

Charlton Hayes parish council consultation

15 October 2021 – 7 January 2022

South Gloucestershire Council is carrying out a review of the way decisions are made on local issues in your area and we want to hear your views. We want to know if you would like a Parish Council created to represent the interests of Charlton Hayes.

What are the current arrangements?

Charlton Hayes is currently part of Patchway Town Council. The area is divided into two town wards and there are 15 councillors representing the interests of the local area. The table below shows the current structure of the town council.

Town Council Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors	Electorate to Councillor ratio
Patchway, Callicroft	5520	9	613:1
Patchway, Coniston	3954	6	659:1

The consultation options

There are two possible options. They are:

Option1: A new parish council for Charlton Hayes

This would mean that a new parish would be created to represent the interests of residents of Charlton Hayes. The creation of a new parish may involve moving finances and assets from Patchway Town Council to the new council. The table below shows a proposed structure for a new parish council.

Parish Area	Electorate	Number of Councillors	Electorate to Councillor Ratio
Charlton Hayes Parish Council	3252	7	465:1

What will being part of a separate parish council mean?

If a new parish council was created for Charlton Hayes this could result in the following changes:

- A stronger voice on what happens in Charlton Hayes, such as planning applications and the management of public spaces
- Greater control over the look and feel of your area, for instance adding additional seating and bins in public spaces
- Better reporting on value for money - the parish council will have to report to you on local spending and how they have delivered what you asked for

If a new parish was created, it would set its own parish tax (precept). Residents already pay an annual tax (precept) to Patchway Town Council who provide some of your local services.

Proposed area for Charlton Parish Council – next page

Proposed Charlton Hayes Parish



— Revised Charlton Hayes Area



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Option 2: No change

This would mean that Charlton Hayes would remain part of Patchway Town Council.

Why are we carrying out the review?

We review our town and parish council areas and non-parished areas every few years through a process called a “community governance review” as part of our legal obligations, and in addition we have received a request from local councillors asking that a new parish is created to represent Charlton Hayes.

When considering making changes to arrangements in an area we are required to ensure that the review will be:

- Reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- Is effective and convenient

In doing so we are required to consider:

- The impact of existing community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- The size, population and boundaries of any local community or proposed parish or town council. In this particular area, South Gloucestershire Council would need to be satisfied that any new parish council would be large enough to be viable.

What happens next?

All the responses will be reviewed and used in a report to go to our Regulatory Committee at the end of January 2022. If a decision is made to progress changes, then we will consult again with further detail around what a new parish council will look like for Charlton Hayes and how it will operate.

Have your say

There are several ways for you to tell us your views on this important local issue. You can:

- Complete the survey enclosed with this letter/leaflet and return it to:
Freepost COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW*
- Complete an online response at: southglos.gov.uk/CharltonHayesConsultation
- Email: electoral.services@southglos.gov.uk
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The consultation closes on 7 January 2021

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