

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of final recommendations for the Community Governance reviews of Barnton parish

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Barnton 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 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 Barnton be redrawn to the north at Stone Heyes Lane to transfer the properties of Woodside, Rose Bank Farm, The Old Vicarage, Stoneleigh House, Stoneheyes Farm and The Barn (Stoneheyes Farm) from Barnton parish to Little Leigh parish;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Barnton be redrawn to the east at Hough Lane so as to ensure that the entirety of the properties of 7 Larch Tree Close, 8 Larch Tree Close, 10 Larch Tree Close and 7 – 19 Oak Tree Close are within Anderton with Marbury parish;
- 3) the parish of Barnton should not be abolished;
- 4) the name of the parish of Barnton should not be altered;
- 5) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 6) the parish council for the parish of Barnton consist of ten 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.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Barnton 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 determine more appropriate electoral arrangements which are proportionate to the size of the local electorate and reflect the concerns of the Parish Council.

The current total electorate for the area is 4281 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This figure is expected to increase to 4379 over the next five years as a result of planned development and as a consequence of the proposed boundary change detailed in recommendation (1). Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of between ten and fifteen seats.



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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 – Barnton' in the subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 28 September 2014.

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