



Dorset Council Community Governance Review Consultation Paper

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SECTION 1

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Dorset Council, at its meeting on 15 July 2021, resolved that a Community Governance Review be conducted for the whole of the Dorset Council area, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Council is required to have regard to the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
- 1.2 This consultation document is divided into two sections. Section 1 provides background to the Review process and explains how the Review will be undertaken. Section 2 details the specific topics for consideration by the Review to assist those wishing to make representations.

2 What is a Community Governance Review?

- 2.1 A Community Governance Review is a legal process whereby the Council will consult with those living in the area, and other interested parties, on the most suitable ways of representing the people in the area identified in the Review. This means making sure that those living in the area, and other interested groups, have a say in how their local communities are represented.
- 2.2 Section 93 of the 2007 Act allows principal councils to decide how to undertake a Review, provided that it complies with certain duties in that Act, including details set out relating to consultation, the need to ensure any proposals reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area, and is effective and convenient. The Council has to publish its recommendations but the manner in which the Council consults with its residents is not prescribed.
- 2.3 A Review can consider one or more of the following options:
 - creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
 - the naming of parishes and the style of new parishes and the creation of town councils;

- the electoral arrangements for parishes (for instance, the ordinary year of election; council size; the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding);
- grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes;
- other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings.

3 Why is the Council undertaking a Review?

3.1 The Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, published in 2008, recommends that principal councils should undertake a Review of its area every 10-15 years. For some areas of the Council, a Review has not been undertaken for some time and, following the creation of Dorset Council, it is deemed appropriate to undertake a Review of all parishes within its area. A Community Governance Review offers an opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries, tied to firm ground features, and remove any parish boundaries anomalies that may exist.

4 Who will undertake the Review?

4.1 Dorset Council is responsible for conducting the Review and will be responsible for making both draft and final recommendations during the process. In coming to its recommendations in the Review, the Council will need to take account of the views of local people. A full consultation process will form part of the Review to obtain these views.

4.2 The Council will publicise the Review by placing articles on the Council's website and on social media. The Council will also write to all relevant parish councils, the Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils, Residents' Associations, voluntary and community organisations, Dorset Councillors and Members of Parliament for the area.

4.3 The Council will be required to approve the final recommendations prior to the Community Governance Order being made.

5 Timetable for the review

5.1 An extract of the timetable for the Review is included at Appendix 1 to this consultation document. The programme and timeline may be adjusted after representations have been received from local people and bodies in response to the initial public consultation. This will allow the Council a degree of flexibility in the interests of ensuring that it manages the Review process efficiently. Any adjustments to the programme and timetable will be approved by the Council and published on its website.

5.2 The Review will include four key stages:-

Stage One - Invitation of initial submissions

Stage Two - Consideration of initial submissions

Stage Three - Publish draft recommendations for consultation

Stage Four - Final recommendations

5.3 This document relates to Stage One of the process and is inviting initial submissions.

6 Electorate forecasts for the Council

6.1 The Review will be conducted using electoral data taken from the May 2021 electoral register.

6.2 When the Council comes to consider the electoral arrangements of the parishes in its area, it is required to consider any change in the number or distribution of the electors which is likely to occur in the period of five years beginning with the day when the review starts. Electorate forecasts have been prepared by the Council using extant planning permissions and the Local Plan to project the five-year electorate forecast.

6.3 It is the Government's guidance that these forecasts should be made available to all interested parties as early as possible in the Review process, so that they are available to all who may wish to make representations. The electorate forecasts are, therefore, set out in Appendix 3 to this consultation document.

7 Representations

- 7.1 Dorset Council welcomes all representations from any person or body who may wish to comment or make proposals on any aspect of the matters under review. Representations that are received will be taken into account by judging them against the criteria in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 7.2 All initial submissions and representations must be made by 28 October 2021.
- 7.3 Our preferred method of response is using our online consultation which can be found at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/community-governance-review. You can also upload any accompanying maps or other documentation.
- 7.4 Alternatively, you can request a paper copy of the consultation response form by calling 01305 838299 and then sending your completed form to:
- Electoral Services, Legal & Democratic Services, Dorset Council, County Hall,
Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ
- 7.5 It would be helpful if you could make clear in your response whether you represent an organisation or group, and in what capacity you are responding.
- 7.6 All representations received will be published, as will the reasons for accepting or rejecting any such representations. In accordance with the Act, representations received in connection with the Review will be taken into account, and steps will be taken to notify consultees of the outcome of the Review.

8 Publication of responses – confidentiality and data protection

- 8.1 Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published, or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes.
- 8.2 If you want any information you provide to be treated as confidential, you should be aware that under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply, and which deals

with, amongst other things, obligations of confidence. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

8.3 If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give any assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by IT systems will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Council.

8.4 Dorset Council will process your personal data in accordance with Data Protection legislation and in the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

9 How will the results be disseminated?

9.1 The Council will publish full details on the Council's website; press releases and social media posts will be issued at key points and key documents will be on deposit at the Council's offices.

SECTION 2

10 Scope of the Review

10.1 The Review must make a series of recommendations based on the following topics, some of which are dependent upon and relate to each other:

(a) Parish areas

- creating, merging and abolishing parishes;
- alternative styles for any new parishes;
- lesser boundary alterations between existing parishes;
- changes to parish names;
- grouping parishes under a common council.

(b) Electoral arrangements

- whether to have a parish council or not;
- the size of the council;
- whether to ward the parish or not;
- drawing up appropriate ward boundaries;
- allocating councillors to wards.

10.2 Arising from the Review, it may be necessary for the Council to consider a series of 'consequential matters' (where permitted) but these are not included within this initial submission consultation document.

10.3 This consultation document is structured to address the topic areas and assist with the development of recommendations required by the Review. To assist those wishing to make representations, a series of questions are included in this document. Where applicable, these questions request respondents to indicate how they feel the proposals meet the Community Governance Review criteria. These criteria are referred to at paragraphs 2.3 of this document.

Parish areas

11 Creating, merging and abolishing parishes, alternative styles for parishes, and boundary alterations between existing parishes

11.1 The Review must make recommendations in relation to each of the existing parishes under review, including whether those parishes should or should not be abolished; or whether the area of the existing parishes should be altered, e.g. possibly due to recent housing developments. These include:

- (a) aggregating one or more parished areas;
- (b) aggregating parts of parishes;
- (c) amalgamating two or more parishes;
- (d) separating part of a parish.

11.2 The alternative styles that may be applied to parishes, in addition to parish or town, are:

- (a) Community;
- (b) Neighbourhood; and
- (c) Village.

11.3 The Review must also make recommendations as to whether or not the name of existing parishes should be changed.

12 Grouping parishes under a common council or dissolving groups

12.1 Where an application is received for a parish to be grouped with a neighbouring parish or parishes, an order to this effect may be made. However, parishes shall not be grouped without the consent of the parish meetings of each of the parishes in the proposed group.

Electoral arrangements

13 Whether to have a parish council or not

- 13.1 The guidance for undertaking Community Governance Reviews states that recommendations for the dissolution of parish councils are undesirable unless they are in cases of parishes with very low populations or where boundary changes are reordering the parish structure.
- 13.2 Where the Review makes recommendations that a parish should have a council or that an existing parish council should be retained, the Review must also make recommendations with regard to the electoral arrangements or changes to electoral arrangements.
- 13.3 ‘Electoral arrangements’ in relation to an existing or proposed parish council are defined as:
- (a) the ordinary year of elections – the year in which ordinary elections of parish councillors are to be held. Should any proposals be made for new parishes, it is recommended that the ordinary year of elections would coincide with the ordinary elections for all other parishes within Dorset (e.g. May 2024);
 - (b) the council size – the number of councillors to be elected to the council, or (in the case of a common council) the number of councillors to be elected to the council by local electors in each parish;
 - (c) parish warding – whether the parish should be divided into wards for the purpose of electing councillors. This includes considering the number and boundaries of any such wards, the number of councillors to be elected for any such wards and the name of any such wards.

14 The size of the council

- 14.1 Council size is the term used to describe the number of councillors to be elected to the whole council. The Local Government Act 1972, as amended, specifies that each parish council must have at least five councillors; there is no maximum number. There are no rules relating to the allocation of those councillors between

parish wards but each parish ward, and each parish grouped under a common parish council, must have at least one parish councillor.

- 14.2 The National Association of Local Councils published guidelines (circular 1126) suggesting that the minimum number of councillors for any parish council should be seven, with a maximum of twenty-five.
- 14.3 The council size should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography and the pattern of communities. Regard should be given to the difficulty of attracting sufficient candidates to stand for election. In some parishes, this has led to repeated uncontested elections and/or a need to co-opt members in order to fill vacancies. A parish council's budget and planned or actual level of service provision may also be important factors in reaching conclusions on council size.
- 14.4 A series of datasets and other information regarding the parishes is set out at Appendix 3 to this document. This information should be taken into account when considering the electoral arrangements.

15 Warding of parishes

- 15.1 Parish warding is the division of a parish into wards for the purpose of electing councillors. This includes the number and boundaries of any wards, the number of councillors to be elected for any ward and the names of wards.
- 15.2 In considering whether or not a parish should be divided into wards, consideration must be given to whether:
- (a) the number, or distribution of the local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient; and
 - (b) it is desirable that any area or areas of the parish should be separately represented.
- 15.3 Each case should be considered on its merits, and on the basis of the information and evidence provided during the course of the Review.

16 Drawing up appropriate ward boundaries

- 16.1 In reaching conclusions on the boundaries between parish wards, the Review should take account of community identity and interests in the area and consider whether any particular ties or linkages might be broken by the drawing of particular ward boundaries.

17 Allocating councillors to wards

- 17.1 Furthermore, if the Review decides that a parish should be warded, consideration must be given to the levels of representation between each ward. It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors.
- 17.2 Whilst there is no provision in legislation that each parish councillor should represent a similar number of electors, guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government, either for voters or councillors, to have significant differences in levels of representation between different parish wards. Such variations could make it difficult, in workload terms, for councillors to adequately represent the interests of residents. There is also a risk that where one or more wards of a parish are over-represented by councillors, the residents of those wards (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.
- 17.3 Where a Community Governance Review recommends that two or more parishes should be grouped under a common parish council, then the Review must take into account the same considerations when considering the number of councillors to be elected by each parish within the group.

18 Ward names

- 18.1 Where parish wards are proposed, the Review should give some thought to existing local or historic places so that, where appropriate, these are reflected, and there should be a presumption in favour of ward names proposed by local interested parties.

Community Governance Review - Consultation Timetable

Stage	Date/Timeline	Timescale	Outline of Activity
Stage One – Invite initial submissions	5 August 2021 – 28 October 2021	12 weeks	Initial submissions invited.
Stage Two – Consider submissions	29 October 2021 - 14 December 2021	6 weeks	Consider any submissions/ representations and prepare report of draft recommendations for Full Council on 14 December 2021.
Stage Three – Publish Draft Recommendations	20 December 2021 – 28 February 2022	10 weeks	Publish draft recommendations for further consultation.
Stage Four – Final Recommendations	1 March 2022 – 14 April 2022 Full Council Meeting 14 April 2022	7 weeks	Consideration of further submissions received and prepare final recommendations. Council resolves to make a Reorganisation Order.
Implementation	2 May 2024 (Elections)		Effective date of any changes to parish/town boundaries and electoral arrangements.

Grouped Parishes List

- Broadwindsor Parish Council
 - Broadwindsor Parish
 - Burstock Parish
 - Seaborough Parish

- Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council
 - Buckhorn Weston Parish
 - Kington Magna Parish

- Cam Vale Parish Council
 - Holnest Parish
 - Leweston Parish
 - Lillington Parish
 - Longburton Parish

- Cerne Valley Parish Council
 - Cerne Abbas Parish
 - Godmanstone Parish
 - Nether Cerne Parish
 - Up Cerne Parish

- Char Valley Parish Council
 - Stanton St Gabriel Parish
 - Whitchurch Canonicorum Parish
 - Wootton Fitzpaine Parish

- Chesil Bank Parish Council
 - Abbotsbury Parish
 - Fleet Parish
 - Langton Herring Parish
 - Portesham Parish

- Chetnole and Stockwood Parish Council
 - Chetnole Parish
 - Stockwood Parish

- Corscombe, Halstock and District Parish Council
 - Corscombe Parish
 - East Chelborough Parish
 - Halstock Parish
 - West Chelborough Parish

- Cranborne and Edmondsham Parish Council
 - Cranborne Parish
 - Edmondsham Parish

- Frome Valley Parish Council
 - Cattistock Parish
 - Chilfrome Parish
 - Frome St Quintin Parish

- High Stoy Parish Council
 - Batcombe Parish
 - Hermitage Parish
 - Hilfield Parish

- Iwerne Courtney and Stepleton Parish Council
 - Iwerne Courtney Parish
 - Iwerne Stepleton Parish

- Knightsford Parish Council
 - Tincton Parish
 - West Knighton Parish
 - West Stafford Parish
 - Woodsford Parish

- Knowlton Parish Council
 - Chalbury Parish
 - Horton Parish
 - Wimborne St Giles Parish
 - Woodlands Parish

- Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish Council
 - Kingston Russell Parish
 - Long Bredy Parish

- Lower Winterborne Parish Council
 - Anderson Parish
 - Winterborne Kingston Parish
 - Winterborne Zelston Parish

- Manston and Hammoon Parish Council
 - Hammoon Parish
 - Manston Parish

- Melbury Abbas and Cann Parish Council
 - Cann Parish
 - Melbury Abbas Parish

- Pamphill and Shapwick Parish Council
 - Pamphill Parish
 - Shapwick Parish

- Piddle Valley Parish Council
 - Alton Pancras Parish
 - Piddlehinton Parish
 - Piddletrenthide Parish

- Powerstock and North Poorton Parish Council
 - North Poorton Parish
 - Powerstock Parish

- Puddletown Area Paish Council
 - Athelhampton Parish
 - Burleston Parish
 - Puddletown Parish
 - Tolpuddle Parish

- Punckowle and Swyre Parish Council
 - Punckowle Parish
 - Swyre Parish

- Queen Thorne Parish Council
 - Nether Compton Parish
 - Over Compton Parish
 - Sandford Orcas Parish
 - Trent Parish

- South Tarrant Valley Parish Council
 - Tarrant Crawford Parish
 - Tarrant Keyneston Parish
 - Tarrant Rawston Parish
 - Tarrant Rushton Parish

- Tarrant Monkton and Tarrant Launceston Parish Council
 - Tarrant Launceston Parish
 - Tarrant Monkton Parish

- The Comptons Toller and Wynford Parish Council
 - Compton Valence Parish
 - Toller Fratrum Parish
 - West Compton Parish
 - Wynford Eagle Parish

- The Orchards and Margaret Marsh Parish Council
 - East Orchard Parish
 - Margaret Marsh Parish
 - West Orchard Parish

- The Stours Parish Council
 - East Stour
 - Stour Provost Parish
 - Todber Parish
 - West Stour Parish

- Thornhackett Parish Council
 - Beer Hackett Parish
 - Thornford Parish

- Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council
 - Bettiscombe Parish
 - Marshwood Parish
 - Pilsdon Parish
 - Stoke Abbott Parish

- Vale of Allen Parish Council
 - Crichel Parish
 - Gussage All Saints Parish
 - Gussage St Michael Parish
 - Hinton Parish
 - Witchampton Parish

- Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council
 - Bincombe Parish
 - Whitcombe Parish
 - Winterborne Came Parish
 - Winterborne Herringston Parish
 - Winterborne Monkton

- Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council
 - Winterbourne Abbas
 - Winterbourne Steepleton

- Yeohead and Castleton Parish Council
 - Castleton Parish
 - Goathill Parish
 - Osborne Parish
 - Poyntington Parish

- Yetminster and Ryme Intrinsic Parish Council
 - Ryme Intrinsic Parish
 - Yetminster Parish

Electorate Data and Projected 5 Year Forecast

Polling District	Parish	Parish Ward (if applicable)	Parish Group (if applicable)	Number of Councillors (if applicable)	Electorate 2021	Projected Electorate 2026	Electors per Councillor 2026
CHB1, CHB2	Abbotsbury		Chesil Bank	4	378	367	92
WPU1	Affpuddle and Turnerspudde			9	395	408	45
CRA1	Alderholt			9	2565	2797	311
BRD1	Allington			7	705	768	110
CHK1	Alton Pancras		Piddle Valley	2	128	130	65
PUD1	Anderson		Lower Winterborne	1	77	77	77
WAH1	Arne			8	1115	1095	137
BEC1	Ashmore			7	163	162	23
EGA1	Askerswell			Meeting	134	134	N/A
PUD2	Athelhampton		Puddletown Area	2	24	24	12
YET7	Batcombe		High Stoy	2	82	85	43
BEM1	Beaminster			11	2590	2810	255
SHR1	Beer Hackett		Thornhackett	3	83	82	27
WPU2	Bere Regis			11	1372	1531	139
MAR1	Bettiscombe		Upper Marshwood Vale	2	48	48	24
WIB1, WIB2	Bincombe		Winterborne Farringdon	3	435	843	281
SHR2	Bishop's Caundle			7	332	372	53
BLN1	Blandford Forum	Blandford Badbury Heights		1	900	887	887
BLN2, BLN3	Blandford Forum	Blandford Central		6	3297	3343	557
BLN4	Blandford Forum	Blandford Hilltop		2	727	822	411
BLN5	Blandford Forum	Blandford Langton St		4	1578	1556	389

Polling District	Parish	Parish Ward (if applicable)	Parish Group (if applicable)	Number of Councillors (if applicable)	Electorate 2021	Projected Electorate 2026	Electors per Councillor 2026
		Leonards					
BLN6	Blandford Forum	Blandford Old Town		3	1624	1639	546
WIN1	Blandford St Mary			7	1240	1867	267
WPU3	Bloxworth			Meeting	158	161	N/A
BRD2	Bothenhampton	Bothenhampton		6	1302	1266	211
BRD3	Bothenhampton	Walditch		3	554	535	178
GIL1	Bourton			9	759	818	91
SHR3	Bradford Abbas			7	772	770	110
CHM1	Bradford Peverell			7	321	320	46
BRD4	Bradpole	Bradpole Village		9	1692	1634	182
BRD5	Bradpole	Claremont		1	244	235	235
BRD6, BRD7, BRD8	Bridport	Bridport North		9	3563	3682	409
BRD9, BRD10, BRD11	Bridport	Bridport South		9	3185	3472	386
WIB3	Broadmayne			7	1060	1081	154
MAR4	Broadwindsor	Blackdown	Broadwindsor	2	168	165	83
MAR2	Broadwindsor	Broadwindsor	Broadwindsor	6	586	606	101
MAR3	Broadwindsor	Drimpton	Broadwindsor	4	390	415	104
HIL1	Bryanston			7	324	372	53
GIL2	Buckhorn Weston		Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna	5	298	306	61
CHK2	Buckland Newton			9	559	615	68
PUD3	Burleston		Puddletown Area	2	20	20	10
MAR5	Burstock		Broadwindsor	2	109	106	53
CHB3	Burton Bradstock			11	838	821	75
BEC2	Cann		Melbury Abbas and	7	445	533	76

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			Cann				
SHR4	Castleton		Yeohead and Castleton	2	108	114	57
MAR6	Catherston Leweston			Meeting	33	32	N/A
EGA2	Cattistock		Frome Valley	7	383	389	56
SHR5	Caundle Marsh			Meeting	53	53	N/A
CHK3	Cerne Abbas		Cerne Valley	7	702	734	105
STA1	Chalbury		Knowlton	1	109	110	110
WPU4	Chaldon Herring			7	123	127	18
WIN2	Charlton Marshall			7	976	1049	150
CHM2	Charminster	Charminster North		6	1148	1147	191
CHM3	Charminster	Charminster South		7	1318	1608	230
LYC1	Charmouth			11	1135	1094	99
BEM2	Chedington (order in progress to dissolve Parish Council)			5	73	71	14
CHK4	Cheselbourne			7	252	252	36
YET11	Chetnole		Chetnole and Stockwood	6	295	290	48
HIL2	Chettle			5	66	67	13
CHC1, CHC2	Chickerell	Charlestown & Littlesea		4	1726	1780	445
CHC3, CHC4	Chickerell	Chickerell Village		6	3194	4179	697
MAR7	Chideock			7	544	531	76
CHB4	Chilcombe			Meeting	12	12	N/A
HIL3	Child Okeford			9	973	975	108
EGA3	Chilfrome		Frome Valley	2	49	51	26
SEP1, SEP2	Church Knowle			9	246	241	27
SHR6	Clifton Maybank			Meeting	52	53	N/A

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COM1	Colehill	Colehill East		10	3936	4048	405
COM2	Colehill	Colehill Hayes		3	1015	1032	344
COM3	Colehill	Colehill West		3	1128	1154	385
BEC3	Compton Abbas			7	183	182	26
EGA4	Compton Valence		The Comptons Toller and Wynford	2	55	55	28
WPU5	Coombe Keynes			Meeting	68	69	N/A
SEP3, SEP4	Corfe Castle			11	1116	1098	100
COR1, COR2, COR3	Corfe Mullen			14	8088	8516	608
YET1	Corscombe		Corscombe, Halstock and District	5	442	433	87
CRA2	Cranborne		Cranborne and Edmondsham	9	562	577	64
CRC1	Crichel		Vale of Allen	2	200	211	106
CRO1	Crossways			11	1961	2486	226
CHK5	Dewlish			7	220	218	31
DRE1, DRE2, DRE3	Dorchester	Dorchester East		5	4130	4474	895
DRW1, DRW2	Dorchester	Dorchester North		4	3029	3219	805
DRP1, DRP2	Dorchester	Dorchester Poundbury		4	3084	3862	966
DRE4, DRE5	Dorchester	Dorchester South		3	2615	2925	975
DRW3, DRW4, DRW5, DRW6	Dorchester	Dorchester West		4	3897	3769	942
HIL4	Durweston			7	293	292	42
YET3	East Chelborough		Corscombe, Halstock and District	1	36	35	35
SEP5	East Holme			Meeting	35	34	N/A
WPU6	East Lulworth			7	132	135	19

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BEC4	East Orchard		The Orchards and Margaret Marsh	3	115	119	40
SEP6	East Stoke			7	314	415	59
GIL3	East Stour		The Stours	7	474	479	68
CRA3	Edmondsham		Cranborne and Edmondsham	3	166	172	57
YET4	Evershot			7	160	158	23
HIL5	Farnham			7	160	160	23
FEN1	Ferndown	Ferndown Ameysford		3	2442	2290	763
FEN2, FEN3	Ferndown	Ferndown Central		3	2594	2501	834
FEN4	Ferndown	Ferndown Central North		2	1716	1671	836
FES1	Ferndown	Ferndown Hampreston & Longham		3	2361	2356	785
FES2	Ferndown	Ferndown Links		3	2807	2762	921
FES3	Ferndown	Ferndown Links South		2	1736	1714	857
FEN5	Ferndown	Ferndown Stapehill		1	678	715	715
BEC5	Fifehead Magdalen			Meeting	82	82	N/A
BLK1	Fifehead Neville			Meeting	128	131	N/A
CHB5	Fleet		Chesil Bank	2	75	72	36
SHR7	Folke			7	267	270	39
BEC6	Fontmell Magna			7	596	664	95
CHM4	Frampton			7	397	396	57
EGA5	Frome St Quintin		Frome Valley	3	143	143	48
EGA6	Frome Vauchurch			Meeting	145	146	N/A
GIL9	Gillingham	Gillingham Ham		2	1212	1870	935
GIL10	Gillingham	Gillingham Milton on Stour		1	347	358	358
GIL4	Gillingham	Gillingham Rural		1	192	198	198

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GIL5, GIL6, GIL7	Gillingham	Gillingham Town		9	4701	5356	595
GIL8	Gillingham	Gillingham Wyke		4	2551	2527	632
SHR8	Glanvilles Wootton			Meeting	181	181	N/A
SHR9	Goathill		Yeohead and Castleton	1	17	17	17
CHK6	Godmanstone		Cerne Valley	3	125	126	42
CRC2	Gussage All Saints		Vale of Allen	2	194	200	100
CRC3	Gussage St Michael		Vale of Allen	2	163	167	84
YET20	Halstock		Corscombe, Halstock and District	5	452	457	91
BEC7	Hammoon		Manston and Hammoon	2	39	42	21
HIL6	Hanford			Meeting	27	27	N/A
SHR10	Haydon			Meeting	33	33	N/A
BLK2	Hazelbury Bryan			7	867	935	134
YET10	Hermitage		High Stoy	2	94	92	46
YET9	Hilfield		High Stoy	2	52	52	26
CHK7	Hilton			7	401	399	57
STA2	Hinton		Vale of Allen	4	343	347	87
STN1	Hinton St Mary			5	186	182	36
YET12	Holnest		Cam Vale	2	159	160	80
STA3	Holt			9	1118	1156	128
SHR11	Holwell			7	322	348	50
EGA7	Hooke			Meeting	121	126	N/A
STA4, STA5	Horton		Knowlton	3	360	429	143
BLK3	Ibberton			5	98	97	19
BEC8	Iwerne Courtney (Shroton)		Iwerne Courtney and	7	333	341	49

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			Stepleton				
BEC9	Iwerne Minster			7	583	597	85
BEC10	Iwerne Stepleton		Iwerne Courtney and Stepleton	2	16	16	8
SEP7	Kimmeridge			Meeting	84	82	N/A
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CHB6	Kingston Russell		Long Bredy and Kingston Russell	2	39	38	19
GIL11	Kington Magna		Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna	5	309	308	62
CHB7	Langton Herring		Chesil Bank	2	133	132	66
CRC4	Langton Long			Meeting	104	106	N/A
SEP8	Langton Matravers			9	726	761	85
YET8	Leigh			7	423	423	60
YET14	Leweston		Cam Vale	1	14	14	14
YET15	Lillington		Cam Vale	1	65	63	63
CHB8	Littlebredy			Meeting	64	63	N/A
CHB9	Litton Cheney			7	291	292	42
EGA8	Loders			10	466	467	47
CHB10	Long Bredy		Long Bredy and Kingston Russell	5	146	143	29
YET13	Longburton		Cam Vale	5	412	412	82
BLK4	Lydlinch			7	363	377	54
LYC2, LYC3	Lyme Regis			14	3093	3080	220
LYM1	Lytchett Matravers			11	2804	3236	294

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LYM2	Lytchett Minster and Upton	Lytchett Minster and Upton East		7	3299	3357	480
LYM3. LYM4	Lytchett Minster and Upton	Lytchett Minster and Upton West		8	3386	3569	446
EGA9	Maiden Newton			7	859	908	130
BEC11	Manston		Manston and Hammoon	5	154	155	31
BEM3	Mapperton			Meeting	23	22	N/A
BLK5	Mappowder			Meeting	131	133	N/A
BEC12	Margaret Marsh		The Orchards and Margaret Marsh	1	31	32	32
SLM1	Marnhull			11	1737	1886	171
MAR8	Marshwood		Upper Marshwood Vale	5	250	285	57
BEC13	Melbury Abbas		Melbury Abbas and Cann	4	258	258	65
YET6	Melbury Bubb			Meeting	58	57	N/A
YET18	Melbury Osmond			7	133	130	19
YET5	Melbury Sampford			Meeting	32	31	N/A
CHK8	Melcombe Horsey			Meeting	105	104	N/A
PUD4	Milborne St Andrew			7	909	1108	158
PUD5	Milton Abbas			9	474	474	53
CHK9	Minterne Magna			7	160	160	23
LYM5	Morden			7	252	262	37
WPU7	Moreton			7	273	441	63
BEM4	Mosterton			5	566	572	114
GIL12	Motcombe			11	1050	1082	98
CHK10	Nether Cerne		Cerne Valley	1	12	12	12
SHR12	Nether Compton		Queen Thorne	4	239	241	60

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EGA10, EGA11, EGA12	Netherbury			11	1061	1070	97
EGA13	North Poorton		Powerstock and North Poorton	1	15	15	15
SHR13	North Wootton			Meeting	37	37	N/A
SHR14	Osborne		Yeohead and Castleton	2	89	88	44
BLK6	Okeford Fitzpaine			7	830	1022	146
CRO2	Osmington			7	502	497	71
SHR15	Over Compton		Queen Thorne	2	147	146	73
CRO3	Owermoigne			7	434	444	63
STA6	Pamphill	Pamphill North	Pamphill and Shapwick	5	336	340	68
WIM1	Pamphill	Pamphill South	Pamphill and Shapwick	3	215	230	77
CHK11	Piddlehinton		Piddle Valley	5	361	379	76
CHK12	Piddletrenthide		Piddle Valley	8	561	565	71
MAR9	Pilsdon		Upper Marshwood Vale	2	29	28	14
HIL7	Pimperne			7	898	955	136
CHB11	Portesham		Chesil Bank	6	629	609	102
POR4, POR5	Portland	Portland Tophill East		4	2661	2981	745
POR6, POR7, POR8	Portland	Portland Tophill West		6	3928	4247	708
POR1, POR2, POR3	Portland	Portland Underhill		4	2893	3247	812
EGA14	Powerstock		Powerstock and North Poorton	9	299	300	33
CRO4	Poxwell			Meeting	45	44	N/A

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SHR16	Poyntington		Yeohead and Castleton	2	105	109	55
PUD6	Puddletown		Puddletown Area	9	1155	1238	138
BLK7	Pulham			Meeting	201	199	N/A
CHB12	Puncknowle	Bexington	Puncknowle and Swyre	2	98	100	50
CHB13	Puncknowle	Puncknowle	Puncknowle and Swyre	5	251	242	48
SHR17	Purse Caundle			5	104	103	21
EGA15	Rampisham			Meeting	109	109	N/A
YET17	Ryme Intrinseca		Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca	3	110	111	37
SHR18	Sandford Orcas		Queen Thorne	3	151	150	50
MAR10	Seaborough		Broadwindsor	1	51	50	50
SAF1, SAF2	Shaftesbury	Shaftesbury East		6	3689	4103	684
SAF3	Shaftesbury	Shaftesbury West		6	3143	3458	576
STA7	Shapwick		Pamphill and Shapwick	3	149	151	50
SHE1, SHE2, SHE3	Sherborne	Sherborne East		6	3687	3850	642
SHW1, SHW2, SHW3	Sherborne	Sherborne West		6	3532	3941	657
BLK8	Shillingstone			9	939	989	110
CHB15	Shipton Gorge			9	304	295	33
GIL13	Silton			Meeting	102	101	N/A
CRC5	Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge	Pentridge		2	166	170	85
CRC6	Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge	Sixpenny Handley		8	969	1054	132
BEM5	South Perrott			5	199	193	39
WIN3	Spetisbury			7	491	496	71

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SLI1	St Leonards & St Ives	St Leonards & St Ives East		6	3245	3099	516
SLI2	St Leonards & St Ives	St Leonards & St Ives South		3	1106	1112	371
SLI3	St Leonards & St Ives	St Leonards & St Ives West		4	2143	2050	513
SLM2	Stalbridge			11	2147	2343	213
MAR11	Stanton St Gabriel		Char Valley	1	64	62	62
SEP9, SEP10	Steeple with Tyneham			Meeting	60	60	N/A
CHM5	Stinsford			7	263	269	38
YET19	Stockwood		Chetnole and Stockwood	1	17	17	17
MAR12	Stoke Abbott		Upper Marshwood Vale	3	186	181	60
BLK9	Stoke Wake			Meeting	50	49	N/A
BEC14	Stour Provost		The Stours	7	487	486	69
HIL8	Stourpaine			7	502	507	72
SLM3	Stourton Caundle			7	374	364	52
CHM6	Stratton			7	512	513	73
SEP11	Studland			9	347	338	38
STA8	Sturminster Marshall			9	1550	1604	178
STN2	Sturminster Newton			11	3434	3641	331
BEC15	Sutton Waldron			5	187	188	38
SWA1, SWA2	Swanage	Swanage North		6	3964	4164	694
SWA3, SWA4	Swanage	Swanage South		6	4015	3947	658
CHB14	Swyre		Puncknowle and Swyre	2	88	85	43
CHK13	Sydling St Nicholas			7	358	357	51
BRD12	Symondsburry	Pine View		1	155	150	150

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BRD13, BRD14, BRD15	Symondsbury	Symondsbury		5	548	937	187
BRD16	Symondsbury	West Cliff		2	192	187	94
CRC7	Tarrant Crawford		South Tarrant Valley	1	22	23	23
HIL9	Tarrant Gunville			7	216	219	31
HIL10	Tarrant Hinton			5	157	157	31
CRC8	Tarrant Keyneston		South Tarrant Valley	5	282	289	58
CRC9, CRC10	Tarrant Launceston		Tarrant Monkton and Launceston	4	200	206	52
CRC11, CRC14	Tarrant Monkton		Tarrant Monkton and Launceston	4	586	601	150
CRC12	Tarrant Rawston		South Tarrant Valley	2	39	40	20
CRC13	Tarrant Rushton		South Tarrant Valley	3	73	75	25
MAR13	Thorncombe			9	594	578	64
SHR19	Thornford		Thornhackett	7	670	724	103
WIB4	Tincton		Knightsford	2	141	137	69
BEC16	Todber		The Stours	3	132	136	45
EGA16	Toller Fratrum		The Comptons Toller and Wynford	2	13	13	7
EGA17	Toller Porcorum			7	279	279	40
PUD7	Tolpuddle		Puddletown Area	3	373	378	126
SHR20	Trent		Queen Thorne	4	252	250	63
WIN4	Turnworth			Meeting	38	38	N/A
CHK14	Up Cerne		Cerne Valley	1	4	4	4
VER1	Verwood	Verwood Dewlands North		2	697	1030	515
VER2	Verwood	Verwood Dewlands South		8	5208	5238	655

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VER3, VER4	Verwood	Verwood Stephen's Castle		7	4856	4841	692
WMT1	Verwood	Verwood Three Cross		1	1220	1233	1233
WAH5, WAH6	Wareham			16	4736	4917	307
WAH3	Wareham St Martin	Holton Heath		2	373	364	182
WAH2, WAH4	Wareham St Martin	Sandford		9	1755	1718	191
CRO5	Warmwell			Meeting	84	84	N/A
YET2	West Chelborough		Corscombe, Halstock and District	1	27	26	26
EGA18	West Compton		The Comptons Toller and Wynford	2	42	42	21
WIB5	West Knighton		Knightsford	4	304	308	77
WPU8	West Lulworth			9	490	518	58
WMT2, WMT3	West Moors			12	6411	6027	502
BEC17	West Orchard		The Orchards and Margaret Marsh	1	59	60	60
WPA1, WPA2	West Parley			11	3109	3726	339
WIB6	West Stafford		Knightsford	4	246	238	60
GIL14	West Stour		The Stours	3	170	170	57
LIT2, LIT3	Weymouth	Littlemoor		2	2839	3063	1532
MEL1, MEL2, RAD5	Weymouth	Melcombe Regis		3	4766	5171	1724
LIT4, LIT5, LIT6	Weymouth	Preston		3	4396	4420	1473
RAD3, RAD4	Weymouth	Radipole		2	3022	2896	1448
LIT1, UPB1, UPB2	Weymouth	Upwey and Broadwey		2	2903	2961	1481
WST2, WST3	Weymouth	Westham East		2	2844	2922	1461
RAD2, RAD6, WST1, WST6	Weymouth	Westham North		3	4142	4086	1362

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CHC5, WST4, WST5	Weymouth	Westham West		2	3053	3621	1811
CHC6, RAD1, UPB3	Weymouth	Wey Valley		2	2989	3264	1632
ROD1	Weymouth	Weymouth East		2	2653	3226	1613
ROD2, ROD3, ROD4, ROD5	Weymouth	Weymouth West		3	4003	4030	1343
ROD6, ROD7, ROD8	Weymouth	Wyke Regis		3	4318	4359	1453
MAR14	Whitchurch Canonorum	Whitchurch Canonorum North	Char Valley	4	310	302	76
MAR15	Whitchurch Canonorum	Whitchurch Canonorum South	Char Valley	4	284	280	70
WIB7	Whitcombe		Winterborne Farringdon	2	20	19	10
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COM4	Wimborne Minster	Wimborne East		2	912	1777	889
WIM2, WIM3	Wimborne Minster	Wimborne Town		12	5631	6906	576
CRA4	Wimborne St Giles		Knowlton	3	306	318	106
WPU9	Winfrith Newburgh and East Knighton			7	581	604	86
WIB9	Winterborne Came		Winterborne Farringdon	3	37	36	12
WIN5	Winterborne Clenston			Meeting	34	34	N/A
WIB10	Winterborne Herringston		Winterborne Farringdon	2	23	22	11
WIN6	Winterborne Houghton			5	162	163	33
PUD8	Winterborne Kingston		Lower Winterborne	7	557	555	79
WIB11	Winterborne Monkton		Winterborne	3	58	61	20

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			Farringdon				
WIB12	Winterborne St Martin			9	616	613	68
WIN7	Winterborne Stickland			9	491	499	55
PUD9	Winterborne Whitechurch			7	627	624	89
PUD10	Winterborne Zelston		Lower Winterborne	2	125	125	63
WIB8	Winterbourne Abbas		Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton	3	294	348	116
WIB13	Winterbourne Steepleton		Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton	3	220	215	72
CRC15	Witchampton		Vale of Allen	4	321	329	82
CRA5	Woodlands		Knowlton	3	422	438	146
WIB14	Woodsford		Knightsford	2	62	60	30
WPU10, WPU11	Wool	Bovington		6	1451	1496	249
WPU12, WPU13	Wool	Wool Village		9	2271	2580	287
BLK10	Woolland			Meeting	68	70	N/A
MAR16	Wootton Fitzpaine		Char Valley	3	275	271	90
SEP12, SEP13	Worth Matravers			7	618	628	90
EGA19	Wraxall			Meeting	26	36	N/A
EGA20	Wynford Eagle		The Comptons Toller and Wynford	2	44	44	22
YET16	Yetminster		Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca	9	957	1056	117

**Dorset Community Governance Review – Initial Submission Consultation Response Form
(Deadline: Completed responses must be received not later than 28 October 2021)**

Name of person completing response:		Postal address:	
Email address:			
Organisation or group (if applicable):			
In what capacity are you responding?			

Question 1	Response
<p>Do you feel that any existing parish area should be altered or abolished?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details of the proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes, the reasons for the proposal and explain how the proposal will:</p> <p>(a) be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and</p> <p>(b) be effective and convenient.</p>	
Question 2	Response
<p>Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?</p>	

If yes, please provide details of the proposal and explain your reasons for the proposal.

Question 3

Response

Do you consider that any parish should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?

If yes, please provide details of the proposals, the reasons for the proposal and explain how the proposal will:

- (a) be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- (b) be effective and convenient.

You should also include suggestions for a proposed name for the group, whether the group should have a council and what electoral arrangements should apply.

Question 4	Response
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p> <p>If yes, please indicate what the proposed number of councillors should be and the reasons for the proposal.</p>	
Question 5	Response
<p>Do you consider the parish should be divided into parish wards?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details of the proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary, the reasons for the proposal and explain how the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.</p> <p>You should also include suggestions for proposed parish ward names and the number of councillors that should represent the electorate in each ward.</p>	

Additional Comments	
<p>Please add any additional comments relevant to this Community Governance Review. Additional sheets may be supplied but please ensure these are clearly marked.</p>	