

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT
Meeting date	15 September 2025
Report author	Responsible Finance Officer / Town Clerk
Agenda item	9

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

- (i) To update the members on the LGR

2. Summary

2.1 Update

Cllr Astone attended a LGR consultation delivered by the Vale of White Horse, putting forward the proposal of the 2 Councils – Oxford & Shires and Ridgeway.

The Town Clerk and Cllr Halliday attended a workshop with OCC, who were asking for feedback and suggestions on how the parishes can support developing a parish framework for LGR.

3. Action required

The committee is requested to:

- (i) **Note** the update

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

- KO1: To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
- KO2: To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.
- KO3: To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
- KO4: To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

5. **Key information and options**

- 5.1 The LGR Working Party members are: Cllr Astone, Cllr Giddins, Cllr Halliday, Cllr Lewis, the Town Clerk is in the process of calling a working party meeting and hopes to have a date for this by the FGAM meeting.
- 5.2 Appendix A give the proposed timeline for the LGR, and key dates. Starting November 2025, completing April 2028.
- 5.3 It is key that Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council open a conversation with both OCC and the VWHDC, expressing how and what we would like to see from the LGR.

6. **Climate change/green implications**

None.

7. **Financial/budget implications**

None at this time.

8. **HR implications**

None.

9. **Consultation implications**

I consider that there are no matters within the report on which we should consult.

9. **Supporting papers and appendices**

APPENDIX A: LGR Timeline

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10 September 2025