

PRESS / PUBLIC NOTICEBOARD TEXT (1): PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal Community Governance Review - Have your say

Following receipt of three petitions from local residents in Wilmslow, Styal and Handforth asking for local councils (also known as town, parish or community councils) to be created in these areas, Cheshire East Council is conducting a Community Governance Review. This review will consider how these areas should be governed in the future, including whether a single local council, or multiple local councils, should be created for these areas which are currently unparished.

The following **Public meetings** are being held to give local residents, organisations and groups the opportunity to find out what the Review means, and inform people how to have their say on this important issue:

- Monday 26 April, 7pm, Wilmslow Leisure Centre, Wilmslow
- Wednesday 28 April, 7pm, Honford Hall, Handforth
- Thursday 29 April, 7pm, Styal Primary School, Handforth

In May, when the consultation takes place, a postal voting paper and leaflet will be posted out to every householder in the area explaining the Review and the various options being considered.

You can submit your views to: The Elections and Registration Team Manager, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Sandbach, CW11 9DZ, or by email to communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

More information can be found on the Cheshire East website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk,

PRESS RELEASE 1 – PUBLIC MEETINGS

RESIDENTS INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS IN WILMSLOW, HANDFORTH AND STYAL

Cheshire East Council has received three petitions from local residents each calling for a local council in the unparished parts of these areas. The Council is now conducting a review of Community Governance arrangements to decide whether this would currently be the best option for these areas.

As part of the review, residents in Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal are being invited to have their say on whether a single local Council, or multiple local Councils, should be created.

The following **Public meetings** will be held to give people the opportunity to find out more about the proposals and have their say:

- Monday 26 April, 7pm, Wilmslow Leisure Centre, Wilmslow
- Wednesday 28 April, 7pm, Honford Hall, Handforth
- Thursday 29 April, 7pm, Styal Primary School, Handforth

Following the meetings, local residents and organisations will be given a further opportunity to put forward their views on what form future local government administration should take, during a public consultation between 10 May – 4 June 2010.

Householders should also look out in their letterboxes for a postal voting paper and explanatory leaflet, which will be delivered during this period.

Councillor Jim Crockatt, Chairman of the Review Sub-Committee, said: “We strongly encourage people living in these areas, and anyone else with an interest, to make their views known on this important topic.

“All feedback received will be taken into consideration to ensure the decision taken reflects the wishes of the people of these areas.”

Following initial consultation, a draft recommendation will be created, which will form the basis of a second round of consultation in later in the year.

Any new arrangements would take effect from the date of the next local elections in May 2011.

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**PRESS / PUBLIC NOTICEBOARD TEXT (2):– STAGE ONE
CONSULTATION**

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW: WILMSLOW, HANDFORTH AND
STYAL – STAGE ONE CONSULTATION**

The Review of Community Governance arrangements in Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal is now entering its first stage of consultation.

Following public meetings in April 2010 in these areas, residents are being encouraged to submit their views on whether a single local Council, or multiple local Councils, should be created for their areas, if they haven't done so already.

Householders should have by now have received a postal voting paper and explanatory leaflet, which explains the proposals and asks them for their views.

Following the consultation, the Council will review all of the responses received, and make its draft recommendation later in the year.

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MEDIA RELEASE (2) – STAGE ONE

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL ASKS “WHETHER WILMSLOW, HANDFORTH AND STYAL SHOULD HAVE LOCAL COUNCIL”

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Following public meetings in April 2010 in these areas, residents are being encouraged to submit their views on whether a single local Council or multiple local Councils should be created for their areas, if they haven’t already done so.

Householders should have by now have received a questionnaire and explanatory leaflet explaining the proposals, and giving them the opportunity to have their say.

Following the consultation, the Council will review all of the responses received, and make its draft recommendation later in the year. They are urging people to let them know what they think so their views can be considered:

Councillor Jim Crockatt, Chairman of the Review Sub-Committee said: “It’s important people come forward now and give us their feedback, as this will ensure that the decision we take reflects the wishes of the people in these areas.”

Following the consultation, a draft recommendation will be created which will form the basis of a second round of consultation in later in the year.

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