

## Community Governance Review – Stage One

On 16th July 2026, as part of its local government reorganisation programme, the Government announced its decision to create a single unitary council for Gloucestershire, which will replace existing county, city, district and borough councils on 1 April 2028.

In light of this decision, Gloucester City Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) to consider whether any new parish or town councils should be created in the currently unparished areas of Gloucester City, and whether existing community governance arrangements remain appropriate.

### Key facts relevant to this Community Governance Review

- A CGR enables residents to provide their views on how local accountability, community engagement and local decision-making are maintained and strengthened within the new arrangements, taking into account community identity, neighbourhoods and local representation.
- Based on current assumptions, the 10 County Councillors and 39 District Councillors currently representing Gloucester City will be replaced by 20 Unitary Councillors for the whole City.
- Quedgeley Town Council is currently the only town or parish council in the Gloucester City area; the rest of the area is unparished.
- Currently, Gloucester and Cheltenham are the only areas in the county with unparished areas and Cheltenham Borough Council have already decided to proceed with plans to create a town or parish council or councils for their unparished area.
- Parish and town councils provide local representation through elected Councillors and can deliver a range of functions and services for their community, including some services that might previously have been delivered by a district or county council.
- The proposals to reorganise local government in Gloucestershire will involve conversations with parish and town councils around the county about service delivery and community engagement.
- Parish and town councils are largely funded by raising a precept, which is a charge that they can levy on council tax bills in that area.
- As local government reorganisation proceeds, a successor parish or town council could also ensure the continuation of civic traditions, including the offices of Mayor and Sheriff. Alternatively, Charter Trustees can be created to protect the civic roles if a parish or town council is not supported or there is no parish or town council with boundaries that reflect those associated with the area's civic identity.
- This consultation is stage one of two, and is primarily seeking views on community governance as they relate to the matters outlined above, but the council will take into account any other representations that fit within the scope of a community governance review. The second stage of consultation will ask residents for their views on recommendations drawn up following stage one.

Please read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information on the matters referred to in this consultation.

The consultation form begins on the next page.

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### About You

A Community Governance Review requires the council to engage with the community in an open and fair manner. To ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to share their views, we ask respondents to provide information that helps us confirm that each submission is from a genuine individual or organisation and that responses are not duplicated.

Any personal information collected will be used solely for the administration and analysis of the Community Governance Review. It will be retained only for as long as is necessary for that purpose and will be securely deleted once the review has concluded, which is expected to be within 12 months.

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1. Your postcode (required):

2. Your name or name of the organisation you are responding on behalf of (required):

3. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation? (tick all that apply) (required):

- ☐ Gloucester Resident
- ☐ Elected Representative
- ☐ Public or voluntary organisation (for example a council, school, healthcare provider, police)
- ☐ Community group or organisation (including residents associations)
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Other (please specify)

### Arrangements for community governance in Gloucester City

4. Do you support the creation of a parish or town council or councils in the currently unparished area of Gloucester City? (required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

5. If you would like to, please explain your answer to Question 4:

6. If you support the creation of parish or town councils in the currently unparished area of Gloucester City, which of the following approaches do you think would best support local representation across the whole of Gloucester City? (required)

- ☐ A single parish or town council covering the whole of Gloucester City including Quedgeley
- ☐ A single parish or town council covering the whole of Gloucester City excluding Quedgeley, with Quedgeley Town Council remaining in place
- ☐ Multiple parish or town councils reflecting different communities within the city
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ I do not support the creation of parish or town councils in the currently unparished area of Gloucester City

7. If you would like to, please explain your answer to Question 6:

8. How should the civic offices of Mayor and Sheriff be preserved in future governance arrangements? (required)

- ☐ Through a parish or town council
- ☐ Through charter trustees
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Not sure

9. If you would like to, please explain your answer to Question 8:

10. Would you like to respond to questions related to Quedgeley Town Council? (required)

- ☐ Yes (go to Question 11)
- ☐ No (go to Question 16)

### **Quedgeley Town Council**

11. What should happen to Quedgeley Town Council as part of future community governance arrangements?

- ☐ It should remain unchanged
- ☐ Its boundaries should be reviewed or adjusted
- ☐ It should be incorporated into a wider parish or town council
- ☐ It should be replaced by a different parish or town council structure
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. If you would like to, please explain your answer to Question 11:

13. Do you think Quedgeley Town Council has the right level of representation for its community, including the number of councillors?

- ☐ Yes, the current arrangements are about right
- ☐ No, there are too many councillors
- ☐ No, there are too few councillors
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ I think Quedgeley Town Council should be incorporated into a wider parish or town council

14. If you would like to, please explain your answer to Question 13:

15. If boundaries of Quedgeley Town Council were to be reviewed, what changes (if any) would you suggest?

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

Please return completed forms to:

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