

Cheshire West & Chester Council

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

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Utkinton parish, under the terms of reference published on 2 August 2012, 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 Utkinton be redrawn to the north-west of the parish at Utkinton Lane / Tirley Lane to transfer the properties of Quarry Bank House, Grove House, Charlotte Rose House, Greenacres and Hillside Farm from Willington parish to Utkinton parish;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Utkinton be redrawn to the north of the parish at Heaths Lane to transfer the land between Heaths Lane and the existing boundary from Delamere parish to Utkinton parish;
- 3) the boundary of the existing parish of Utkinton be redrawn to the north-east of the parish at Sadlers Lane / the A49 to transfer the properties of Foxhill Farm, Jubilee House, The Nook, Fox Edge and Foxbank Bungalow from Delamere parish to Utkinton parish;
- 4) the boundary of the existing parish of Utkinton be redrawn to the north-east of the parish at the A49 to transfer the properties of the Fox and Barrel Pub, Sicuani – Fox Bank, Fox Bank Cottage and 2 Fox Bank from Little Budworth parish to Utkinton parish;
- 5) the boundary of the existing parish of Utkinton be redrawn to the south of the parish at the A49 / Tarporley Road to transfer the properties of Eaton Hill House, Eaton Hill Cottage, Oaklands Cottage, Eaton Hill Farm, Portal Mews and the Golf Course from Utkinton parish to Tarporley parish;
- 6) the parish of Utkinton should not be abolished;
- 7) the name of the parish should be changed to Utkinton and Cotebrook;
- 8) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 9) no changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish council; and
- 10) 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.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Utkinton parish in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance and in line with local preference; to determine more appropriate parish boundaries which reflect the identities and interests of



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local residents; and to endorse that the current community governance arrangements are effective.

The current total electorate for the area is 588 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This is not forecast to change significantly over the next five years as a result of planned development or as a consequence of the proposed boundary changes detailed in recommendations (1) to (5). Taking this into account, the current size of Utkinton Parish Council is comparable with other Councils representing a similar electorate.

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 – Utkinton' in the Subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 21 September 2014.

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