

Community Governance Review Sub-Committee Agenda

Date: Tuesday 13th March 2012
Time: 2.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street,
Crewe CW1 2BJ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

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For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2012

5. **Crewe Community Governance Review - Formulating the Council's Draft Recommendation** (Pages 5 - 10)

To consider a briefing paper on the points which the Council needs to take into consideration in formulating the Council's draft recommendation

6. **Crewe Community Governance Review - First Stage Consultation**
(Pages 11 - 40)

The initial consultation with stakeholders and the public took place between 14 November and 16 December 2011 and the feedback received was considered by the Sub Committee on 20 December 2011. At that meeting it was agreed to extend the general period of consultation to 29 February 2012, along with a postal ballot of electors for the unparished area of Crewe which took place from 1 – 29 February. The wording for the ballot paper was agreed by the Sub Committee based on the feedback received, which indicated a level of support only for the option of a single Town Council for Crewe.

Members are asked to take into account the following feedback received and to consider and determine its recommendation to the Constitution Committee on 22 March 2012. The Constitution Committee will subsequently make a recommendation to Council for the draft outcome of the review. A further period of consultation will then take place on the draft.

- a) Results of the consultation with electors
- b) Additional representations received since 16 December

7. **Next Steps and Arrangements for Stage 2 Consultation** (Pages 41 - 44)

To note the project plan in respect of the remainder of the Review process and to discuss the format of the next stage of the consultation

8. **Macclesfield Community Governance Review**

To consider the timing of the commencement of the Community Governance Review for Macclesfield

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

To agree the date of the next meeting

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the
Community Governance Review Sub-Committee
held on Tuesday, 20th December, 2011 in the Municipal Executive Suite -
Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor D Marren (Chairman)
Councillor P Groves (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Baxendale, R Cartlidge, B Murphy and P Whiteley

In attendance

Councillor S Hogben

Officers

Lindsey Parton, Registration Services and Business Manager
Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer
Lesley Seal, Communications Manager (Performance and Capacity)
Tim Oliver, Media Relations Officer

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Cartlidge declared a personal interest in the Crewe Community Governance Review as the Mayor of Crewe and as a Crewe Charter Trustee.

25 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

26 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2011 be approved as a correct record.

27 FEEDBACK ON CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The four week consultation period with key stakeholders/interested parties had taken place from 14th November to 16th December 2011.

137 emails and 61 letters had been sent to stakeholders. By the date of the Sub-Committee's meeting, 62 responses had been received by letter,

email or online response form. 87% of respondents supported a Town/ Parish Council as their highest preference.

RESOLVED

That the outcome of the initial consultation exercise be noted.

28 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE PROJECT PLAN

The community governance project plan had been updated and circulated to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the revised community governance project plan be approved.

29 NEXT STAGE OF CONSULTATION - BALLOT OF ELECTORS

The Sub-Committee considered the next stage of the process in light of the response from the stakeholder consultation.

The key issues for consideration were the wording of the ballot paper and the associated publicity/information leaflets.

In view of the public and stakeholder feedback to date, Members felt that the wording of the ballot paper should simply ask whether there should be a single town council for Crewe. It was agreed that the question to be asked should be a positive one, ie "Do you want a single town council for Crewe", rather than a negatively worded question such as whether the voter objected to such a proposal.

In considering the wording for the ballot paper it was felt that there was no evidence of support for more than one parish council. A significant percentage of consultees had specifically expressed a preference for a single town council, whereas no such support had been voiced specifically to request more than one parish council. In addition, in carrying out the previous Crewe Community Governance Review in 2009/10 there had been relatively low support for the option of four parish councils on the ballot paper at that time (20.8% of those who expressed a preference had opted for 4 separate parish councils, as opposed to 79.2% of electors who had expressed a preference for a single town council). The Sub-Committee also noted the call from electors for a simple question on the ballot paper. One consultee had specifically requested the ballot paper question to be "Do you want a Town Council for Crewe" and similar pleas had been made at the public meetings held in September 2011.

There was some discussion about the implications of a low turnout in the ballot and whether any particular motive could be attributed to those who had not voted. It was suggested that the information leaflet accompanying the ballot paper could include a comment to the effect that a failure to vote

would be interpreted to mean that the individual was not opposed to the establishment of a town council. The Officers advised that such a comment should only be included as a direct quote from a particular Member and should not appear to be the opinion of the Council as it could leave the Council open to challenge. The Officers undertook to seek legal advice on the suggestion.

It was agreed that for clarity, the period of the ballot should be for the whole of the month of February 2012.

Members noted that the Leighton ward of Crewe was partly unparished and that the unparished part included approximately 400 electors who would be included in the ballot. It may be that if given a choice, some or all of those electors would prefer to be included in Leighton parish. It was agreed that the printing of the ballot paper should allow for the analysis of responses by polling district in Leighton.

Members turned their attention to the publicity arrangements for the ballot and in particular to the two information leaflets; the small A5 one to be included with the ballot paper and the larger A4 one to be available to provide additional information for those who want it. It was agreed that the A5 leaflet should be worded simply, and should focus on encouraging people to vote in the ballot. It should also urge people to encourage their neighbours to vote and to speak to their local ward councillors for further information and advice. It was also suggested that the envelope containing the ballot paper and leaflet could be designed in such a way as to encourage people to open it.

The communications plan now needed to be developed to support this next stage of the Review including a press release at the start and part way through the review and public notices on notice boards in Crewe.

RESOLVED

That

(1) the wording on the ballot paper should be:

“Do you want a single town council for Crewe?”

(2) the printing of the ballot paper should allow for the analysis by polling district for the unparished area of the Leighton ward;

(3) the period of the ballot should be for the whole of the month of February 2012 and that the general consultation period, including the website, be extended to the end of February ;

(4) the Officers be authorised to prepare the ballot paper, information leaflet and outgoing envelope on the basis agreed by Members; and

(5) A communications plan be developed to support the remaining stages of the Review.

30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 26th January 2012 at 9.30 am at Westfields.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.42 am

Councillor D Marren (Chairman)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	13 March 2012
Report of:	Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Crewe Community Governance Review – Formulating The Council's Draft Recommendation

1. Report Summary

1. This paper provides members with an outline of the process to be followed in conducting this review. It is based on the statutory guidance in respect of the process for creating a new local council 'Guidance on community governance reviews' issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Electoral Commission.

2. Procedure

1. Since February 2008 the power to take decisions about matters such as the creation of parishes and their electoral arrangements has been devolved from the Secretary of State and the Electoral Commission to principal Councils such as Cheshire East Council.
2. Cheshire East Council can, therefore, decide whether to give effect to the recommendations made arising from the Community Governance Review, provided it takes the views of local people into account.
3. In broad terms the process will follow a number of phases outlined below:
 - Determine viable options for community governance in the area under review.
 - Draw up a Consultation Plan focused on consulting on those viable options.
 - Stage 1 Consultation on the options.
 - Evaluation and analysis of responses.
 - Draft recommendation for the Constitution Committee to consider for recommendation to Council.
 - Draft Proposal advertised
 - Stage 2 Consultation on the Draft Proposal
 - Council decides Outcome of the review.

4. The key element of the Review is the consultation process. The Sub Committee agreed the list of consultees, method of consultation and the timing of the consultation process.
5. The consultation process is central to the Review and must include:
 - Local government electors in the area under review
 - Local businesses, local public and voluntary organisations, schools, health bodies
 - Residents and community groups
 - Area working arrangements.
6. The initial phase of consultation has been based largely on written representations received in response to public notices, specific invitations, a website tool and information leaflets. Two public meetings were held in September to give members of the public the opportunity to learn more about the review and to express their views in a public forum. As these were poorly attended, further opportunities were subsequently provided to provide information at various community events during November and December 2011. An exhibition display was also located on various days at the Crewe Market, Crewe Library and Delamere House. A communications plan was also developed to support the consultation which comprised of seven press releases, an article in the partnership newsletter, an advert in the programme for a fixture at the Crewe Alexandra Football ground and information on the plasma screens at the customer centre. A voting paper was also sent to electors in Crewe which were required to be returned by 29 February. The website has also been used as a source of information and as a tool for people to use to record their views. A link has been included on the front page of the website during the course of the consultation period.

3. Criteria when undertaking a Review

1. The Council now needs to consider the results of the initial phase of consultation and formulate recommendations ensuring that community governance within the area under review will be
 - Reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area
 - Effective and convenient
2. Key considerations in meeting the criteria include:
 - The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion
 - The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish
 - Parishes should reflect distinctive and recognisable communities of interest with their own sense of identity
 - The degree to which the proposals offer a sense of place and identity for all residents
 - The ability of the proposed authority's ability to deliver quality services economically and efficiently providing users with a democratic voice

- The degree to which a town/ parish council would be viable in terms of a unit of local government providing at least some local services that are convenient, easy to reach and accessible to local people.

4. Recommendations and Decisions on the Review Outcome

1. The guidance requires that recommendations must be made with respect to the following:
 - a) Whether a new parish or any new parishes should be constituted
 - b) The name of any new parish
 - c) Whether or not the new parish should have a parish council (if the parish has more than 1000 electors, the review must recommend that the parish should have a parish council)
 - d) What the electoral arrangements for new parishes which are to have parish councils should be
2. These recommendations must have regard to:
 - The need to ensure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community in the area and is effective and convenient
 - Any other arrangements that have already been made for the purposes of community representation or engagement
 - Any representations received and should be supported by evidence which demonstrates that the community governance arrangements would meet the criteria.
3. It should be noted that Cheshire East Council can only establish a parish council, but could recommend that it should be given the title of a Town Council. The decision whether to be called a Town Council or not would be one for any new parish council established to consider and determine.

5. Electoral Arrangements

1. The Review must give consideration to the electoral arrangements that should apply in the event that a parish council is established. In particular the following must be considered:
 - a) The ordinary year of election – if a single parish council were established, the elections would take place every four years. The next scheduled parish council elections are in May 2015. Should a decision be made to establish a parish council before that date, Councillors would be elected on the same basis as a by-election i.e. their term of office would expire in May 2015, rather than being in office for a full four year term.

- b) The Council can also consider whether to put a “temporary parish council” in place for a period of time before elections are held. The authority can choose anybody it wants to sit on the body and usually it will appoint at least one ward councillor. Temporary parish councils have all the legal powers of an elected parish council, so they can appoint a clerk or other staff, exercise powers and provide services. In the case of a decision being made to hold elections relatively quickly, councils would not normally deem it necessary to put such temporary arrangements in place.
- c) Council size – the number of councillors to be elected to the parish
- d) Parish warding – whether the parish should be divided into wards; this includes the number and boundaries of such wards; number of councillors per ward and the names of wards. In considering whether to recommend that a parish should or should not be warded, the council should consider:-
- whether the number or distribution of electors would make a single election of councillors impractical or inconvenient;
 - whether it is desirable that any area of the parish should be separately represented on the council

If the Council decides to recommend wards – in considering the size and boundaries of the wards and the number of Councillors for the wards it must have regard to the following factors:

- i) the number of electors for the parish
- ii) any change in number / distribution of electors likely to occur in period of 5 years
- iii) desirability of fixing boundaries which will remain easily identifiable
- iv) any local ties which will be broken by the fixing of any particular boundaries

6. Council Size

1. The Local Government Act 1972 Act specifies that each parish council must have at least 5 members; there is no maximum number. There are no rules relating to the allocation of those Councillors between parish wards.
2. There is a wide variation of council size between parish councils. Research in 1992 has shown this is influenced by population:
 - Between 2501 and 10,000 population had 9 to 16 councillors
 - Between 10,001 and 20,000 population had 13 to 37 councillors
 - Almost all over 20,000 population had between 13 and 31 councillors.
3. The National Association of Local Councils suggests that the minimum number of councillors for any parish should be 7 and the maximum 25.

4. Each area should be considered on its own merits, having regard to population, geography and patterns of communities. Principal councils should bear in mind that the conduct of parish business does not usually require a large body of councillors. However, a parish council's budget and planned level of service provision may be important factors in reaching a decision on Council size.

7. Parish warding and names of wards

1. There is likely to be a stronger case for the warding of urban areas. In urban areas community identity tends to focus upon a locality, with its own sense of identity. In terms of naming parish wards consideration should be given to existing local or historic places, so that these are reflected where appropriate. The Council should take account of community identity and interests and consider whether any ties or linkages would be broken by the drawing of particular ward boundaries.
Also, when considering ward boundaries the Council should consider the desirability of fixing boundaries which will remain easily identifiable.

8. Number of Councillors to be elected for parish wards

1. If the council decides that a parish should be warded, it should give consideration to the levels of representation between each ward. It is best practice for each persons vote should be of equal weight as far as possible.

9. Other forms of Community Governance

1. In conducting the Community Governance Review, the Council must consider other forms of community governance as alternatives to establishing parish councils, for example:
 1. Area Committees
 2. Neighbourhood management
 3. Tenant Management Organisations
 4. Area/ community forums
 5. Residents/ Tenants organisations
 6. Community Associations

The Sub Committee has included these options as part of the consultation process and no support has been demonstrated for any of these alternative options. The Sub Committee also received a report from the LAP Manager in September 2011 on existing community governance arrangements in Crewe.

10. RECOMMENDATION

In summary, in forming a draft recommendation for the Community Governance Review, the Sub Committee needs to have regard to all representations received, and consider and recommend to the Constitution Committee:

- a. Any forms of community governance as alternatives to establishing parish councils, for example:
 - Area Committees
 - Neighbourhood management
 - Tenant Management Organisations
 - Area/ community forums
 - Residents/ Tenants organisations
 - Community Associations
- b. Whether a new parish or any new parishes should be constituted
- c. The name of any new parish or parishes
- d. Whether or not the new parish should have a parish council (if the parish has more than 1000 electors, the review must recommend that the parish should have a parish council)
- e. Whether the parish should have an alternative Style e.g. Community, Neighbourhood, or Village; or whether the status of Town Council should be recommended
- f. What the electoral arrangements for new parishes which are to have parish councils should be
- g. The ordinary year of election
- h. Council size – the number of councillors to be elected to the parish
- i. Parish warding – whether the parish should be divided into wards; this includes the number and boundaries of such wards; number of councillors per ward and the names of wards.

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Daily Returns

Date	Crewe (Without Leighton)		37,344		Leighton (1F14)		406		Total		Turnout
	Daily	Total	Turnout	Total	Daily	Total	Turnout	Daily	Total		
Friday 03/02/12	9	9	0.02%	0	0	0	0.00%	9	9	0.02%	
Monday 06/02/12	4,933	4,942	13.23%	2	2	0.49%	4,935	4,935	4,944	13.10%	
Tuesday 07/02/12	52	4,994	13.37%	0	2	0.49%	52	4,996	4,996	13.23%	
Wednesday 08/02/12	1,873	6,867	18.39%	23	25	6.16%	1,896	6,892	6,892	18.26%	
Thursday 09/02/12	914	7,781	20.84%	12	37	9.11%	926	7,818	7,818	20.71%	
Friday 10/02/12	976	8,757	23.45%	9	46	11.33%	985	8,803	8,803	23.32%	
Monday 13/02/12	1,143	9,900	26.51%	12	58	14.29%	1,155	9,958	9,958	26.38%	
Tuesday 14/02/12	10	9,910	26.54%	0	58	14.29%	10	9,968	9,968	26.41%	
Wednesday 15/02/12	502	10,412	27.88%	3	61	15.02%	505	10,473	10,473	27.74%	
Thursday 16/02/12	260	10,672	28.58%	2	63	15.52%	262	10,735	10,735	28.44%	
Friday 17/02/12	332	11,004	29.47%	4	67	16.50%	336	11,071	11,071	29.33%	
Monday 20/02/12	229	11,233	30.08%	2	69	17.00%	231	11,302	11,302	29.94%	
Tuesday 21/02/12	124	11,357	30.41%	1	70	17.24%	125	11,427	11,427	30.27%	
Wednesday 22/02/12	83	11,440	30.63%	1	71	17.49%	84	11,511	11,511	30.49%	
Thursday 23/02/12	218	11,658	31.22%	2	73	17.98%	220	11,731	11,731	31.08%	
Friday 24/02/12	24	11,682	31.28%	0	73	17.98%	24	11,755	11,755	31.14%	
Monday 27/02/12	233	11,915	31.91%	4	77	18.97%	237	11,992	11,992	31.77%	
Tuesday 28/02/12	98	12,013	32.17%	1	78	19.21%	99	12,091	12,091	32.03%	
Wednesday 29/02/12	122	12,135	32.50%	0	78	19.21%	122	12,213	12,213	32.35%	

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Final Results

Area	No of voting papers received	Yes	No	Rejected	Total	Do totals match?
Crewe	12,135	10,741	1,381	13	12,135	YES
Leighton (1FJ4)	78	69	9	0	78	YES
TOTALS	12,213	10,810	1,390	13	12,213	YES

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**Crewe Community Governance Review Sub Committee
13 March 2012**

Summary of Representations Received

1. The following feedback was received in response to the Stage 1 consultation undertaken between 14 November and 16 December and was reported to the Sub Committee at its meeting on 20 December, together with a copy of each representation received.

	Responses received by Registration Service and Business Manager (as at Monday 19 December 2011)	Hardcopy responses received by LAP Manager at consultation events (as at Tuesday 20 December 2011)	Totals
Town / Parish Council	37	15	52
Town /Parish Council and Community Association	1	-	1
Parish Council and Community Forum	1	-	1
Town / Parish Council and Neighbourhood Management	-	1	1
Supports concept of subsidiarity	1	-	1
No change	1	-	1
No preference expressed	4	1	5
Total	45	17	62

87% of respondents support a Town / Parish Council as their highest preference.

2. The following representations in support of and against a Single Town Council for Crewe have been received since 16th December, copies of which are attached. 10 further communications were received which have not been included in the summary as they are seeking further information before completing and returning their ballot paper. Further correspondence was also received from some people indicating that they had not received their ballot paper. In many cases this was because people were residents of an area of Crewe which was already parished, and would not therefore have been sent a ballot paper. In

those cases where a ballot paper should clearly have been received, people were encouraged to submit their views by letter or by email.

34x Representations Received since 16 December 2011 in Support of a Single Town Council for Crewe	
A1	Jack Wimpenny, Chair of Governors, St Mary's Primary School
A2	Mrs Stephenson
A3	Andrew Brown
A4	Lenka MolCanova & Jason Bennett
A5	Mr C Nicholson
A6	Malcolm Riley, Deacon of Union Street Baptist Church
A7	Mr & Mrs Corbett
A8	Andrew Dixon
A9	Andrew Taylor, Minister of Union Street Baptist Church
A10	David Elliott
A11	D Harrison
A12	P A Harrison
A13	Unsigned letter of support
A14	Petition signed by 14 residents of Coleridge Way, Crewe
A15	Ballot paper received and not included in the summary of voting papers returned
A16	Ballot paper received and not included in the summary of voting papers returned
A17	Unofficial ballot paper received and not included in the summary of voting papers returned
A18	Ballot paper received and not included in the summary of voting papers returned
A19	Ballot paper received and not included in the summary of voting papers returned
A20	Nigel Parton

4 x Representations Received since 16 December 2011 against a Single Town Council for Crewe	
B1	Hassall
B2	P & M Eustance
B3	T J Stubbs

1x Representations Received since 16 December 2011 concerning the consultation process	
C1	David Perry

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Jack Wimpenny [jack.wimpenny@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 19 December 2011 20:33
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Crewe Community Governance Review

Dear Sir,

Thank you for asking me to take part in this consultation and I apologise for my late submission.

I welcome the clear description of the various options for Crewe. After considering these, my view is that Crewe should have its own, elected Town Council.

The cabinet system of governance adopted by Cheshire East can result in few, if any, of Crewe Councillors being in a position to represent their town at the highest level of decision making. As funding for Local Government tightens, the allocation of money for Crewe's local needs may thus be compromised.

Things important to Crewe residents are likely to be of little significance to those of other towns. I can think of Crewe Park as an example. Funding shortages appear to have left the park without sufficient daily supervision, compromising the benefits of the recent renovation work. Crewe residents might consider this an area in which they would like to invest more resources.

Responsibility goes hand-in-hand with authority. Of the options suggested in your consultation document, the elected Town Council is the only structure that links responsibility for service delivery with authority mandated to them by the local electorate. In your own words, 'Parish/Town Councils are arguably the most local form of government'. All the other options lack either a true mandate from the local electorate and/or the ability to raise money independently.

I feel that 'fairness' is lacking in the present arrangements. Towns fortunate to have a Town/Parish Council at the time of Cheshire East's formation have benefitted from almost three years in which their local agenda has been able to move forward. As far as I am aware, this has been achieved alongside and at no detriment to the progress of Cheshire East's plans or policies.

At St Mary's Primary School, we teach that everyone should have a voice and that voice has a right to be heard. An elected Town Council for Crewe would give residents more of a voice in the services that affect their lives locally and the means to put ideas into action.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Wimpenny,

Chair of Governors,

St Mary's primary School, Crewe.

FRANCOY MRS. L. STEPHENSON.
FLAT 8, ELM COURT,
ON, ELM DRIVE,
CREWE, CHESHIRE.

Dear Sir,

I would like to know what a difference it will make to have a single Town Council here in Crewe?

Our town has gone down so much we wonder if it will ever be put profit? Because it has really gone down three days

I am pleased to say that the Cheshire East Council have been very good & helpful with me, of which I am very grateful. At 90 yrs of age, and I had my 2 falls at home at

Xmas, they & many others have all really been a great help to me, to get me back to life again. So good luck & lots more love have

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a Crewe Town to be proud of again in the future?

So, you a yes?
Yours hopefully
Leah Stephenson.

My family have been brought up & lived here for many years, we, call themselves, real Creweites

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 30 January 2012 09:08
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Cc: PARTON, Lindsey
Subject: Crewe Consultation Options Feedback

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Crewe Community Governance Review

Name:	Andrew Brown
Address:	1 Brown Lees Close Crewe CW2 6AT
Do you represent a particular local group?	No
If you would like to add any further brief comments, please do so in the box below	
<p>Crewe needs a Town Council as the current arrangement whereby non-Crewe councillors are deciding the fate of the town is completely wrong. It is completely undemocratic that the wishes of the people of this great town are being overridden by those councillors elected by small numbers of voters in leafy villages at the other end of the county.</p>	

Preferred Option(s)

The preferred option(s) would be:

Parish or Town Councils. 16 points out of 27.

All the scores given against the various options:

Option	Total score (out of a possible 27)
No change	3
Parish or Town Councils	16
Neighbourhood Management	13
Community forum	3
Residents' or tenants' association	3

PARTON, Lindsey

From: lenka molcanova [pepeliskka@gmx.co.uk]
Sent: 02 February 2012 13:42
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: single Crewe town council

Hi There,
Lenka Molcanova and Jason Bennett 30 Rolls Avenue Crewe CW13GE we are voting for single crewe town council we wote for YES.
thank you

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 10 February 2012 10:46
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Cc: PARTON, Lindsey
Subject: Crewe Consultation Options Feedback

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Crewe Community Governance Review

Name:	Mr.C.Nicholson
Address:	19 Danebank Avenue Crewe CW2 8AE
Do you represent a particular local group?	No
If you would like to add any further brief comments, please do so in the box below	
<p>I thought that the original idea of splitting Cheshire into two parts and do away with the Crewe and Nantwich Council was to save money. However, since most other areas in Cheshire East have now got their own local councils, it seems we in Crewe have no alternative but to have our own. So; here we are going back to our original state before the split up of Cheshire into two parts and having spent a great deal of money in the process.</p>	

Preferred Option(s)

The preferred option(s) would be:

Parish or Town Councils, 21 points out of 27.

All the scores given against the various options:

Option	Total score (out of a possible 27)
No change	11
Parish or Town Councils	21
Neighbourhood Management	13
Community forum	9
Residents' or tenants' association	9

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Malcolm Riley [msriley@btinternet.com]
Sent: 18 February 2012 14:55
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Cc: Andrew Taylor
Subject: Crewe Town Council - current vote

Whilst I am not resident within the town of Crewe, I believe I am able to support the current vote process in supporting a 'yes' vote for Crewe to have a Town Council, in view of Councillor Fitzgerald's comment on your website i.e '...those who have an interest in the town'.

I am a deacon and property steward of Union Street Baptist Church, Crewe which owes its beginnings in 1882 to Mr Richard Pedley JP who was an Alderman and Mayor of Crewe. He led the small group of people who first met in an upper room in Station Street, towards the building of the church in 1883-4. Mr Pedley was, like myself, a resident of Winterley, also a cheese factor in the town, having a warehouse in South Street. He was most influential in the early years of Crewe, and it would be good for these beginnings to be recognised again, in Civic terms, with Crewe having the dignity of a Town Council.

Apart from his name being recorded on the Council Chamber's board, we also have the physical presence in the town of the baptist church in Union Street which he helped create, and which still continues in its original use today as an important link with Crewe's early years, and appropriately so is now Grade II listed.

Apart from these historical points, I believe that the creation of Town Council status will assist Crewe's continued success as a significant centre of business and commerce in south Cheshire.

I would be pleased therefore if my name could be added to those voting 'yes' to the creation of 'Crewe Town Council'.

Thank you

Malcolm Riley, 26 Pool Lane, Winterley, Sandbach CW11 4RY

3 Leighton View,
Crewe,
Cheshire,
CW1. 3YT.
Tel: 01270 580630
19/2/12.

Ref: Votes in favour of a Town Council in Crewe.
(DO YOU WANT A SINGLE TOWN COUNCIL)
MR. S. CORBETT.
MR. E. A. CORBETT.

Dear, Ms. Parton,

We have not received any ballot papers for this issue. We have been advised by Cheshire East Council to write directly to you to express a preference for or against.

YES WE ARE IN FAVOUR OF A CREWE TOWN COUNCIL.

2 Votes: ~~J.P. Parton~~ YES
E.A. Corbett YES

Yours Sincerely

~~J.P. Parton~~
E.A. Corbett

PARTON, Lindsey

From: andrew dixon [dicko601@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 22 February 2012 18:19
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Re: Crewe ballot

Hi lindsey

Thanks for the reply, I live in parkfield off parkers road, and I would like to express my view, If given the choice I would like Crewe to have its own council, thanks for offering to forward my views. Regards Andrew Dixon

Sent from my iPhone

On 22 Feb 2012, at 15:11, "COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW"
 <CommunityGovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk> wrote:

>
 > Hello
 >
 > Do you not mention your address in your message, but only those
 > residents who live in the area of Crewe which is currently unparished
 > have been sent a voting paper which could explain why you have not
 > received a voting pack. The unparished area covers the Cheshire East
 > Wards of Crewe Central, Crewe East, Crewe North, Crewe South, Crewe St
 > Barnabas, Crewe West and a small part of Leighton.
 >
 > However, you are still welcome to express your views, which you can do
 > by responding to my email by 5pm on Wednesday 29th February. I will
 > ensure that your comments are put forward for consideration by the
 > Council as part of the Review process.
 >
 > Kind regards
 > Lindsey
 >
 > Lindsey Parton
 > Registration Service and Business Manager
 > Cheshire East Council
 > Westfields, Sandbach
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 > Tel: 01270 686477
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 >
 > -----Original Message-----
 > From: andrew dixon [mailto:dicko601@hotmail.co.uk]
 > Sent: 17 February 2012 16:47
 > To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
 > Subject: Crewe ballot
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 >
 > I have just read in the Crewe Guardian newspaper an article about the
 > vote for Crewe's own council, I have never received a ballot paper
 > regarding this vote. Is there anyway I can vote before the closing
 > date ? Regards A Dixon
 >
 > Sent from my iPhone
 > *****
 > **
 > Confidentiality: This email and its contents and any attachments are intended only
 > for the above named. As the email may contain confidential or legally privileged
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 > been swept for the presence of computer viruses. We cannot accept any
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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Andrew Taylor [andrewn.taylor@btinternet.com]
Sent: 23 February 2012 17:45
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Cc: David Cannon; Malcolm and Sandra Riley
Subject: Crewe Town Council

Dear Lindsey Parton,

I write as the Minister of Union Street Baptist Church, in which capacity I responded to the earlier consultation in the matter in 2009. However, unusually for a local minister, I live outside the area currently being polled, though my professional concerns are entirely within it. I am obviously unable to cast a vote in the matter but I hope my views, sent on behalf of the church might be included in the process.

We are strongly of the view that there should be a single town council for Crewe. The concept of community is an important one. Union Street Baptist Church was established over 125 years ago to be at the centre of the community that was developing amongst the workforce of the North Sheds, and that call to serve our community, albeit now a very different one, remains a powerful one for us today. The wider community that is the town of Crewe equally needs to be recognised, identified and served.

The churches of the town, including our own, have in recent years covenanted together in acknowledgement of the fact that although distributed around the town we still serve the town as a whole. Collective endeavours, such as the Christmas Day lunch, the successful hustings meeting held just before the last General Election, and the provision of night shelter accommodation during this winter's cold snap, have been prompted by a concern for the community of Crewe as a whole, and would not have been feasible on a lesser scale. We believe that on a yet broader range of issues a Town Council for Crewe would also serve that purpose.

I hope these views might be taken into account.

With sincere thanks,

Andrew Taylor
Minister
Union Street Baptist Church

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 28 February 2012 09:11
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Cc: PARTON, Lindsey
Subject: Crewe Consultation Options Feedback

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Crewe Community Governance Review

Name:	David Elliott
Address:	32 Broughton Lane Wistaston Crewe CW2 8JP
Do you represent a particular local group?	No
If you would like to add any further brief comments, please do so in the box below	

Preferred Option(s)

The preferred option(s) would be:

Parish or Town Councils. 25 points out of 27.

All the scores given against the various options:

Option	Total score (out of a possible 27)
No change	3
Parish or Town Councils	25
Neighbourhood Management	24
Community forum	24
Residents' or tenants' association	24

A12

103 Coleridge Way

GREYST

CW01 5LE

I wish to vote for a
Toron Council,

P. A HARRISON

Pd Harrison

A11

103 Coleridge Way

GREYST

CW01 5LE

28-02-12

I wish to vote for a
Toron Council

P HARRISON

Pd Harrison

I am in favour of a Town Council
for Greve - 27/2/12 EWS 609

FAO Lindsey Parton
Cheshire East
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire CW11 9HZ

Vote for Crewe Council

Dear Madam,

We the undersigned wish to vote in favour of having a Crewe Council

Name	Address	Signature
DEREK GEORGE SHAW	57 COLERIDGE WAY CREWE CW15JX	D Shaw
Ann Shaw	57 Coleridge Way Crewe CW15JX	A S Shaw
John Bryan	61 Coleridge Way Crewe CW15JX	J Bryan
Margaret Bryan	61 Coleridge Way Crewe CW15JX	M. Bryan
Jan Brooker	59, COLERIDGE WAY CREWE CW15JX	J Brooker
Jacky Brooker	59, COLERIDGE WAY CREWE CW15JX	J Brooker
GEORGE STOBBS	65 COLERIDGE WAY, CREWE CW15JX	G Stobbs
PAUL NOWNALL	67 COLERIDGE WAY, CREWE CW15LE	P Nownall
Margaret Bell	69, Coleridge Way Crewe	M Bell
DARILH TAYLOR	71, COLERIDGE WAY, CREWE	D Taylor
CLARE TAYLOR	71 COLERIDGE WAY, CREWE	C Taylor
Sadie Hulme	63 Coleridge way, crewe, CW15JX	S Hulme
JASON BARNES	63 COLERIDGE WAY, CREWE	J Barnes
PHILIP SHAW	(138 ELM DRIVE CREWE) (FORMALLY 57 COLERIDGE WAY)	P Shaw

(NONE OF THE ABOVE HAVE RECEIVED VOTING PAPERS)

Crewe Community Governance Review

Voting Paper for Electors

1. Place a cross (x) in the box below opposite the option you are voting for.
2. Put no other mark on the voting paper or your vote may not be counted.
3. Once completed, return by post in the pre-paid envelope without delay.
4. The voting paper must be received by no later than **5pm** on **Wednesday 29 February 2012**.

Question:

Do you want a single Town Council for Crewe?

YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

Crewe Community Governance Review

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Question:

Do you want a single Town Council for Crewe?

YES	X
NO	

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Question:

Do you want a single Town Council for Crewe?

YES	X
NO	



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Question:

Do you want a single Town Council for Crewe?

YES	X
NO	



2-2-2012

Yes X

I would like a single loose leaf.

Note lost forward envelope.

Nigel Panton

98 Davenport Avenue

Leam

CV26LT

01270 652931

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 13 January 2012 21:18
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Cc: PARTON, Lindsey
Subject: Crewe Consultation Options Feedback

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Crewe Community Governance Review

Name:	I. Hassall11 Hawthorn lane
Address:	11 Hawthorn Lane Crewe
Do you represent a particular local group?	No
If you would like to add any further brief comments, please do so in the box below	
<p>why do we need a council in crewe when the government set up a unitary authority to remove all the layers of governance. Is this same democratic process to be carried out in macclesfield or do they have sufficient representation at cheshire east to ensure that their needs are catered for.</p>	

Preferred Option(s)

The preferred option(s) would be:

No Change. points out of a possible 27.

All the scores given against the various options:

Option	Total score (out of a possible 27)
No change	5
Parish or Town Councils	4
Neighbourhood Management	3
Community forum	3
Residents' or tenants' association	3

PARTON, Lindsey

To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Subject: RE: Proposed Crewe Town Council

-----Original Message-----

Sent: 27 January 2012 16:22

To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Subject: Re: Proposed Crewe Town Council

Dear Sir/Madam, We are against the proposed Crewe Town Council or Parish Council, We prefer that the present arrangements are kept.

Kind Regards

P & M Eustance
21 Herbert Street
Crewe Cheshire
CW1 5LZ

PARTON, Lindsey

From: terence stubbs [christerry@sky.com]
Sent: 08 February 2012 11:16
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Re: local council for crewe

thank you for the reply
i know that £15.50 is not a lot of money for one year
but what will the cost rise to in future years
so with that i mind i will be voting no
your t j stubbs

On Tue, Feb 7, 2012 at 12:09 PM, COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
<CommunityGovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk> wrote:

Thank you for your email.

More information is available on the Council's website.

I attach some information that I hope will help.

The additional cost per household is estimated to be £15.50 per year

Paul Jones
Democratic Services Team Manager
Cheshire East Council
Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach, Cheshire.
CW11 1HZ.
Tel. 01270 686458

<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/>

PARTON, Lindsey

From: terence stubbs [christerry@sky.com]
Sent: 03 February 2012 09:14
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: local council for crewe

dear sirs

this is probable a question that has been asked before
but would a singular council for crewe increase our council tax or would there be
another tax to pay ie a local one like the old parish council tax
or would there be addition tax paid by the residents of crewe to finance
the singular crewe council

yours

tj stubbs cw2 6ne
christerry@sky.com

Mr D. Perry.
10 Grenville Close,
Haslington,
Crewe.
20 February 2012.

Dear Lindsey,

Re my phone call to you at lunchtime today, about the reforming of Crewe Borough Council and the lack of information for all the people of the Borough. I suggested that maybe a "Flyer" distribution throughout the whole Bough, as I said I would be prepared to do an area of Haslington I stand by that, but think maybe the "Flyer" should ask for volunteers to help. Also the formation of a Forum of ordinary people working with and alongside with your committee dealing with this issue. As I said to you there are a lot of people I have spoken to who know nothing of this issue and I personally believe that if this new Council will better represent our Town at a Local level then Local people from all parts of the Borough should be allowed to be involved if that's what they want to do.

Kind Regards,

David Perry.

Tel-01270586507

Email- david.s.perry@talktalk.net

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CREWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN

Task/activity		Decision making process	Date of Meeting
Officer Project Team	Officer Responsible	Community Governance Review Sub Committee meetings	26/7/2011 19/8/2011
Guidance summary Project Plan Map of Review Area Electorate figures Options appraisal (As per last Crewe CGR) Prepare consultation leaflet Electoral arrangements - initial views size/warding Consultation – Full list of consultees and contact details 2 x Public notices prepared for public meetings and for commencement of the Review Arrange public meetings Arrange printing for postal ballot	LP/ NB	Consider summary of CGR guidance Approve terms of reference Approve Review Process / project plan Agree consultation methods Agree list of consultees Identify and evaluate options for the review Formulate Leaflet to consultees and electors Agree arrangements for public meetings	
Publish Public Notice giving details of public meetings	LP/NB		24/8/2011 <i>(Two weeks before public meetings held)</i>
Public Meetings	BR/ LP/ NB	2 meetings in Crewe	15/9/2011 – evening 16/9/2011 - afternoon
		Community Governance Review Sub Committee meeting	23/9/2011

CREWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN

Task/activity		Decision making process	Date of Meeting
Further public engagement / publicity arranged			October 2011
Publicity for 1 st stage consultation with stakeholders	LP/NB		12/10/2011 <i>(Two weeks before consultation starts)</i>
Sign off of information leaflet		Community Governance Review Sub Committee meeting	21/10/2011
Comments / submissions invited from interested parties on Options (4 week consultation period)		Consultation Period (stage 1)	14/11/2011 – 16/12/2011
All submissions / comments considered and evaluated.	LP		19 December 2011
Collate representations and devise ballot paper to electors		Community Governance Review Sub Committee meetings	20 December 2011- plus further meeting if required in January 2012
Publish Public Notices for consultation with electors			Mid – January <i>(two weeks before consultation starts)</i>
Ballot Papers issued to electors			February 2012

CREWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN

Task/activity		Decision making process	Date of Meeting
Collate representations and prepare committee report	LP	Community Governance Review Sub Committee meeting	End February 2012
		Constitution Committee	22 / 3/ 2012 (or special meeting if required)
Preparation of report to Council on draft final recommendation (including any warding arrangements)	LP/ BR	Formulate draft final recommendation to Council Agree public notice for stage 2 consultation	
		Council Approval of final draft recommendation for consultation	19/4/2012
Publish Notice	LP		25/4/2012 <i>Two weeks before consultation starts</i>
Implement Consultation (3 weeks)	LP	Consultation Period (stage 2)	9/5/2012 – 30/5/2012
		Community Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting	wk cmg 11/6/2012
Preparation of analysis/evaluation of consultation outcome Develop final recommendations – to include Implementation Plan, interim arrangements and election arrangements	LP	Analysis of consultation outcome Formulation of final recommendation and Implementation Plan for consideration by Constitution Committee	

CREWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN

Task/activity		Decision making process	Date of Meeting
Preparation of report to Constitution Committee detailing final recommendation for approval by Council	LP/BR	Approval of final recommendation and Implementation Plan for consideration by Council	
		SPECIAL MEETING Constitution Committee	June 2012
Preparation of final recommendation and report to Council Implementation arrangements Draft Order and associated documents including maps Implementation Plan including interim arrangements	LP/BR		
		Final Decision by COUNCIL MEETING Including Approval of reorganisation order and Implementation Plan	July 2012
Council Publishes Reorganisation Order			August 2012
Implementation of any changes in electoral arrangements			Thereafter

Key to Officers:-

- LP - Lindsey Parton, Registration Service and Business Manager, Legal & Democratic Services
- NB - Natalie Bown, Policy Officer, Performance and Partnerships
- BR - Brian Reed, Democratic and Registration Services Manager