

# Cheshire West & Chester Council

## Publication of Final Recommendations for the Community Governance Reviews of Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank parishes

### Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Reviews of Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank 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 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 Woodbank be redrawn to the south-east at the A5117 to transfer the properties of Pitts Farm, Willow Barn, Oakwood Farm, Hill View Farm, Rose Farm, Northfield, The Gibbet Windmill, Saughall Mill Farm, Saughall Mill Farm Cottage, Mill Cottage North, Mill Cottage South and Rendova Farm from Saughall parish to Woodbank parish;
- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Woodbank be redrawn to the south-east at the A5117 to transfer the properties of 3 Woodbank Lane, The Covert, Blue Haze, Orchard View, Park Farm, Roughwood Farm, The Willows and Fourways Farm from Shotwick Park parish to Woodbank parish;
- 3) the grouping of the existing parishes of Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank under the single common council of Puddington and District be dissolved;
- 4) the parishes of Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank be amalgamated to constitute a new single parish comprising the area of those parishes;
- 5) the new parish shall be known as Puddington;
- 6) in consequence of paragraph (4) above, the existing parishes of Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank shall cease to exist;
- 7) a new local council for the area be created;
- 8) the local council for the area adopt the style of "parish";
- 9) the parish council for the parish of Puddington consist of nine members;
- 10) the new parish shall not be warded;
- 11) 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; and
- 12) the community governance arrangements for Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank parishes be re-visited under the terms of reference for the future community governance review of the Ellesmere Port Unparished Area.



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## Reasons for the recommendation

To enable completion of the community governance review of Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank parishes in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; to determine more appropriate parish boundaries and local governance arrangements which better reflect the identities and interests of local residents; to enable more effective governance arrangements which are proportionate to the size of the local electorate; and to enable a reconsideration of the community governance arrangements for the area as part of the exploration of options for the future governance of the surrounding Ellesmere Port Unparished Area.

A reduction in size of council through the amalgamation of the three existing parishes into one will enable greater flexibility in the composition of the council.

The current total electorate for the area is 372 based on the Register of Electors in force from 7 May 2014. This figure is expected to increase slightly to 394 within the next five years as a result of planned development. However, the proposed boundary changes detailed in recommendations (1) and (2) would increase this figure further to 454. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of between seven and ten 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 [partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) quoting 'Community Governance Review – Puddington, Shotwick and Woodbank' in the Subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 14 October 2014.

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