



Terms of Reference

What is a Community Governance Review

A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole of the council's area to consider one or more of the following:

- 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 including (the ordinary year of election, 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

The Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area and
- effective and convenient

In doing so the community governance review is required to take into account:

- the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish

The aim of the review is to consider and bring about improved community engagement, better local democracy and efficient, more effective and convenient delivery of local services and ensure electors across the whole District will be treated equitably and fairly.

Why undertake this Community Governance Review

This review is taking place as government guidance advises that a review should be undertaken every 10-15 years, the last full review was in 2012. This ensures that all localities have an opportunity to express a view on community governance.

The Council believes that parish councils could play an important role in terms of community empowerment at the local level and wants to ensure that parish governance within the District is robust and representative.

Who will undertake the Review?

As the relevant principal authority, Hart District Council is responsible for conducting the review. The Electoral Services Team will oversee the Review and produce draft and final recommendations. The Council will need to take account of the views of local people and conduct a full consultation process. The Council will approve the final recommendations which will be implemented by the making of an appropriate order.

The Council will publicise the review by displaying a notice at the Civic Offices, placing articles on the Council's website, via social media and other appropriate routes. The

Council will also write to all existing parish and town councils, county and district councillors, MPs and neighbouring councils.

Scope of the Review and Factors to be Considered

The Review will consider any Community Governance Review requests received following publication of the Terms of Reference.

Timetable for the Review

A timetable for the review is attached in the appendix 1.

The present structure of Parish Councils/Town Councils and their electoral arrangements

The following information on Parish/Town Councils is detailed in Appendix B

- name of parish/town council
- number of electors as of January 2025
- current number of parish/town councillors
- ratio of current councillors to electorate

Representations

Before Hart District Council make any recommendations the council must consult local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body which appears to the council to have an interest in the review.

All representations received will be published and steps will be taken to notify consultees of the outcome of the Review.

Recommendations will be made following the initial consultation which will be published and consulted on before final recommendations are taken to Full Council.

How will the results be disseminated?

The Council will publish full details on the Council's website. This Review is deemed to have commenced on the date of this Notice and must be completed within twelve months.

Dated 17 03 2025

HART DISTRICT COUNCIL
Community Governance Review 2025
Programme and Timetable

Stage	Date/Timeline	Timescale	Outline of Activity
Commencement	17 March		Publication of Notice and Terms of Reference
Initial consultation stage.	17 March – 16 May	9 weeks	Initial submissions invited consultation / representations
Consider submissions	19 May – 13 June	4 weeks	Consideration of submissions received – draft recommendations prepared
Draft recommendations published	16 June		Publish draft recommendations for further consultation
Consultation on draft recommendations	16 June – 8 August	8 weeks	Publish draft recommendations for further consultation
Proposed final recommendations drafted	11 August – 5 September	4 weeks	Consideration of submissions received – final recommendations prepared
Final recommendations submitted to Council	25 September		Council resolves to make a Reorganisation Order
Implementation	May 2026		Effective date of any changes to parish/town boundaries and electoral arrangements

Current structure of Parish Councils/Town Councils and electoral arrangements

Parish	Parish Ward	Electorate 2025	No. of Cllrs	Electors per Cllr
Blackwater & Hawley		4312	8	539
	<i>Blackwater</i>	1235	3	412
	<i>Hawley & Minley</i>	3077	5	615
Bramshill		86	5	17
Church Crookham		7676	10	768
	<i>Gally Hill</i>	1749	2	875
	<i>Church Crookham East</i>	3684	5	737
	<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	2243	3	748
Crondall		1402	8	175
Crookham Village		3431	8	429
	<i>Crookham Village</i>	953	2	477
	<i>Zebon</i>	2116	5	423
	<i>Netherhouse</i>	362	1	362
Dogmersfield		258	5	52
Elvetham Heath		3630	7	519
	<i>Elvetham Heath East</i>	1531	3	510
	<i>Elvetham Heath West</i>	2099	4	525
Eversley		1319	8	165
Ewshot		838	5	168
Fleet		18687	18	1038
	<i>Ancells</i>	2091	2	1046
	<i>Calthorpe</i>	3254	3	1085
	<i>Fleet Central</i>	5362	5	1072
	<i>Courtmoor</i>	3689	4	922
	<i>Pondtail</i>	4291	4	1073
Greywell		203	5	41
Hartley Wintney		4593	12	383
	<i>Hartley Wintney</i>	4411	11	401
	<i>Elvetham</i>	182	1	182
Heckfield		370	6	62
Hook		7221	12	602
Long Sutton		379	5	76
Mattingley		479	6	80
Odiham		3888	10	389
	<i>Odiham</i>	2233	6	372
	<i>North Warnborough</i>	1020	3	340
	<i>RAF Station</i>	635	1	635
Rotherwick		426	7	61
South Warnborough		485	5	97
Winchfield		567	5	113

Yateley Town		15692	13	1207
	<i>Darby Green & Potley Hill</i>	2778	2	1389
	<i>Frogmore</i>	2225	2	1113
	<i>Yateley Green</i>	3518	3	1173
	<i>Yateley Village</i>	2903	2	1452
	<i>Yateley North</i>	1042	1	1042
	<i>Tudor & Vigo</i>	3226	3	1075