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Subject: LGBCE - Witney Town Council

Good morning Sharon

As you may know the Local Government Boundary Commission are currently reviewing the Oxfordshire County Council boundaries, as a consequence to this the dynamics of the Parish boundaries will need to be aligned to fit into the divisions. The LGBC have just published their draft recommendations, page 27 of the documents details Parish electoral arrangements. The final consultation will conclude on 11 December, I have detailed this information below:

https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/full report oxfordshire.pdf Have your say

- We will consult on the draft recommendations for a 10-week period, from 3 October 2023 to 11 December 2023. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to comment on these proposed divisions as the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be in making our final recommendations.
- We ask everyone wishing to contribute ideas for the new divisions to first read this
 report and look at the accompanying map before responding to us.
- You have until 11 December 2023 to have your say on the draft recommendations.
 See page 33 for how to send us your response.

Review timetable

- We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Oxfordshire. We then held a period of consultation with the public on division patterns for the county. The submissions received during consultation have informed our draft recommendations.
- The review is being conducted as follows:
- Stage starts Description 8 February 2023 Number of councillors decided 28 February 2023 Start of consultation seeking views on new divisions 8 May 2023 End of consultation;
- we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations 3 October 2023 Publication of draft recommendations;
- start of second consultation 11 December 2023 End of consultation;

we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations 12 March 2024
 Publication of final recommendation

Kind regards

Sharon

97 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Witney Town Council.

Draft recommendations

Witney Town Council should comprise 17 councillors, as at present, representing eight wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Witney Burwell	1
Witney Central	3
Witney East	4
Witney Leys	1

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Witney North	2	
Witney South	2	
Witney West	3	
Witney Windrush	1	

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