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CREWE RESIDENTS URGED TO HAVE THEIR SAY

Crewe residents and organisations are being encouraged to have their say on how the town may be governed in the future.

Cheshire East Council is entering the second stage of its Community Governance Review, and is seeking views on the draft recommendation by January 8. A final decision will then be taken in February 2010.

During the first stage of the review, which ended on September 30, people were given the opportunity to learn about the various options at a public meeting, and all residents were sent voting papers and leaflets about the proposals.

Following detailed consideration of votes and submissions, the council's draft recommendation is "to accept the vote of the people of Crewe, and to reject the notion of a Town Council for Crewe at this time."

Local residents and organisations are being encouraged to make comments before a final decision is made. The public consultation period will run from November 30 – January 8, 2010.

Councillor Andrew Kolker, Vice -Chairman of the Governance and Constitution Committee, said: "We strongly encourage people living in Crewe and those with an interest in the town to make their views known on this important topic during the second stage of consultation.

"The review was instigated following receipt of a petition from local residents for a single town council for the unparished parts of the town. All feedback received will be taken into consideration to ensure the decision taken reflects the wishes of the people of Crewe."

To find out more about the options for governance in Crewe, or to view the draft recommendation and submit your views, please visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk. Alternatively comments can be submitted in writing to The Elections and Registration Team Manager, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1HZ.

The recommendation is also available to view at the council's Crewe and Sandbach offices and on public notice boards across Crewe.

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