

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Electoral and Polling District Review Sub Committee**

held on Monday, 27th January, 2025 in the The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor J Clowes (Chair)  
Councillors D Jefferay, C O'Leary and J Pearson

#### **OFFICERS**

Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services  
Diane Barnard, Electoral Services Team Leader  
Sam Jones, Democratic Services Officer

#### **11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **13 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION**

The public speaking procedure was noted. There were no members of the public registered to speak.

#### **14 CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW**

The sub-committee considered a report which provided details of the responses which had been received during the public consultation period for the Polling District Review, and the outcome of the Consultation which the sub-committee authorised on 6 November 2024, from Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services, and Diane Barnard, Electoral Services Manager.

Members were updated that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England was currently undertaking a review of Cheshire East Council's warding arrangements, which would not be completed until summer 2025 at the earliest, and that the outcome of this review would be likely to require changes to Cheshire East's polling districts and polling places.

Members were informed that there were four responses from the Parish Councils of Chelford, North Rode, Poynton and Somerford to the consultation, which would be reviewed by the Council's Elections Team, but it was likely that these responses would be impacted by the Boundary

Commission's Review of Cheshire East's electoral arrangements. Furthermore, no issues had been raised which were of such significance as to lead to changes to the recommendations of this report.

Members asked that the suitability of the Broken Cross Club as a polling station be reviewed.

An additional recommendation to the report was proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Clowes:

*4. Request the Head of Democratic Services to make representations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in order to secure appropriate coordination and timing of their own reviews in the context of any polling districts and polling places reviews which might be taking place in the local authorities which they work with.*

**RESOLVED:**

That the sub-committee:

1. Resolve that no changes will be made at this time to existing polling districts, place and station arrangements.
2. Agree that all responses received during the consultation period be investigated by officers.
3. Agree that the conclusions of those investigations will be considered further as part of the next detailed Polling District Review that will commence following the conclusion of the Cheshire East Borough Ward Boundary Review, currently being undertaken by the LGBCE.
4. Request the Head of Democratic Services to make representations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in order to secure appropriate coordination and timing of their own reviews in the context of any polling districts and polling places reviews which might be taking place in the local authorities which they work with.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.13 am

Councillor J Clowes (Chair)