

Cheshire West & Chester Council

PUBLICATION OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS OF BROXTON, DUCKINGTON AND HARTHILL PARISHES

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Reviews of Broxton, Duckington and Harthill 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 parish of Broxton should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 2) the name of the parish of Broxton should not be altered;
- 3) the parish of Duckington should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 4) the name of the parish of Duckington should not be altered;
- 5) the parish of Harthill should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 6) the name of the parish of Harthill should not be altered;
- 7) the parishes of Broxton, Duckington and Harthill should continue to be grouped under a common parish council – Broxton and District; and
- 8) no changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish council.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Broxton, Duckington and Harthill parishes in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; and to endorse that current community governance arrangements are effective.

Retention of the existing grouping arrangement will ensure that the smaller but distinct communities of Duckington and Harthill are appropriately represented on the Parish Council supported through separate Parish Meeting arrangements whilst acknowledging the wider area as defined for neighbourhood planning purposes.

The current total electorate for the area is 395 based on the Register of Electors in force from 17 February 2014. This figure is expected to increase slightly to 403 within the next five years. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of seven or eight seats. However, the submissions received in response to the publication of the draft recommendations have provided evidence of need for the retention of ten as at present.



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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 quoting 'Community Governance Review – Broxton and District' in the Subject field.

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

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