

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of Revised Final Recommendations for the Community Governance Review of Rudheath parish

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Rudheath parish, under the terms of reference published on 28 February 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 Rudheath be redrawn to the west at the cemetery to transfer a parcel of land from Northwich parish to Rudheath parish;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Rudheath be redrawn to the south along Gad Brook and the A530 to transfer the properties of 1 – 10 Pear Tree Cottages, Higgins Lane Farm, Little Grebe Cottage, The Cottage, Brook House Farm, Croft Lodge, Lanes End Bungalow and Firthfield Kennels from Rudheath parish to Davenham parish;
- 3) the parish of Rudheath should not be abolished;
- 4) the name of the parish of Rudheath should not be altered;
- 5) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 6) no changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish council; 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.

N.B. The above revised final recommendations replace those previously published on 12 September 2013.

Reasons for the recommendation

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

The current total electorate for the area is 2980 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This figure is expected to increase to 3121 over the next five years as a result of planned development and as a consequence of the proposed boundary change detailed in recommendation (2). Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of



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between ten and twelve seats, though this does not necessarily reflect the range and scale of local services delivered by them.

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 – Rudheath' in the Subject field.

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

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