

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of Final Recommendations for the Community Governance Review of Backford, Caughall and Chorlton-By-Backford parishes

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Backford, Caughall and Chorlton-by-Backford 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:

That:

- 1) the grouping of the existing parishes of Backford, Caughall and Chorlton-by-Backford under the single common council of Backford and District be dissolved;
- 2) the parishes of Backford, Caughall and Chorlton-by-Backford be amalgamated to constitute a new single parish comprising the area of those parishes;
- 3) the new parish shall be known as Backford;
- 4) in consequence of paragraph (i) above, the existing parishes of Backford, Caughall and Chorlton-by-Backford shall cease to exist;
- 5) a new local council for the area be created;
- 6) the local council for the area adopt the style of "parish";
- 7) the new parish shall not be warded;
- 8) the parish council for the parish of Backford consist of eight members; and
- 9) 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 reviews of Backford, Caughall and Chorlton-by-Backford parishes in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; and to enable more effective and appropriate community governance arrangements which are proportionate to the size of the local electorate.

The current total electorate for the area is 184 based on the Register of Electors in force from 17 February 2014. This figure is expected to increase to 310 within the next five years. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of eight seats.

Next steps

All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the 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



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The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 3 August 2014.

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