

Decision Notice

Community Governance Review – Windsor Town Council

On 20 July 2021, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead [full Council considered the final recommendations](#) of the Community Governance Review Working Group on the proposal to establish a Windsor Town Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

In taking such the decision, the Royal Borough is required to have regard to the “[Guidance on Community Governance Reviews](#)” issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government published in 2008.

The Council decided not to establish a Windsor Town Council as it was not considered that a Town Council for the unparished areas of Windsor would deliver effective and convenient local government to residents. In particular, it was considered that an additional layer of government comprising 21 town councillors was not necessary; representation at borough council level was deemed sufficient to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community.

Members also took into account the response rate to the second round of consultation, which took place between March-June 2021. Whilst noting there was no required threshold for responses Members considered the level of response (from an electorate of 21,000, 679 responses [3.2%], of which 542 were in favour [2.58%]) did not provide a sufficient mandate to create a Town Council, with the associated consequences for representation and council tax, for all 21,000 electors.