

Community Governance Review

Stage 1 results



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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the consultation that was carried out in respect of the recent Community Governance Review. This report outlines those findings and provides recommendations for the next stage of the review.

1.2 Four recommendations have been made:

- To complete a full review of the boundaries of Swindon Village Parish and Prestbury Parish, including Wyman's Brook to establish which Parish it should sit in
- To complete a full review of the unparished area between Prestbury and Charlton Kings to understand if it should be incorporated into one of the already established councils
- To consider setting up a new Parish for Benhall and The Reddings
- Cheltenham. This consultation question would provide an overview of what a Town Council could be responsible for and provide some options as to its boundaries.

2. Aims of this report and methodology

2.1 This report's aims are as follows:

- To explore the responses provided in Stage 1 of the Community Governance Review (CGR) and provide some analysis of the survey responses
- To present any full proposals for new Town or Parish Councils or changes to pre-existing parish councils
- To provide a number of recommendations which will form the basis of Stage 2 of the CGR

2.2 Methodology

2.2.1 Quantitative analysis: both the automatic analysis that is provided by Microsoft forms was utilised, alongside excel, in order to provide more of an insight into the answers given by those who responded.

2.2.2 Where appropriate, analysis has been conducted to show where some questions linked with others and to see if there was any impact on certain questions dependent on the area of Cheltenham they are referring to.

2.2.3 Qualitative analysis: broadly speaking thematic analysis was used to group the information provided in the free text questions. In order to not change the meaning of suggestions or answers, these quotes have in the most part been kept as the original answer given. In some cases, a summary has been provided where answers were very similar or where specific suggestions were not identified.

2.2.4 Proposals: where more detailed proposals have been provided, these have been summarised for the purpose of the report. For reassurance, when reviewing the proposal, it was considered in full. Any maps have been added to the appendix.

2.2.5 In order to develop the recommendations, all survey responses and proposals were reviewed by the Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring officer, who drafted the initial recommendations. Following these they were reviewed by the CGR working group (made up of Council Members of Cheltenham Brough Council). Members were presented with the recommendations documented in this report and asked to review them (alongside the report in full).

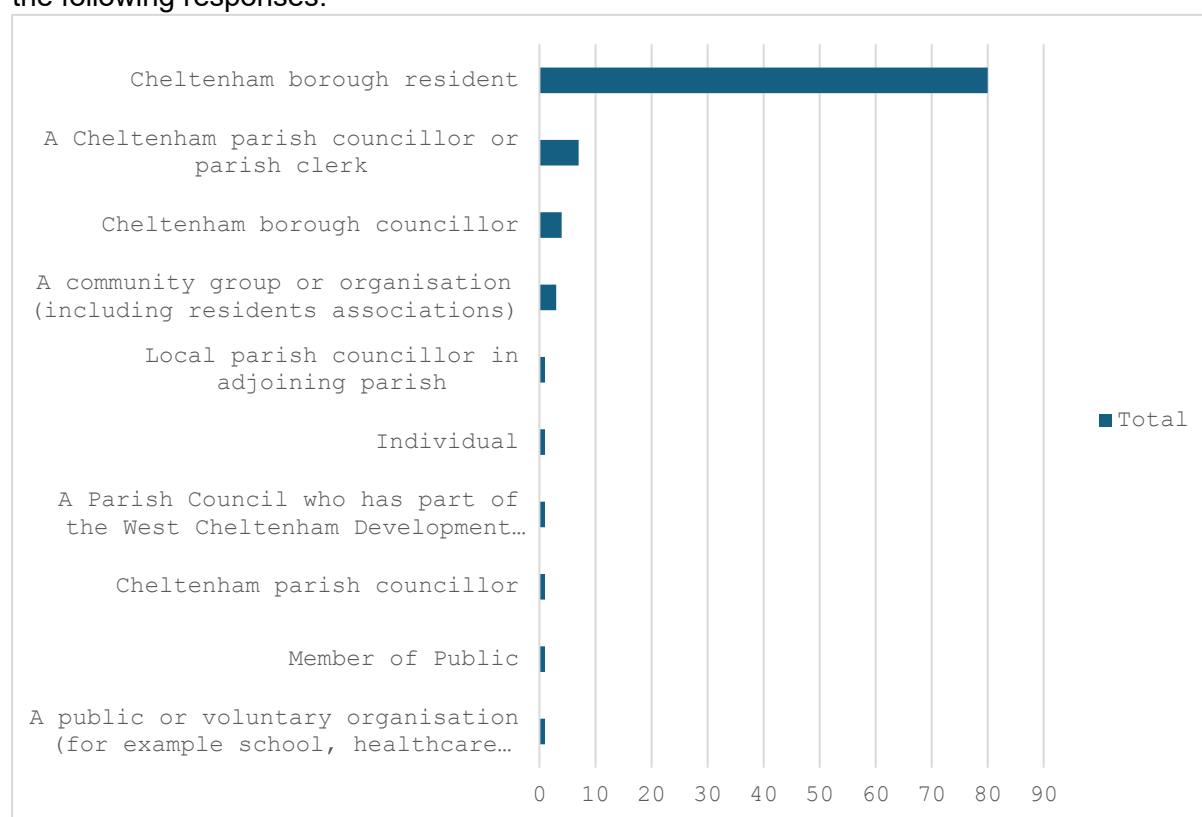
3. Quantitative analysis

3.1 Who responded?

3.1.1 101 responses were provided to the survey, 99 of these responses were online and 2 were in paper form. With a population of 118.84K this means that there is a 9.55% confidence level, meaning we can only be 90% confident that the answers provided are representative of Cheltenham residents. In order to reduce the margin of error to 5% providing a 95% confidence, we would have needed 383 responses to the survey.

3.1.2 Some full proposals were emailed into the inbox provided; these were all from already established local councils. This does increase the representation of responses; however we cannot accurately assess how members of the public might have been consulted in the development of these proposals.

3.1.3 When asked in what capacity are you are responding to this consultation, we received the following responses:



3.2 How they heard about the survey?

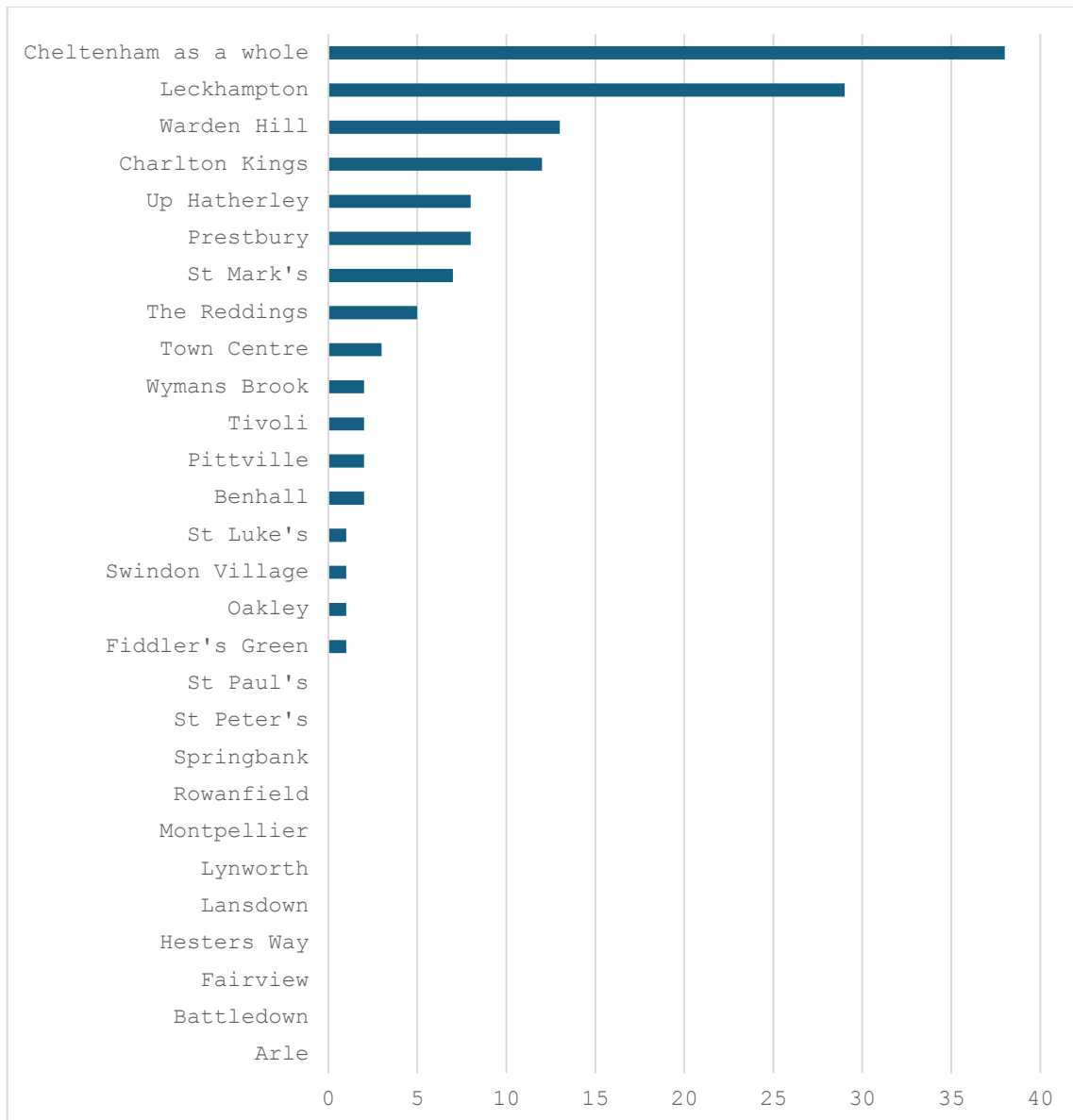
3.2.1 We asked respondents to provide information on how they heard about the consultation, the following responses were received:

Form of communication	Count of responses
Leaflet or flyer	24
Cheltenham Borough Council's social media	15
Other social media	10
Your local councillor	9
Local news/media	6
Word of mouth	6
Cheltenham Borough Council's website	3
Other social media/ Your local councillor	1
Word of mouth/Cheltenham Borough Council's website	1

3.2.2 A number of respondents also selected other and informed us they were told through their Parish Council or a community group.

3.3 Areas of Cheltenham

3.3.1 When asked which area of Cheltenham respondents wished to comment on, the following responses were provided:

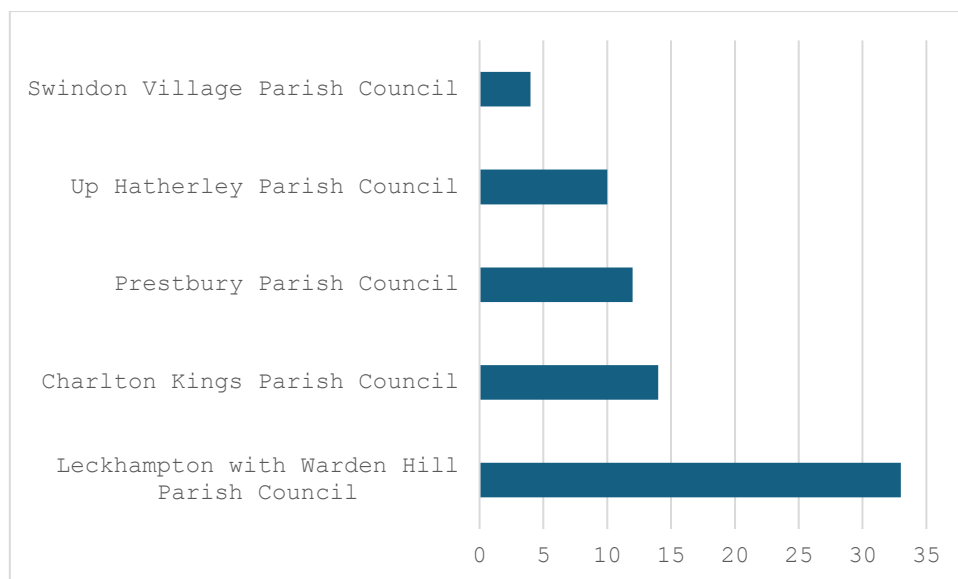


3.3.2 Unfortunately, no responses were received in respect of St Paul's, St Peter's, Springbank, Rowanfield, Montpellier, Lynworth, Lansdown, Hesters Way, Fairview, Battledown or Arle. This may be because respondents did not have any comments to make on those areas or considered those areas to be aligned with other parts of Cheltenham. Alternatively, we do acknowledge that those areas may not have received information about this consultation and therefore may not have been able to comment. We will be reflecting on the feedback provided in Stage 1 to improve our communication for Stage 2.

3.4 Existing Parishes

3.4.1 63% of respondents wished to comment on existing parishes.

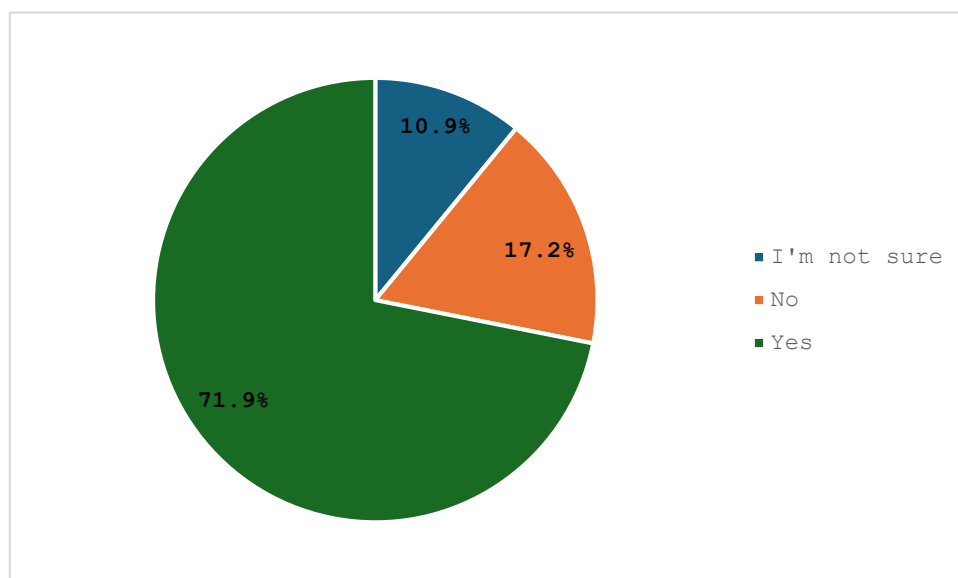
3.4.2 When asked which council they wished to comment on, responses were as below, with Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish being the most popular response:



3.4.3 When asked how much they agree with the following statements, respondents said the following:



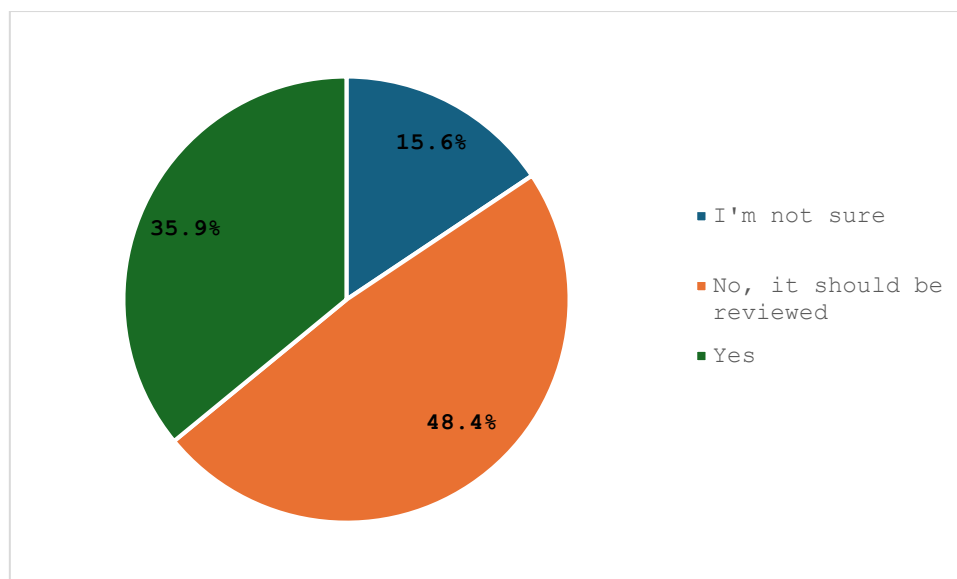
3.4.4 Most respondents feel that the name of their parish reflects their community (71.9%).



3.4.5 asked

When if

respondents felt the parish boundary they were commenting on was suitable for the community, responses were somewhat split, 35.9% said yes, however 48.4% said no it should be reviewed.



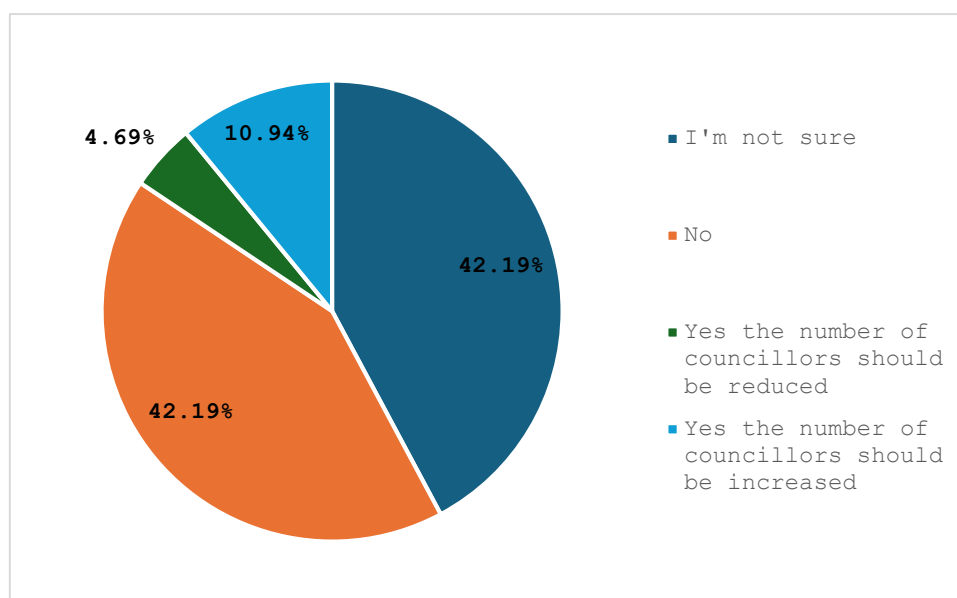
3.11 Of those who said no, 11% were commenting on the area of Prestbury and 6% were commenting on Cheltenham as a whole. The rest were relatively split across many different areas of Cheltenham (with around 2% per area).

3.12 Of those who said yes, 9% were commenting on Charlton Kings, 8% were commenting on Warden Hill and 8% were commenting on Leckhampton. This is somewhat contradictory to the free-text comments which are explored more in the next section.

3.13 Those who responded 'I'm not sure' were relatively split across areas of Cheltenham.

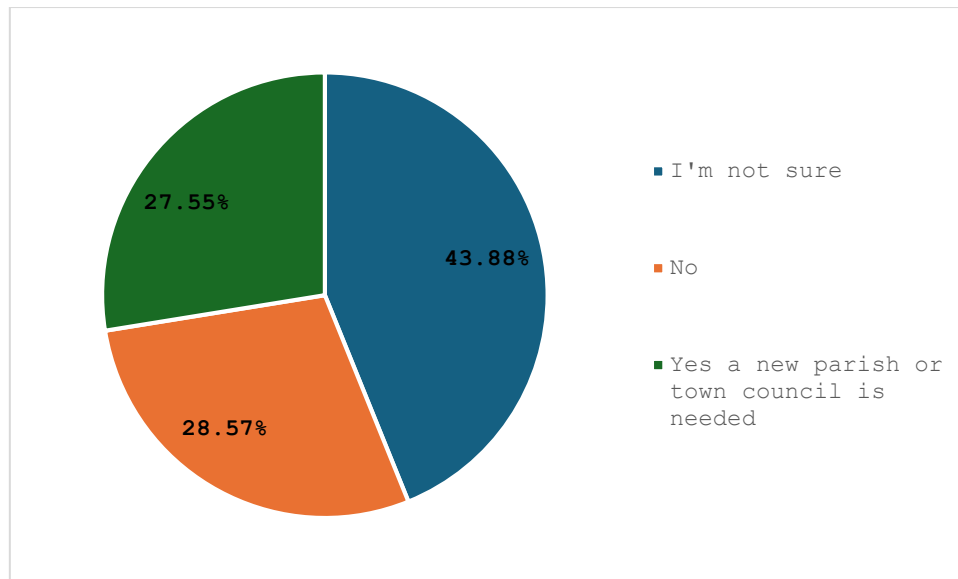
3.5 Councillor Numbers

3.5.1 When asked if councillor numbers should change, the following responses were provided, most people said no, or not sure. Of those who said yes several said that change should be proportional to the parish area.



3.6 New Town or Parish Council

3.6.1 Respondents were then asked if a new Parish or Town Council should be created. Most people said No or I'm not sure. For those who said yes and provided more detail, their answers are explored more in the qualitative analysis.



4. Qualitative analysis

4.1 There were several free text questions asked throughout the survey. These questions were:

4.2 Question 13 – “Do you think the name of your parish reflects your community and its identity” Please tell us why below. If you have an alternative name suggestion for your parish, you may wish to include this in your answer.

- Of the 101 responses, 90 did not provide a comment to this question, therefore only 10 free text responses were received.

4.3 Question 15 – “Do you think your parish boundary is suitable for your community?” Please describe how you think this boundary, or boundaries should change.

- Of the 101 responses, 42 did not provide a comment to this question.

4.4 Question 17 – “Should the number of councillors in your parish council change?” Please enter any additional comments

- Of the 101 responses, 74 did not provide a comment, 26 comments were received on the number of councillors.

4.5 Question 19 – “Should a new parish or town council be created in Cheltenham?” Please describe your proposal, including how it should be created, suggested boundaries, and a name for the new parish.

- Of the 101 responses received 78 respondents did not provide a proposal, 20 provided a suggestion and 3 provided a full proposal.

4.6 Question 20 - Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the CGR?

- Of the 101 responses received, 55 did not provide any further comments.
- Of those who did provide comment a number of themes were identified:
 1. Comments on the survey and or process of a CGR itself
 2. Lack of communication of this review

3. Issues regarding bureaucracy or finances at local government level
4. General opinions given on CBC
5. Comments regarding specific councillors or parishes
6. Comments on the Cheltenham boundaries with neighbouring councils, which was not the focus of this review

4.7 The remaining free text comments have then been grouped below.

4.8 Suggestions but not full proposals

4.8.1 When providing comment on the amendment to Parishes, comments largely fell into two groups, those commenting on Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish Council, and those commenting on Prestbury Parish Council.

4.8.2 Leckhampton and Warden Hill:

- "Polling district EB should be added to Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish"
- "Polling district TA should also be added to Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish"
- "Polling district TD, being included in Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish"
- "The piece to the right of Old Bath Road up to Pillford Road/Ct from Everest Road roundabout should be brought into Leckhampton"
- "All of the Leckhampton addresses should be part of Leckhampton parish"
- "I notice that the Redrow development off Farm Lane is not included within the Leckhampton parish, this should be considered"
- "Leckhampton has a long history, and would benefit from a parish council focussed on this community. At the moment, the current parish boundary includes arbitrary parts of Warden Hill, which have no historical or geographical connection to Leckhampton. It doesn't even include all of Warden Hill. Warden Hill was only recently taken under the wing of Leckhampton Parish Council after it was unable to sustain itself as an active parish council. The experiment of including Warden Hill within Leckhampton PC has not been a success"
- "I feel that certain areas next to Leckhampton should be included in this parish such as Bournside and parts of Old Bath Road"
- "Leckhampton and warden hill could take in Bournside and pilley areas which do not have a parish council"
- "Leckhampton and warden hill should include Pilford Road which is currently not in the parish"
- "We would like to add polling district EB in Leckhampton which is currently unparished, but which faces Leckhampton (most of the roads being cul-de-sac joining the Old Bath Road) and in which local people believe they live in Leckhampton not Charlton Kings or any other parish or area"
- "We would also like to add polling districts TA and TD, the Bournside area of Warden Hill. This is also currently unparished but has been represented by Warden Hill ward borough councillors and the Leckhampton & Warden Hill County councillor for many years and includes the whole length of Warden Hill Road"
- "The number of new builds on the Leckhampton side of the A46 may alter the balance with Warden Hill. Not sure whether it is still appropriate or effective to keep them under a single parish council"
- "When LWWH parish was expanded in 2018, the small area of housing between LWWH parish and Charlton Kings parish was not included. If CBC were merged into Gloucestershire or into a new unitary authority it would make sense to include these area in one or other of the two parishes depending on what the residents prefer. In

the past there has also been suggestion of splitting LWWH parish and merging WH with Hatherley and Park Ward and then including the wards north of the Leckhampton parish area into a new Leckhampton Parish. Personally, I think the present LWWH parish boundary works well, but it could be enlarged a bit to the north without making the parish too large to be effective. Around 2016-2018 all of the CBC councillors for WH and Leckhampton wards were members also of LWWH parish council and this worked well. It is a good model for how a parish council should work to represent residents if the borough council were to be abolished.”

- “Adjacent non-parished areas (e.g. Pilley) should be included [In Leckhampton Parish], to reach as far as the borough boundary and that of neighbour parishes (Hatherley, Charlton Kings)”
- “I live in the Pilley area (Southfield Approach) and so am just outside the boundaries of the existing parishes. I think this area should be included in Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish so that we have local representation at parish level as well as at Borough Council level”
- “Split Leckhampton and Warden Hill.”

4.8.3 Prestbury:

- “Prestbury is a split Parish with the Wyman's Brook area almost totally ignored”
- “The Wymans Brook area within the existing parish boundary just does not seem to fit in to the rest of Prestbury”
- “The western boundary of Prestbury parish is much too far from the village”
- “Move Prestbury parish to Prestbury village”
- “The western extent that almost reaches Swindon Village and part of the Windyridge area is too far from the heart of Prestbury and should be removed from the parish”

4.8.4 The remaining suggestions were as follows:

- “The boundary for Charlton Kings should end at Sandy Lane, a natural divide between Leckhampton and Charlton Kings”
- “The current Parish Boundary adequately reflects the community of Up Hatherley apart from the fact that the rural element of the Parish was lost when Tewkesbury Borough Council was formed as parish boundaries cannot cross those of the Borough. The Reddings could easily be integrated into Up Hatherley as we share many common issues/ problems. This would work geographically and also because of those shared interests , however if Benhall decide to from a Parish Council it may also work for The Reddings to join in with them” [SIC]
- “a good model might be to expand existing parish councils to cover all of Cheltenham perhaps also creating a new central parish and to greatly expand the role of the C5 meetings, which currently provide co-ordination between borough and parishes”

4.8.5 Some responses provided comment on new Parishes or Town Council:

Many of these responses suggested parishing, unparished areas for example:

- “The unparished areas of Warden Hill and Leckhampton should be included”
- “The Reddings is a growing parish and should be represented as a parish council with Benhall”
- “All of Cheltenham should have devolved parish councils to ensure local democracy continues in light of the government's change to unitary authorities”

- “St Mark’s doesn’t have a parish council...I propose Cheltenham Poets Parish Council as a name”
- “Areas of Cheltenham not currently parishes will need representation / management outside of the existing parishes following LGR as many responsibilities will be passed down from whatever Unitary set up is finalised” [SIC]
- “The large unparished area of central and west Cheltenham should be made into TWO new parishes, divided by the railway line, leaving the existing outer parishes broadly alone”
- “We would like the review to consider the creation of a new parish council for Benhall and The Reddings that would serve the particular needs of this part of Cheltenham, which we believe are different from other non-parished areas of the town that may also fall into a new town council. Discussions about the prospect of a B&R parish have taken place and have local support. The community centre is a valuable asset and a parish council for our area would be in a strong position to take on its management and maximise its benefit for local residents, ensuring its long-term sustainability. The R&DCA committee would welcome the opportunity to consult further with the Council on this”

4.8.6 Other comments focused on a Town Council:

- “When Gloucestershire becomes unitary depending on the boundaries there may be a need for a Cheltenham Town Council to represent the people of Cheltenham with the large unitary”
- “When new unitary authority is created we will need to have a town council for Cheltenham and probably abolish Parish Councils”
- “Once borough and County councils are abolished, Cheltenham will need a town council so residents have a more accessible body to access”
- “As per my previous comments, it would be good if a Cheltenham Town Council could be established which encompasses all the unparished parts of Cheltenham”
- “It looks as if the Borough Councillors who represent St Marks now may be swept away under reorganisation proposals. If this is going to be the case, we need to create a new parish or Town Council to represent the local people”
- “Create a town council to complement the existing parish councils”
- “Should the expansion of Swindon Parish Council not be possible, I would then recommend unparished areas in the ward are integrated under a Town Council for Cheltenham. I would suggest this Town Council is established in either case to ensure residents in unparished parts of Cheltenham still have that level of local representation when the unitary authority is established”

4.9 Other ‘General’ views

4.9.1 Some of the comments provided in the free text boxes had concerns about Parish or Town council set ups generally:

- “I’d do away with the parish set up”
- “Too many parishes (our address is Up Hatherley, but we are classed as Warden Hill/Leckhampton). Parishes should be merged for efficiency”
- “A single parish for the whole of Cheltenham”
- “Cheltenham itself does not need a new town/borough council”
- “Merge current parishes to create South, Southwest, Southeast etc”
- “I am concerned that when town and borough councils are dissolved, and unitary council (one/two for Gloucestershire) is created there will be a need to create new

parish councils and/or town councils for un-parishes areas (most of Cheltenham) so we will end up with just as much red tape and the public still not understanding who is responsible for which services and we'll have spent hundreds of thousands £ on the reorganisation" [SIC]

- "The only slight positive from being in the enlarged parish should be their input on planning decisions - but the Borough Council are the LPA and the objections by the parish seem to be ignored anyway so I suggest doing away with the extra layer of bureaucracy"

4.9.2 There were also some general views provided that didn't focus on a specific proposal:

- Some people opposed the idea of a town council, stating it could be at the expense of current parish councils or be too big for Cheltenham
- Some gave personal views on not wanting to change parishes as they were happy paying for the parish they are in
- Others provided general views on parish councillor numbers, stating they should only increase in proportion to the size of the parish
- One person said "A complete review of all parishes and boundaries taking into account new property developments is probably overdue"
- Another said: "LGR may increase the remit of parish councils and therefore their governance and accountability needs strengthening"

4.10 Full proposals/ more detailed proposals

4.10.1 In addition to comments provided in the survey, some, more detailed proposals were provided:

4.10.2 Proposal 1 - Swindon Village Parish amendment (from survey responses)

Summary: There are areas of the Swindon Village ward which are currently unparished, such as the areas south of Wyman's Brook and south of Swindon Road from Bridge Street to Queen Street, which could really benefit from being part of Swindon Parish Council. Swindon Parish Council's borders should be expanded to include the whole of Swindon Village ward.

- a) Swindon Parish Council already covers Mandarin Way and Pendil Close in Wyman's Brook, and I believe it would strongly help community cohesion if the Swindon Parish Council boundary was extended to cover all of the unparished parts of Wyman's Brook (down to Swindon Road).
- b) The Parish Council should also be expanded to cover the area of Swindon Village ward from Swindon Road down to Bridge Street and up to Queen Street.
- c) Crucially, areas of higher deprivation will have access to Parish Council funds if the Parish Council's boundary is expanded (particularly CIL money, which is allocated specifically to Parishes). This could unlock significant improvements to the local area, and help tackle graffiti, fly-tipping, traffic, and other issues across the whole of the ward.
- d) I'm conscious that attempts to implement a Neighbourhood Forum for unparished residents have been discussed previously. However, many of the residents in unparished areas of the ward do not have the time or resources to establish such a Forum. It therefore would be good to have an already established Parish Council representing them.

[If accepted] this could potentially result in a move to a larger council with multiple employees. That said, the new developments in the Parish Council's already existing boundaries could contribute a significant amount of CIL funding to the Parish Council, which may help alleviate potential costs with expansion and could, in fact, make expansion more feasible.

I would also recommend, if possible, that areas of Prestbury Parish Council in the Swindon Village ward (from Mandarin Way to the railway line by St Nicholas Church) are transferred from Prestbury Parish Council to Swindon Parish Council. This is again to help with representative and communal cohesion.

4.10.3 Proposal 2 - Prestbury parish proposal (see Appendix A for maps regarding this proposal)

Summary: Three elements to the proposal:

1. There is a clear unparished gap between Prestbury and Charlton Kings Parish that includes Priors Farm. The boundary of Charlton Kings Parish at Battledown is clear and logical, so we suggest this unparished area is brought into Prestbury by extending the Parish boundary to follow the Borough Boundary between Noverton and the boundary with Charlton Kings Parish.
2. We also propose to bring Whaddon into Prestbury Parish. The obvious boundary, especially after the previous change, would be to follow Hewlett Road west to Pitville Circus Road, then follow that to the Prestbury Road roundabout, proceed along Wellington Road and then north up Evesham Road. We would continue this new boundary up Evesham Road until it meets our existing boundary at the Hyde Brook crossing. This detaches the part of the Parish that forms the northern part of Wymans Brook from Prestbury. [SIC]
3. We believe that the outcome should be to have the entire area comprising CBC represented by Town or Parish Councils. We are proposing a central Cheltenham Town Council, and a ring of Parish Councils based on the existing Parishes, but adapted to ensure all areas are covered.

We believe that the next stage of consultation must address the question of how facilities unlike any currently managed by a parish council and currently provided by CBC are to be delivered. Examples include the Cemetery, the major parks and the Honeybourne line. Similarly, relationships between Parish and Town Councils and the Cheltenham Trust will need to be clarified. Small parks and play areas will also need consideration, as will office facilities for new Councils.

4.10.4 Proposal 3 - Swindon Village parish council proposal (See Appendix B for maps regarding this proposal)

Summary: With the addition of Elms Park, the nature of the Parish will change significantly. Elms Park will triple the number residential properties in the Parish. It will provide a local centre with wide ranging community facilities alongside a natural "town centre" similar to Bath Road near Gloucestershire University or London Road at the centre of Charlton Kings. Elms Park, once fully developed, will also provide much improved pedestrian connections between the north and south of the Parish. Presently the main residential centres are cut in two by the Kingsditch industrial estate and agricultural land with limited north-south footpaths. 20th July 2025

Our response to this community governance has been developed to reflect this significant change to the Parish, centred on the new hub and facilities at the southern end of Elms Park just North of Tewkesbury Road. This area is outside the boundaries of Cheltenham Borough Council. Whilst we acknowledge that its inclusion inside the Parish is outside of the scope of this CGR we believe its impact is so fundamental to the Parish, we can't not ignore it.

The Council proposes three principal changes to the Parish Boundaries (shown below):

- a) Expansion to the West: a merger with Uckington Parish Council providing one single authority to manage Elms Park and the surrounding area,
- b) Expansion to the South: reflecting the impact of new residential developments along Village Road and their proximity to Elms Park's new centre,
- c) Options to the East: the inclusion of currently parished areas of Wymans Brook in a new Parish Council area.

4.10.5 Proposal 4 - Charlton Kings proposal:

Summary: We welcome Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) undertaking a full CGR ahead of likely local government reorganisation. We see the benefits of parishing the borough and believe parish and town councils strengthen communities. However, we do not believe parishing an area makes a community, and it is imperative already established communities are considered when any plans are made. The proposal falls into 5 elements:

- 1. The unparished area to the east of Old Bath Road is within the current Balcarras catchment and we feel it would be sensible for these residents to join our parish.
- 2. The boundary between CKPC and Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council runs through a group of houses on Daisybank Road, with neighbours in different parishes. This seem unnecessary and could be amended to keep residents together.
- 3. There is also an argument to include properties to the east of Hales Road in our parish. However, if the Coltham Fields area were to be parished, we feel residents there would doubtless prefer to be included in that new parish area.
- 4. The same can be said for the Oakley Farm development. We are already actively considering how we can welcome residents of this new community into our parish. However, we also see merits in them joining a parished area in Oakley were that to be created.
- 5. We strongly believe residents in Birdlip Road should remain part of our parish regardless of any new parished area north of them. They were consulted in 2017, along with three other areas of the parish, and stated their preference to be part of Charlton Kings. These properties cannot be accessed by car from Oakley and as such should not be included in any new parish area.

4.10.6 Proposal 5 - Town Council

Summary: My suggested name for the new parish council should be Cheltenham Spa Town Council. This would have a strong historical resonance, emphasise its connection with the town centre rather than the peripheral parishes and clearly distinguish it from the (soon to be) former Cheltenham Borough Council.

The unitary council, envisaged by HMG's local government reorganisation, is created to avoid the obvious anomaly of having a Cheltenham Borough Council simultaneously with a new Town Council. [SIC] It should ideally emulate other significant town councils like

Taunton, Bridgwater, Abingdon and Witney and be ambitious to take over discretionary services particularly important to Cheltenham such as arts funding for institutions like the Cheltenham Festivals, Wilson Art Gallery and Museum and Everyman Theatre and Cheltenham's central parks and gardens.

The boundaries of the new Town Council should exclude the existing C5 parishes and any new peripheral parish area where the community expresses a strong desire to establish a parish or community council. The most obvious candidates for this would be the Benhall and the Reddings area which has a strong sense of local identity, and the Hesters Way area (perhaps with Springbank) which has already established a Neighbourhood Forum that has drafted a Neighbourhood Plan.

A prerequisite for establishing a Town Council in the centre and/or west of town that ran significant discretionary services like parks and arts would be that agreement would have to be reached with the existing and new parishes to raise equivalent precepts and remit much of these to the new Cheltenham Spa Town Council to run these services on behalf of the whole town. It would not be acceptable for a central Town Council to raise a precept comparable to larger town councils elsewhere like Cirencester (£252), Taunton (£299) or Bridgwater (£411) to run institutions that benefit the whole town while the most affluent parishes continued to charge their parishioners at rates like Charlton Kings (£48), LwWH (£36), Prestbury (£35) or Up Hatherley (£13) which are closer to those of rural parishes.

4.10.7 Proposal 6 - C5

Summary - At the moment there are 5 Parish Councils within the borders of Cheltenham. The aim should be to Parish the rest of Cheltenham. The new Parishes should be no bigger than today's Charlton Kings PC but reflect the boundaries of the new unitary authority wards. Today's parish Councils may have to have their boundaries tweaked to reflect this.

Today we have an unofficial grouping of the Parish Councils called C5. This grouping is where the 5 Parish Councils talk together on subjects of joint interest.

With the new unitary structure C5 (as was but renamed) should be put on a formal basis and have a part time Clerk. The Parish Councils of Cheltenham will have many Parish Councillors on the ground and will be experts on what is happening in their area, while the Unitary authority will have only perhaps 100 Councillors in the whole of Gloucestershire. With the boundaries aligned Unitary Councillors will have the opportunity to report back to their Parish Council. The mission of the new C5 structure is to exchange views and ideas on subjects of joint interest and inform the new unitary Council of the views of Cheltenham residents on important topics of the day when required. The aim is to not to reproduce CBC structures.

5. Recommendations

1. To complete a full review of the boundaries of Swindon Village Parish and Prestbury Parish, including Wyman's Brook to establish which Parish it should sit in
 - a. Why – this was recommended as part of one of the more detailed proposals that was provided in the consultation, furthermore a number of survey responses mention Wyman's Brook.
2. To complete a full review of the unparished area between Prestbury and Charlton Kings to understand if it should be incorporated into one of the already established councils

- a. Why – this was a recommended in two of the more detailed proposals in response to the consultation.
- 3. To consider setting up a new Parish for Benhall and The Reddings
 - a. Why – this was a key focus of a number of survey responses and was also suggested in one detailed proposal that focused on the Town council, but made other recommendations
- 4. To directly ask the public, in stage 2 of the CGR, if they would like to see a Town Council in Cheltenham. This consultation question would provide an overview of what a Town Council could be responsible for and provide some options as to its boundaries.
 - a. Why – the development of a Town Council was suggested by a number of respondents to the survey, and a more detailed proposal was also provided

Considerations that were given but recommendations will not be made:

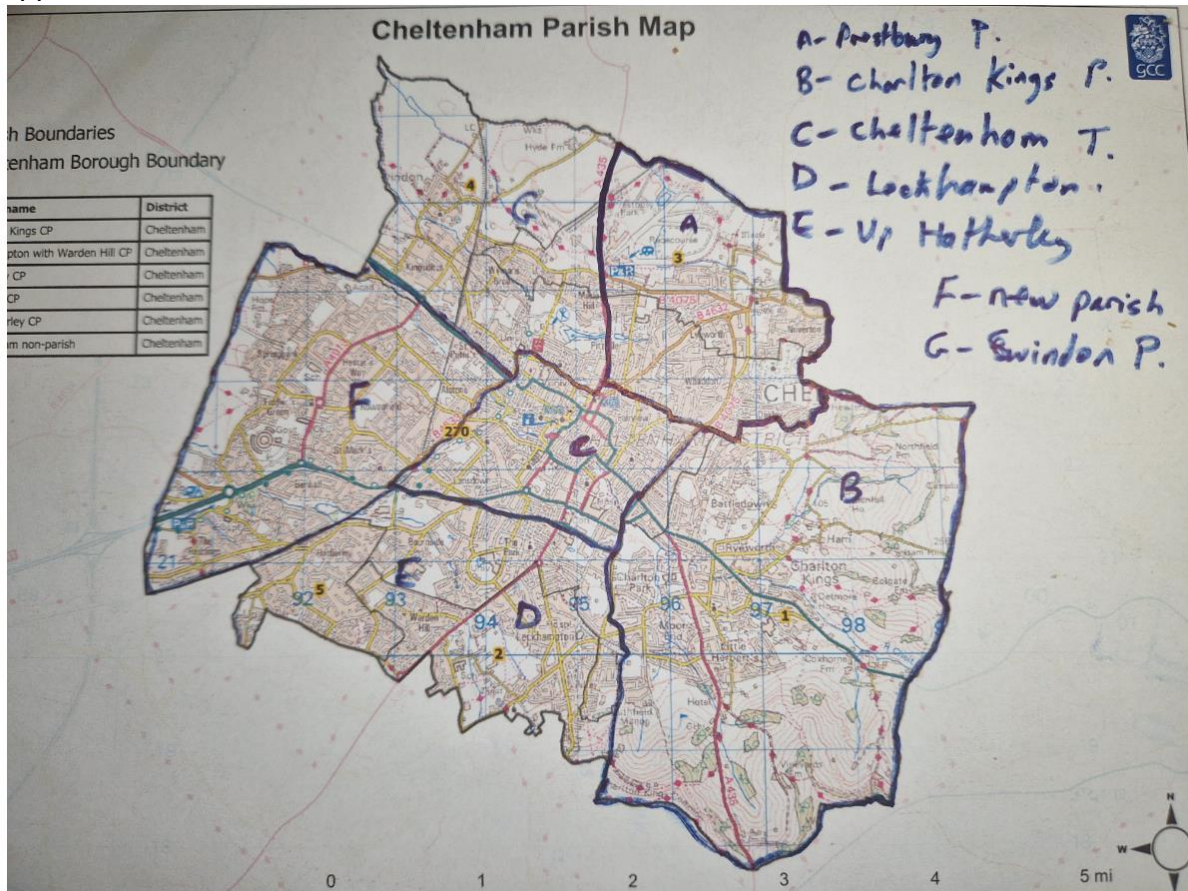
- 5. Some proposals mentioned reviewing the external boundaries of Cheltenham Borough – This CGR cannot consider putting forward any recommendations regarding a boundary that crosses into another district council. Specifically, a number of a proposals and survey answers referenced a single Parish for Elms Park, as this location crosses the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury boundaries, this is not currently possible. However, in the future when any new unitary is established, it is possible that a further review could be carried out which would consider district council boundaries.
- 6. Councillor numbers – Depending on the results of Stage 2 of the CGR, if it is agreed that a new local council (Town or Parish) will be established, or a current Parish Council expanded, then there will need to be a recommendation for the number of councillors to be increased relative to the size of that Council.

6. Next steps

6.1 Once this report has been reviewed by Full Council, the recommendations will form the basis of a secondary survey. This survey will be more specific and ask communities of Cheltenham to consider if they believe these recommendations should be approved.

7. Appendix

Appendix A



Appendix B

