to undertake a community governance review every four years with changes agreed for implementation at the next scheduled parish elections – in this case 2023. As with the review in 2017/18, this review is intended to pick up issues raised within parishes since the last review.

The Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee will meet in early February to consider any requests and agree the terms of reference for the review. I would therefore be grateful if you would submit any requests for matters to be considered with supporting evidence by 21 January 2022. Any parish councils which have submitted matters for review previously are requested to provide confirmation.

Regards

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Advance notice of annual leave – 16 – 20 December 2021.

30 May 2022 – 10 June 2022