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Related subject: Cotswold District

Dear LGBCE

The Council is recommended to support the proposed boundary changes to Gloucestershire County Council Divisions within the Cotswold District. Additionally, it is recommended to change the names of the proposed divisions to enhance clarity and reduce confusion caused by the existing division names for communities.

Proposed Division Name Changes:

1. Bourton and Northleach to Mid-Cotswold:

Reason: The current division, named after Bourton-on-the-Water and Northleach, is the largest division geographically in Gloucestershire and includes many villages with little or no affinity to these settlements.

Renaming it "Mid-Cotswold" is geographically accurate and clearer for the electorate.

2. Campden-Vale to North Cotswold:

Reason: The current division, is named after Chipping Campden and the settlements north of Chipping Campden along the B4632 (Mickleton, Weston Sub-edge and Willersey) which although in the

Cotswolds, are also considered part of the Vale of Evesham. This only describes a small part of the division in the very far north. The proposed division takes in a much larger scope than the existing name suggests and now spreads down through a large rural area as far as Naunton and

Guiting Power in the south. Although Chipping Campden remains the largest settlement in the division, the majority of the ward is closer to other large settlements Moreton, Stow and Bourton. The proposed name, " North Cotswold," accurately reflects the geographic scope of the proposed division, reducing confusion among voters. It will also relate better to other proposed division names "South", "Mid", "East" and "Tetbury and West". The division was previously called North Cotswold until 2013 and makes up the entire Northern boundary of the Cotswold area.

3. Cirencester Park Division to West Cirencester Division:

Reason: To alleviate confusion caused by the current name, which stems from the now-abolished Cirencester Park Ward on Cotswold District Council.

The current and proposed division contain the communities of Chesterton, the town centre and Watermoor. There isn't one clear community in the division. The proposed name aligns with the geographic location of the division and minimizes confusion for the electorate.

4. Cirencester Beeches Division to North East Cirencester & Ermin:

Reason: The existing name has caused confusion due to its association with a relatively small part of Cirencester. In parts of Cirencester there is confusion as to why the division is named after a different part of the town. In villages such as Birdlip, Cowley, Elkstone, Brimsfield and Winstone which look to Gloucester and Cheltenham rather than Cirencester the current name of the division is even more confusing as there is no recognition of what 'Cirencester Beeches' is.

The proposed name, "East Cirencester & Ermin," accurately reflects the geographic scope of the division, reducing confusion among voters.

5. Fairford and Lechlade-up-on-Thames to South East Cotswold:

Reason: Despite being named after the two largest settlements, the division is large and rural, encompassing parishes with little connection to Fairford or Lechlade.

Renaming it "South East Cotswold" is geographically accurate and clearer for the electorate. This division was previously called East Cotswold until 2013, however, "South East Cotswold" is clearer as there are 3 divisions which make-up the eastern boundary of the Cotswold area, this being the southernmost division of the three.

6. South Cerney to South Cotswold:

Reason: The current name, based on the largest settlement, is confusing for a large, rural division with 16 parishes unrelated to South Cerney. Renaming it "South Cotswold" is geographically accurate and clearer for the electorate. This division was previously called South Cotswold until 2013.

7. Tetbury Division to Tetbury & West Cotswold:

Reason: Recognising Tetbury as the main settlement while acknowledging the inclusion of many villages stretching from the edge of Cirencester in the east to the border of South Gloucestershire in the west.

The proposed name, "Tetbury & West Cotswold," provides clarity for voters residing across the division

8. Stow-on-the-Wold to Moreton, Stow & the Rissingtons:

Reason: Reflecting the significant growth of Moreton-in-Marsh and recognizing it as larger than Stow-on-the-Wold.

The proposed name, "Moreton, Stow & the Rissingtons," acknowledges these three significant population centres in the division.

Attached Documents:

- 2023 12 11 GCC Boundary Review - CDC response_.pdf



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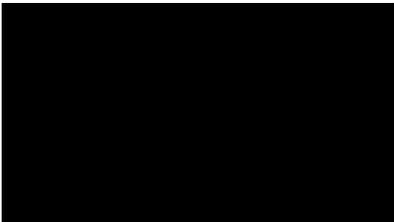
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