

## DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Housing and Jobs

**Date:** 6 November 2014

**Decision in the matter of:** Cheshire Homechoice Allocations Policy Review

**Decision:** That the risk and benefit analysis of the proposed changes be noted, and that approval be given to consult on them before they are incorporated into the new Allocations Policy.

**Background:** The Cheshire Homechoice Allocations Policy was launched in April 2010 and is a partnership approach to allocating social housing in the Borough alongside the three largest social housing providers: Wulvern Housing, Plus Dane and Cheshire Peaks and Plains Housing Trust.

The Allocations Policy was reviewed during 2012 to take into account the lessons learnt from the first 18 months, and also to incorporate changes that had been introduced in legislation. The Partners and Members of Cheshire East Council have identified that there are further adaptations which now need to be made following economic changes both nationally and locally. The Council wishes to include input from a wide spectrum of organisations, providers and the public which will ensure that the policy is robust and reflects the current and future local and national environment for social housing.

The 5 key areas of the Policy which will impact on the residents of Cheshire East will need to be consulted upon during the 6 week consultation period.

**Background Documents:** The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor Don Stockton (Portfolio holder Housing and Jobs)

**Date:** 6 November 2014

**Advising  
Officer:**

Signed .....  
Karen Carsberg (Homechoice and Homelessness Manager)

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**Decision in the matter of:** Congleton Neighbourhood Area Application

**Decision:** That approval be given to designate Congleton Parish as Congleton Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of preparing the Congleton Neighbourhood Plan, as shown on the map attached as Appendix 1 of the report.

**Background:** An application to designate this neighbourhood area was submitted by Congleton Town Council in August 2014. Discussions on the extent of the neighbourhood area have been held; the extent of which is proposed to reflect the extent of the Parish boundary for Congleton.

The Congleton Neighbourhood Area application has been prepared in accordance with existing regulations and guidance and is desirable to designate for these reasons:

- The application submitted meets the requirements as presented at Part 2 (5) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- Congleton Parish Council is the relevant body to undertake Neighbourhood Planning.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Area follows the existing political and administrative boundary for the Parish of Congleton and does not include land in any adjoining Parish.
- No other applications have been made for Neighbourhood Areas covering all or part of the area.
- Issues concerning strategic interests in the Parish have been discussed and relevant strategic issues have been identified in respect of Local Plan Strategy Strategic Locations SL6, SL7, SL8, and Local Plan Strategy Site CS17; these strategic sites and location are located partially within the Congleton Parish Boundary and partially in neighbouring Parishes.

The Localism Act 2011 introduced new legal rights that enable communities to prepare local development plans (neighbourhood plans) with equal weight to the Local Plan for decision making purposes on development proposals. The first stage in establishing a neighbourhood plan is the designation of a neighbourhood area the geographic extent within which future policies and land designations will apply.

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**Approved:**

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Councillor Don Stockton (Portfolio holder Housing and Jobs)

**Date:**

6 November 2014

**Advising Officer:**

Signed .....  
Stuart Penny (Planning Policy and CIL Manager)