

Community Governance Review 2026 – Summary of draft proposals

The amendments proposed to Parish and Town Councils within the Stroud District as outlined in full in the Community Governance Review of the Stroud District Draft Recommendations are:

Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council

It is recommended that:

- a) The boundary between Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council and Minchinhampton Parish Council (Brimscombe Ward) be amended as shown on Map 1 to transfer the Albert Road, Orchard Land and Victoria Road area, together with Wimberley Park and Dark Mills development sites, into Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council (Brimscombe and Thrupp Division 2).
- b) The Working Group invites further representations during the second consultation stage from residents and stakeholders within the affected area regarding whether the proposed boundary amendment would better reflect the identities and interests of the community and facilitate effective and convenient local government.
- c) No changes are proposed at this stage to the current allocation of NINE Parish Councillors for Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council. However, the Working Group would welcome further representations on whether the existing councillor allocation would continue to provide fair and effective representation should the proposed boundary amendment be implemented.

Chalford Parish Council

It is recommended that:

- a) The existing Parish Hill Ward and Valley Ward be merged into a single Parish Ward known as 'Chalford Ward', as shown on Map 2;
- b) The allocation of Parish Councillors for the proposed Chalford Ward, named in recommendation a) above, is reduced from EIGHT to SIX;
- c) There is no change to the existing Bussage Ward Councillor allocations or boundaries; and
- d) The Working Group invites further representations during the second consultation stage regarding whether there is support amend the name of the Parish to 'Chalford and Bussage Parish Council'.

Frampton on Severn Parish Council

It is recommended that the number of Parish Councillors be decreased from TEN to NINE.

Great Oldbury Parish Council

It is recommended that:

- a. The number of Parish Councillors be increased from SEVEN to NINE.
- b. No change is made to the boundary between Standish Parish and Great Oldbury Parish.

Minchinhampton Parish Council

It is recommended that:

- a. Please refer to 2.1 Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council for the draft recommendation made to amend the boundary between Minchinhampton (Brimscombe Ward) and Brimscombe & Thrupp Parish Council; and
- b. Should the final recommendations support the transfer of the Albert Road, Orchard Lane and Victoria Road areas and/or the Wimberley Park and Dark Mills development site areas to Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council, consideration be given to the abolition of Minchinhampton Brimscombe Ward and the incorporation of the remaining area into Minchinhampton North Ward, together with a reduction to parish councillor allocations.

Standish Parish Council

It is recommended that there is no change to the current arrangements.

Upton St Leonards Parish Council

It is recommended that Council:

- a. Note the outcome to the consultation undertaken in connection with the proposal for a stand-alone Parish and Parish Council for Coopers Edge;
- b. Note the request to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for the Gloucestershire Structural Changes Order to make provision to confer Community Governance Review functions on the Shadow Gloucestershire Unitary Authority during the shadow period;
- c. Having considered the evidence and information available, including the consultation responses and joint submission from the Coopers Edge Liaison Committee, the Working Group supports, in principle the future creation of a stand alone Coopers Edge Parish and Parish Council; and
- d. If Local Government Reorganisation does not proceed, considers whether a Principal Area Boundary Review should be pursued.