

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Publication of final recommendations for the Community Governance Review of Whitegate and Marton parish

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Review of Whitegate and Marton parish, under the terms of reference published on 20 December 2013, 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 Whitegate and Marton should not be abolished and that its area should not be altered;
- 2) the name of the parish of Whitegate and Marton should not be altered;
- 3) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- 4) no changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish council; and
- 5) the community governance arrangements for Whitegate and Marton parish be revisited under a new community governance review at the earliest opportunity and in advance of the local elections scheduled to take place in 2019.

Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Whitegate and Marton parish in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; to endorse that the current community governance arrangements are effective; and to allow re-consideration of the community governance arrangements for the parish in response to the views expressed by local electors in a neighbouring area.

The current total electorate for the area is 949 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This is forecast to increase to 955 over the next five years as a result of planned development. However, the current size of Whitegate and Marton Parish Council is comparable with other Councils representing a similar electorate.

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 – Whitegate and Marton' in the subject field.



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

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