

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of Revised Final Recommendations for the Community Governance Review of Little Leigh parish

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Little Leigh parish, under the terms of reference published on 31 January 2014, the Community Governance Review Committee of Cheshire West and Chester Council has made the following revised 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 Little Leigh be redrawn to the south-east at Stone Heyes Lane to transfer the properties of Woodside, Rose Bank Farm, The Old Vicarage, Stoneleigh House, Stoneheyes Farm, The Barn (Stoneheyes Farm), 323 Runcorn Road, 325 Runcorn Road, 327 Runcorn Road and 329 Runcorn Road from Barnton parish to Little Leigh parish;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Little Leigh be redrawn to the south-west, south of Acton Swing Bridge, to transfer the island of the Weaver Navigation Canal from Little Leigh parish to Acton Bridge parish;
- 3) the parish of Little Leigh should not be abolished;
- 4) the name of the parish of Little Leigh should not be altered;
- 5) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 6) the parish council for Little Leigh consist of seven councillors; and
- 7) 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 2015.

N.B. The above revised final recommendations replace those previously published on 12 September 2014.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Little Leigh parish in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance and in line with local preference; to determine more appropriate parish boundaries which better 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 432 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This figure is not expected to increase over the next five years as a result of planned development. However, the proposed boundary change detailed in



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recommendation (1) would slightly increase the size of the electorate to 448. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of seven or eight seats. The slight reduction in the current size of the Parish Council reflects the difficulty experienced in securing sufficient local candidates to fulfil this role.

Next steps

All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the revised final 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 – Little Leigh' in the Subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 14 October 2014.

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