

District Councillor report to Grove Parish Council 14 January 2025

English Devolution White Paper

This has been a matter for much discussion as it involves the abolition of second tier district councils. If this is to go ahead, we would like it to happen as soon as possible.

For our latest view see the letter from the council leader to OCC leader at [Letter-to-Cllr-Liz-Leffman-Devolution.pdf](#).

There is a County Council cabinet meeting on Thursday 9 January 2025 to formulate a response to central government.

The effect of the changes to parish councils should be minimal.

Joint Local Plan

This has been submitted to government for inspection. The Planning Inspectorate will examine the JLP and assess whether it has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements.

At the end of the public examination, the Inspector will conclude whether the plan is sound. In most cases the Inspector's report will recommend some changes that would allow the plan to be adopted.

If successfully adopted, the plan would replace the existing Local Plans for both councils.

The plan should still have an influence on planning decisions even after any local government reorganisation.

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