

Cheshire West & Chester Council

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

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Marston 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 parish of Marston should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 2) the name of the parish of Marston should not be altered;
- 3) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 4) the parish council for Marston consist of seven councillors;
- 5) 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; and
- 6) the community governance arrangements for Marston parish be reviewed in advance of the local elections scheduled to take place in 2023 or on completion of the Wincham Urban Village, whichever is the sooner.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Marston parish in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; to enable more effective governance arrangements which are proportionate to the size of the local electorate; and to enable re-consideration of the community governance arrangements at a future date in the light of proposed development in the neighbouring Wincham parish.

The current total electorate for the area is 427 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This figure is expected to increase to 561 over the next five years as a result of planned development. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of between seven and nine seats. The reduction in the current size of the Parish Council also 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 draft recommendations may do so in writing to the Partnerships Team, Cheshire West



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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 – Marston' in the subject field.

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

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