

Cheshire West & Chester Council

PUBLICATION OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF BURWARDSLEY PARISH

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Burwardsley parish, 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 Burwardsley should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 2) the name of the parish of Burwardsley should not be altered;
- 3) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 4) the parish council for the parish of Burwardsley consist of five members; and
- 5) 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 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 review of Burwardsley parish in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance and in line with local preference 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 142 based on the Register of Electors in force from 17 February 2014. This figure is not expected to increase within the next five years. On the basis that a community governance review cannot recommend the creation of a parish council for newly created parishes with 150 or fewer electors, consideration has been given to the retention of a parish council for Burwardsley. However, this review has concluded through the consultation responses that the existing parish council reflects community identities and provides effective and convenient local government despite the size of the electorate. As such, the parish council has been retained though the number of seats has been reduced in line with similar sized ungrouped parishes.

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,



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representations may be submitted by email to partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk quoting 'Community Governance Review – Burwardsley' in the Subject field.

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

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