

Community Governance Review

09/03/2026

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
09 March 2026

PART I

**Community Governance Review
(ADCCC)**

1 Summary

- 1.1 To review the findings of the second stage of the Community Governance Review and agree to the reorganisation order.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That:

This Committee agree and recommends to Council that:

- 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 The number of Councillors for Chorleywood Parish Council to rise from 17 to 19.
- 2.1.4 Chorleywood Parish Council's election cycle be delayed a year to fall in line with the 2027 parish elections.
- 2.1.5

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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 08 December 2025. This stage of the review was shared on the council's website, social media, with councillors and with county councillors.
- 3.3 The report on the first stage of the consultation was taken to Policy and Resources Committee where the draft recommendations were agreed and it was agreed that the consultation would move onto the second stage.
- 3.4 The second stage of the consultation began on 15 January 2026 and closed on 26 February 2026. This report details the final recommendations for approval at Policy and Resources Committee and then to Full Council. A reorganisation Community Governance Order will be published pending the results of Policy Resources Committee and Full Council. The changes agreed at Policy and Resources Committee and Full Council will not come into effect until the Reorganisation Community Governance Oder has been published.

4 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 Recommendations and details

Area	Details	Recommendations
Heronsgate	The majority of electors opted for the unparished area of Heronsgate to join Chorleywood Parish Council with 64 Yes answers and 6 No answers.	That the unparished area of Heronsgate join Chorleywood Parish Council.
Loudwater	The majority of electors opted for the unparished area of Loudwater to join Chorleywood Parish Council with 59 Yes answers and 8 No answers.	That the unparished area of Loudwater join Chorleywood Parish Council
Chorleywood Parish Council Number of Councillors	The majority of electors opted for the number of councillors on Chorleywood Parish Council to raise by 2 from 17 to 19 with 42 Yes answers and 19 requests to raise to by 1.	The number of Councillors on Chorleywood Parish Council rise from 17 to 19.
Chorleywood Parish Council Election Cycle	The majority of electors opted for Chorleywood Parish Council's election cycle to be delayed until 2027 to fall in line with our Parish Council elections with 60 Yes answers and 10 No answers.	Chorleywood Parish Council's election cycle be delayed a year to fall in line with the 2027 Parish Elections.
Community and Identity	Residents were also asked whether they felt the draft recommendations reflected the community and identity of the area. Most residents felt that the draft recommendations did reflect the community and identity with 63 Yes answers and 4 No answers	
Effectiveness of Draft Proposals	Residents were asked whether they felt the draft recommendations were effective. Most residents felt that the draft recommendations were effective with 62 Yes	

	answers and 6 No answers.	
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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

