

Community Governance Review

13/01/2026

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
13 January 2025

PART I

**Community Governance Review
(ADCCC)**

1 Summary

- 1.1 To review the findings of the first stage of the Community Governance Review and move onto the second stage of the consultation.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That:

This Committee agree the draft recommendations:

- 2.1.1 The unparished area of Heronsgate join Chorleywood Parish Council.
- 2.1.2 The unparished area of Loudwater join Chorleywood Parish Council.
- 2.1.3 To increase the number of councillors on Chorleywood Parish Council to 18.
- 2.1.4 To change Chorleywood Parish Council election cycle to fall in 2027.

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3 Details

- 3.1 In July 2025 Three Rivers District Council received a request from Chorleywood Parish Council to undertake a Community Governance review focussing on Chorleywood Parish Council and the unparished areas of Heronsgate and Loudwater. The purpose of the review is to enable the council to consider what, if any, changes are needed to current arrangements.
- 3.2 The first stage of the consultation began on 9 September 2025 and closed on 8 December 2025. This stage of the review was shared on the council's website, social media, with councillors and with county councillors.
- 3.3 Should Councillors agree, there will be a further stage of consultation which will follow this Policy and Resources Committee. This stage of the consultation will be a chance for the public to review the draft recommendations.
- 3.4 After the second stage of the consultation, the final recommendations will return to Policy and Resources Committee and then to full council a Reorganisation Community Governance Order will be published pending the results of the meetings. The changes agreed at Policy and Resources Committee will not come into effect until the Reorganisation Community Governance Order has been published.

4 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 Draft Recommendations

Area	Details	Recommendations
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Heronsgate	<p>The majority of electors opted to parish the unparished area of Heronsgate with 89 Yes answers and 33 No answers.</p> <p>From those 89 Yes responses, 3 stated that they did not want to join Chorleywood Parish Council however 85 stated they would like the area to fall under Chorleywood Parish Council.</p>	That the unparished area of Heronsgate join Chorleywood Parish Council.
Loudwater	<p>The majority of electors opted to parish the unparished area of Loudwater with 64 Yes answers and 58 No answers.</p> <p>From those 64 Yes responses, 3 members of the public stated they did not want to join Chorleywood Parish Council however 61 stated they would like the area to fall under Chorleywood Parish Council</p>	That the unparished area of Loudwater join Chorleywood Parish Council.
Chorleywood Parish Council Number of Councillors	<p>35 responses were received to keep the number of councillors the same (which is currently 17).</p> <p>87 responses stated they would like the number of councillors to change. 82 then provided figures.</p> <p>Increase to 18 Councillors – 42 answers</p> <p>Increase to 19 Councillors – 27 answers</p> <p>Increase to 20 Councillors – 8 answers</p> <p>Increase to 21 Councillors – 4 answers</p> <p>Increase to 30 Councillors – 1 answer</p>	To increase the number of councillors on Chorleywood Parish Council to 18.

Chorleywood Parish Council election cycles	The majority of members of the public who completed the consultation requested to change Chorleywood Parish Councils election cycle by one year to fall in line with other local parishes with 97 Yes answers and 24 No answers.	To change Chorleywood Parish Council election cycle to fall in 2027.
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5 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

No implications to Three Rivers District Council.

Financial, Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

None specific.

Appendix A – Full responses received to all questions

