

The Colyford Governance Review



Creating a Village Council for Colyford

You may recall that last July, led by the Residents Association, the Colyford community gathered sufficient signatures to submit a petition to East Devon District Council (EDDC) requesting formation of an independent new council for the parish of Colyford to be called the Colyford Village Council (CVC). EDDC reviewed the submission and unanimously approved the decision at Cabinet and Council in December 2021 to proceed with a Colyford Governance Review (CGR) starting in January 2022 to be finalised by December 2022. If the community is successful in approval of a new Colyford Village Council (CVC) in December 2022, there will be elections of Councillors, and thereafter the inaugural CVC will be established.

The Steering Group (SG)

The CGR has now started. Firstly, the CVRA have created a Steering Group (SG) led by Julian Thompson and John Vieth to guide our village through the review process. Since November, the SG have:

- Prepared the foundations to undertake the essential tasks
- Identified key stakeholders, met with them, and established the processes and timescales.
- Discussed principles of the CGR with the CEO EDDC and the Monitoring Officer.
- Learned from other villages who have previously undergone this journey.
- Developed an Action Plan that will enable us to undertake the key tasks through the CGR and identify the risks that require mitigation to succeed in introducing an effective CVC.

If you are interested & would like to help please contact:

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The Colyford Governance Review (CGR)

- EDDC have issued their Governance Schedule & the key Milestones are -
 - Stage 1 - invite initial submissions - Jan to Mar 22
 - Stage 2 - consider submissions and draft proposal - April & May 22
 - Stage 3 - draft proposals published and consultations made - June to Aug 22
 - Stage 4 - consideration of submissions, proposals prepared - Sept & Oct 22
 - Review and approval by EDDC Cabinet - Nov 22
 - Review and approval by EDDC Council - Dec 22
 - Village Council Elections - May 23

You will have an important role in completing a mail drop by the EDDC Governance Review Team by end of Jan 22. We understand that this will be about 4 questions seeking your views about an independent Colyford Village. Should you need some help on the procedure, please use the two SG email addresses.

The Steering Group Tasks

We are:

- Drafting a Blueprint for the proposed new CVC that aims to take all necessary actions to introduce an efficient and effective Council to support our Community.
- Co-ordinating a communications approach to keep the Community aware throughout the year of what is happening with the CGR.
- Preparing a business case and financial plan for the proposed CVC for submission to EDDC.
- Identifying the resources required to operate a new CVC.

Communications/Media

We have made a good start, there is plenty of work to prepare and inform, and further opportunities for involvement of the community. We will keep you informed of progress through verbal briefings at meetings, Colyford Village website, Colyton Parish Council website, emails (if appropriate) & mail-drops. Annie Thompson will be co-ordinating the above and will also be editing and distributing the Village Newsletter. Please send **ALL** contributions for the Feb 22 Newsletter edition to [**colyfordmedia@icloud.com**](mailto:colyfordmedia@icloud.com) by 4 Feb 22.