Cheltenham Borough Council Community Governance Review

Stage One

You may have seen in the news recently that the government has set out plans for a major reform of local and regional governance, with the aim of giving more power to local areas and simplifying how local government works. In light of these plans, Cheltenham Borough Council is keen to make sure we keep and improve community engagement and cohesion, local democracy and the delivery of effective local services.

To help with this, we're carrying out a Community Governance Review (CGR). This review looks at how your community is represented by town or parish councils. It's about making sure the structure and boundaries of councils work for you. Your feedback will help us shape recommendations for possible changes.

Stage One: Gathering your views (19 May - 18 July 2025)

> We are asking for your initial feedback on what works well and what could be improved
> You can suggest changes to parish councils, such as **boundary changes, mergers, or governance improvements** or you can suggest that new parish or town councils are set up
> This consultation should take around **10 - 15 minutes** to complete

For more background and information about this survey please visit: [www.cheltenham.gov.uk/community-governance- review](http://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/community-governance-review)

* Required

Your information

Why are we asking for your information? A community governance review means that we need to consult the community in a fair way.

We want to do this in a way that gives everyone an equal opportunity to give their views, and we need to know that there is one submission per person or group. This will ensure that our analysis is accurate and that we develop recommendations based on the views from Cheltenham residents.

We will only keep your information for the purposes of analysis. Any information will be deleted after the community governance review is completed (in 1 year). For more information on CBC's privacy notices please visit our webpages - www.cheltenham.gov.uk/your-data

1. Your postcode *

We are only considering responses from people who live or work within Cheltenham, if you work in Cheltenham, please put the postcode for where you work.

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2. Your name or name of the organisation you are responding on behalf of *

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3. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation? *

Please select the option that best applies to you.

○ Cheltenham borough resident

○ Cheltenham borough councillor

○ A Cheltenham parish councillor or parish clerk

○ A community group or organisation (including residents associations)

○ A local business/working in Cheltenham

○ A public or voluntary organisation (for example school, healthcare provider, police)

○ Other

4. Would you like to be involved in a focus group to discuss the Community Governance Review *

This is available for councillors, community groups or public organisations only.

○ Yes

○ No

5. Please provide your email address *

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How did you find out about this consultation?

6. Please let us know how you found out about this consultation, this will help us with our next phase of communications

☐ Cheltenham Borough Council's social media

☐ Other social media

☐ Cheltenham Borough Council's website

☐ Local news/media

☐ Leaflet or flyer

☐ Word of mouth

☐ Your local councillor

☐ Other (please specify below)

7. If you said other, please specify

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Your local area

8. Please let us know what area in Cheltenham you wish to comment on

You can choose more than one if relevant or select 'Cheltenham as a whole'. The list is continued on the next page.

☐ Cheltenham as a whole   ☐ Pittville

☐ Arle   ☐ Rowanfield

☐ Battledown   ☐ The Reddings

☐ Benhall   ☐ Swindon Village

☐ Charlton Kings   ☐ Springbank

☐ Fairview	☐ St Mark's
☐ Fiddler's Green	☐ St Peter's
☐ Hesters Way	☐ St Paul's
☐ Lansdown	☐ St Luke's
☐ Leckhampton	☐ Tivoli
☐ Lynworth	☐ Town centre
☐ Montpellier	☐ Up Hatherley
☐ Oakley	☐ Warden Hill
☐ Prestbury	☐ Wymans Brook

Existing Parishes

For more information on your parish councillors please visit cheltenham.gov.uk/parish-information

9. Do you wish to comment on existing parishes?

   This could include comments on existing boundaries, number of councils, size and so on. Please select No if the area you are commenting on is not part of a parish, or if you only wish to suggest a new parish or town council

   ◯ Yes

   ◯ No

10. Please select which parish or parishes you are referring to in your responses

   ☐ Charlton Kings Parish Council

   ☐ Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council

   ☐ Prestbury Parish Council

   ☐ Swindon Village Parish Council

   ☐ Up Hatherley Parish Council

11. How much do you agree with the following statements?
Please tick

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
'I feel represented by my local parish councillors'	○	○	○	○	○	○
'I feel represented by Cheltenham borough councillors'	○	○	○	○	○	○

12. Do you think the name of your parish reflects your community and its identity?

○ Yes

○ No

○ I'm not sure

13. Please tell us why below. If you have an alternative name suggestion for your parish, you may wish to include this in your answer.

14. Do you think your parish boundary is suitable for your community?

○ Yes

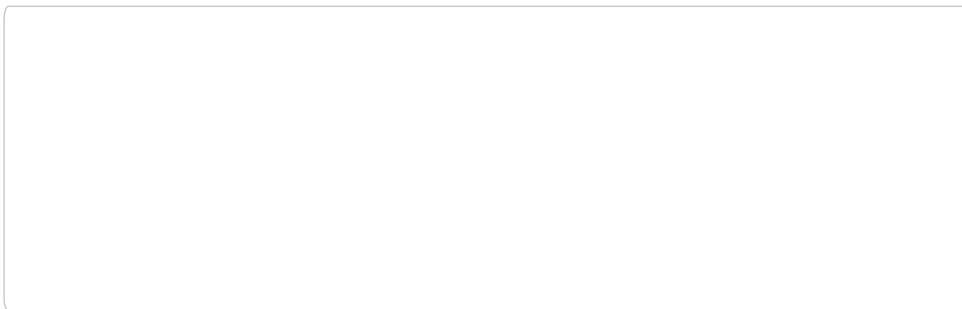○ No, it should be reviewed

○ I'm not sure

15. Please describe how you think this boundary or boundaries should change. Any maps you have that illustrate the boundaries can be emailed to community.governance.review@cheltenham.gov.uk once you have completed this questionnaire.

16. Should the number of councillors in your parish council change?

   ○ Yes the number of councillors should be increased

   ○ Yes the number of councillors should be reduced

   ○ No

   ○ I'm not sure

17. Please enter any additional comments:

New parish or town council

18. Should a new parish or town council be created in Cheltenham?

○ Yes a new parish or town council is needed

○ No

○ I'm not sure

19. Please describe your proposal, including how it should be created, suggested boundaries, and a name for the new parish. Any maps you have that illustrate the boundaries can be emailed to community.governance.review@cheltenham.gov.uk once you have completed this questionnaire.

Final considerations

20. Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?

Would you like to hear about the second phase of consultation?

What is the second phase of the consultation?

The second stage will put forward a number of recommendations based on the findings of stage one. A further survey will be sent out to Cheltenham communities to ask their view on these recommendations. The feedback from this stage will inform the final outcome of the Community Governance Review.

21. Would you like to be notified about the second stage of the consultation and receive updates on any proposed changes? *

    If yes, we will ask you to provide your contact details below. This is optional, but if you choose to share your information, we will invite you to take part in the second phase of the consultation at the end of 2025 and keep you informed about any changes. You **do not** need to provide your contact details to participate in this or the following consultation.

    ○ Yes

    ○ No

22. What is your preferred means of contact?

    ○ Email

    ○ Letter by post

23. Please provide your email or postal address