

## **PUBLICATION OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS OF BICKLEY, EDGE, HAMPTON AND LARKTON PARISHES**

### **Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007**

As part of the current Community Governance Reviews of Bickley, Edge, Hampton and Larkton parishes, under the terms of reference published on 25 October 2013, the Community Governance Review Committee of Cheshire West and Chester Council has made the following final recommendations to be subject to a further final period of consultation prior to being agreed by Council:

That:

- 1) the boundary of the existing parish of Bickley be redrawn to the south at Back Lane to transfer the properties of 1 – 11 Back Lane, 15 – 19 Back Lane, 4 – 16 Back Lane, Karjul, Tree Tops, Beech Tree Cottage, Corn Riggs, Jalna, The Croft, Cae Parc and Parkfields from Macefen parish to Bickley parish;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Bickley be redrawn to the west to follow the line of the Dismantled Railway Line at Bawbrook to transfer the properties of 30 – 38 Back Lane; 56 – 60 Cross o' th' Hill Road; Whitegates Farm; The Cottage and Cartrefle from Malpas parish to Bickley parish;
- 3) the boundary of the existing parish of Edge be redrawn to the south to follow Mates Lane to the junction with Chester Road to transfer the properties of Hannets Cottage, Kidnal Hill Farm, Gams Wood Cottage, Yew Tree Cottage, Bellair and Mole End from Edge parish to Malpas parish;
- 4) the boundary of the existing parish of Hampton be redrawn to the west at Ebnal Lane to transfer the property of Hamilton House from Malpas parish to Hampton parish;
- 5) the grouping of the existing parishes of Bickley, Edge, Hampton and Larkton under the single common council of No Man's Heath and District be dissolved;
- 6) the parishes of Bickley, Edge, Hampton and Larkton be amalgamated to constitute a new single parish comprising the area of those parishes;
- 7) the new parish shall be known as No Man's Heath and District;
- 8) in consequence of paragraph (6) above, the existing parishes of Bickley, Edge, Hampton and Larkton shall cease to exist;
- 9) a new local council for the area be created;
- 10) the local council for the area adopt the style of "parish";
- 11) the new parish shall not be warded
- 12) the parish council for the parish of No Man's Heath and District consist of eleven members; and
- 13) a Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1 April 2015 save for



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those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in May 2015.

## Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance reviews of Bickley, Edge, Hampton and Larkton parishes in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; to determine more appropriate parish boundaries which reflect the identities and interests of local residents; and to enable more effective governance arrangements which are proportionate to the size of the local electorate.

The current total electorate for the area is 943 based on the Register of Electors in force from 17 February 2014. This figure is expected to increase to approximately 1025 within the next five years as a result of planned development. However, taking into account the proposed boundary changes reflected in recommendations (1), (2), (3) and (4), the figure is re-estimated as 1097. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of between eight and eleven seats.

## Next steps

All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the draft recommendations may do so in writing to the Partnerships Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Goldsmith House, Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 1SE. Alternatively, representations may be submitted by email to [partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) quoting 'Community Governance Review – No Mans Heath and District' in the Subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 31 August 2014.

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