

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of final recommendations for the Community Governance Review of Hartford parish

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Hartford 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 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 Hartford be redrawn to the west at the railway line to transfer the properties of Moss Farm, 1 – 6 Moss Farm Barns, 1 – 4 Blue Cap Cottages, Blue Cap Stables and Speedwell Bungalow from Weaverham parish to Hartford parish;
- 2) the parish of Hartford should not be abolished;
- 3) the name of the parish of Hartford should not be altered;
- 4) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 5) no changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish council; and
- 6) 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 Hartford 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 endorse that the current governance arrangements are effective.

The current total electorate for the area is 4444 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This figure is expected to increase to 4455 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.

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,



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representations may be submitted by email to partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk quoting 'Community Governance Review – Hartford' in the subject field.

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

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