

# **Cheshire East Council**

## **Community Governance Review**

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# Section 1: Introduction

## Section 1.1: Final Recommendations publications and the background to this Review

In 2018, Cheshire East Council began a Community Governance Review of all the parishes within the Borough area. In this Review, the Council has been guided by the relevant legislation in Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the *Guidance on Community Governance Reviews* that the government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England have issued (the *Guidance*)<sup>1</sup>, and the Terms of Reference for the Review that were adopted by the Constitution Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. Those Term of Reference can be found [here](#).

The Review relates to the whole of the Borough and has considered changes to parish areas and parish electoral arrangements across the Borough. These changes include the alteration, merging, creation and abolishing of parishes; the naming of parishes, and the adoption of an alternative style for new parishes. They also include changes to the electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election; the council size; the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and whether to divide the parishes into wards for the purposes of elections). The general principles for the Final Recommendations that the Council is making, along with the different types of recommendations, are outlined below.

**This report provides a summary of the Review’s Final Recommendations. A table listing these Final Recommendations – which lists each current parish council in alphabetical order - can be found in Section 4 of this report.**

**The Borough Council has also published accompanying documents that justify and explain the Final Recommendations in more detail. These sister documents are:**

- A ‘**Final Recommendations Maps Report**’, containing maps that show changes (where any are recommended) to parish and parish ward boundaries.
- A ‘**Final Recommendations Assessment Report**’, which sets out in detail the evidence and analysis on which the Final Recommendations are based, and which explains the reasoning behind each recommendation. This document includes, among other things, analysis and interpretation of the evidence submitted during the consultation stage of the Review. It also includes

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<sup>1</sup> Guidance on community governance reviews, CLG (now MHCLG)/ LGBCE, March 2010.<sup>2</sup><https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/800-all-about-local-councils/file>

details of the data and calculations used to forecast changes in elector numbers and to estimate the numbers of electors who would be affected by the recommended governance changes.

## **Section 1.2: Community governance and details of the Review process**

Town and parish councils are the first tier of local government and they are statutory bodies. They serve their electorates; they are independently elected by their local government electors, and they raise their own precept. Town and parish councils work towards providing local services and improving community well-being. Their activities fall into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs; and striving to improve the quality of life and community well-being within their areas.<sup>2</sup>

Cheshire East Council is responsible for community governance arrangements within the Borough. It is considered good practice to review community governance every 10-15 years. This is the first review carried out by Cheshire East Council, which was created in 2009. At the commencement of the Review, there were 142 parishes in the Borough. Of these, 27 were divided into parish wards for the purposes of parish elections. There were 1,018 parish councillors, with each parish councillor representing an average of 296 electors. However, the electoral quota (the ratio of electors to parish councillors) varies widely, and ranges from one councillor to eight electors to one to 3,700 electors across the Borough. There were 44 parishes that were grouped under common councils and there were 16 such parish councils. At the last ordinary parish elections in 2019, 46 (27 per cent) of the 186 parish ward elections were contested and led to a poll. However, 125 of the 1,018 parish council seats remained unfilled at the close of nominations at the last ordinary elections.

Prior to undertaking a public consultation for this Community Governance Review, the Council undertook a pre-consultation survey. This survey requested initial submissions from the existing parish councils and electors and other interested organisations, by a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. A total of 276 responses were received during that stage and a summary of those responses is available [here](#).

After giving careful consideration to these submissions, the Council carried out extensive analytical work in late 2020 and early 2021 and held informal workshops with elected Members.

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Following that stage of the process, the Council published its Draft Recommendations in March 2021, which were approved for consultation by Full Council in June of that year. The Draft Recommendations Report can be found [here](#). The Council then held a 12-week public consultation on these Draft Recommendations, which ran from 6<sup>th</sup> September to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

This consultation stage provided electors and other interested persons or bodies with an opportunity to make the case for alternative proposals to the Council's Draft Recommendations. An alternative case had to demonstrate that any alternative proposals were in line with the general principles of a Community Governance Review, as they are laid down in the legislation and the *Guidance*. (Further guidance is provided on these general principles below.)

Parish councils, residents and other interested parties were invited to submit responses via an online consultation survey, hard copies of the same survey, or by email or letter. Other forms of response, including petitions and survey forms produced by individual parish councils, were also received.

A total of 4,824 responses were received during this consultation stage. The Borough Council has now carefully analysed all these submissions and the alternative proposals they make and in early 2022 held further informal workshops with elected Members. In doing so, it has weighed up these consultation submissions, and other key evidence gathered, against the legislation, the *Guidance* and the Council's Terms of Reference.

Following that stage, the Borough Council produced its Final Recommendations, as set out in this Summary Report. These Final Recommendations will form the basis of a new Cheshire East (Parish Areas and Electoral Arrangements) Order. The Council intends that this Order will be in place in good time for the next ordinary elections for the parish councils scheduled for 2023.

The Final Recommendations comprise a series of graduated changes, ranging from parishes where no changes are being recommended, to parishes where there are recommendations to alter the current electoral arrangements, to small parishes where mergers to form new parishes are being recommended, and finally to more significant area or boundary changes – largely adjoining the Borough's urban parishes – which have a consequential or knock-on effect for the surrounding parishes.

The Cheshire East Community Governance Review does not include the electoral arrangements for the Borough Council or parliamentary seats. These would be the responsibility of central government through the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and the Boundary Commission for England, respectively.

The Council is committed to an open decision-making process and maintaining a record of the decisions taken by the Review Sub-Committee in this Community Governance Review, and these are available [here](#).

## Section 1.3: Report structure

The rest of this report is structured as follows:

- Section 2 outlines the general principles followed in conducting the Review, and the types of recommendations that can be made.
- Section 3 summarises the types of evidence that was used to inform the Final Recommendations.
- Section 4 lists the Final Recommendations for each current parish council (in alphabetical order).
- Appendix 1 provides a lookup table, showing which parish council each individual parish falls under.
- Appendix 2 contains a glossary of terms used in this Summary Report and the accompanying Assessment Report and Maps Report.

## **Section 2: General principles and types of recommendation**

Every endeavour has been made to base the Final Recommendations for future community governance in the Borough on the principles laid out in the legislation and *Guidance* and in the Council's Terms of Reference.

### **Parish areas and their boundaries**

The Council has undertaken its Review by giving consideration to the parish areas and their boundaries.

In particular, the Council has been anxious to ensure that each parish council's governance arrangements:

- reflect the identities and interests of the different communities in the area. The Council considers that this is a 'community of identity' test, which is especially applicable to the new developments that presently traverse parish boundaries.
- are effective and convenient. The Council considers that this is a 'viability' test, and the Council is anxious to ensure that parish councils are viable and possess a precept that enables them to actively and effectively promote the well-being of their residents and to contribute to the real provision of services in their areas in an economic and efficient manner.
- take into account any other arrangements for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in the area that reinforce the 'community of identity' test.

In its Terms of Reference, the Council stated its intention that the whole of Cheshire East should continue to be divided into parish areas, and there was a strong presumption that, with the possible exception of a few very small parishes, all the Borough's parishes should have parish electoral arrangements.

The Council also stated its intention to select boundaries that are and are likely to remain easily identifiable as it drew up proposed boundaries between the communities of identity.

The Council also clearly stated its view that 'natural' settlements or settlements as they are defined in the documents that make up its Local Plan, including the Local Plan Strategy (adopted 2017), should not in normal circumstances be partitioned by parish boundaries.

### **Names and styles**

By and large, in these Final Recommendations the Borough Council has sought to defer to local views with regard to the names of any new parishes and the names of any new or altered parish wards. In its Terms of Reference, however, the Council did state its view that composite names of parishes, comprising a number of names linked by the words 'and', 'with', etc., are rarely in the interests of effective and convenient local government. The Council has tried to avoid composite names other than in exceptional circumstances where the demands of history, local connections or the preservation of local ties make a pressing case for the retention of distinctive traditional names.

In addition, the Council has considered requests received, during the Review, for a change to existing parish council names, and has made recommendations for changes to these names where a persuasive case was put forward.

The Council has also deferred to local views with regard to any proposals to adopt an 'alternative style' for any new parishes that are being proposed. Under section 17A of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council may, during a Community Governance Review, adopt an 'alternative style' to replace the style "parish" for any new parishes that are created by the review. However, only one of three prescribed styles can be adopted: "community", "neighbourhood" or "village".

The councils of eleven parishes in the Borough (Alsager, Bollington, Congleton, Crewe, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Middlewich, Nantwich, Poynton, Sandbach and Wilmslow) have historically used the style of 'town' in accordance with the Local Government Acts. The parish of Handforth has also, more recently, adopted the style of 'town'. This is a matter over which this Review has no remit, and it will lie at the discretion of the council of a new parish as to whether it would wish to adopt the style of 'town' in accordance with Section 245 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Parish grouping and electoral arrangements**

Having given consideration to the parish areas and their boundaries, the Council has then proceeded to give consideration to parish groupings (councils consisting of multiple parishes) and electoral arrangements.

The Council has considered whether grouping arrangements are an appropriate way forward for its small parishes, and whether the alternative of merging the parishes under a single unwarded or a warded parish council would be more readily understood by both electors and parish councillors.



The Council has also considered the electoral arrangements of each parish. The term ‘electoral arrangements’ covers the way in which a council is constituted for the parish, including:

- the number of councillors to be elected to the council;
- the division (or not) of the parish into wards for the purpose of electing councillors;
- the number and boundaries of any such wards;
- the number of councillors to be elected for any such ward;
- the name of any such ward.

The Council is required by law to consider any change in the number or distribution of the local government electors which is likely to occur in the period of five years beginning with the day when the Review started. This is why these Draft Recommendations make frequent reference to the electorate as the Council has forecasted it for 2025 (for further details about these forecasts, see the accompanying ‘Final Recommendations Assessment Report’ published alongside this Summary Report, and also the Community Governance Review electorate forecasts technical report, which is available [here](#)).

The Council holds a strong presumption in favour of the formation of parish councils for all parishes of more than 150 electors.

In deciding on the appropriate number of seats for each parish council, the Borough Council has taken account of the size of its electorate, but also a range of other factors that may vary from one council to another. These other factors include: the requirements and demands of rural representation, the traditional and historical level of representation that the parish has had, the workload of the parish council as reflected in its precept and provision of services to the parish, any additional representation that may be required to support a warding/ grouping arrangement, or the demand in the parish for seats on the parish council as reflected in highly contested elections.

The Borough Council has also given careful consideration to the present warding arrangements of the parish councils. In considering whether a parish should be divided into wards for the purposes of elections to the parish council, the Council is required by legislation to consider the following:

- whether the number, or distribution, of the local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient;
- whether it is desirable that any area or areas of the parish should be separately represented on the council.

As stated in its Terms of Reference document, the Council has considered each case on its merits in line with these criteria.

However, warding arrangements should be clearly and readily understood by and should have relevance for the electorate in a parish; they should reflect clear physical and social differences within a parish, whether urban or rural. Furthermore, ward elections should have merit; not only should they meet the two tests laid down in the legislation, but they should also be in the interests of effective and convenient local government. The additional costs of multiple ward elections should not be wasteful of a parish's resources.

The Borough Council has sought to defer to local views with regard to the names of any new or altered parish wards.

In allocating parish councillors to parish wards, the Council has been particularly mindful of the government's *Guidance* that "it is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the elections of councillors". While there is no provision in legislation that each parish ward councillor should represent, as nearly as may be, the same number of electors, the Council concurs with the *Guidance* that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government, either for voters or councillors, to have significant differences in levels of representation between different parish wards. The Council has therefore attempted to ensure that the ratio of electors to councillors across the different wards of a parish is equitable insofar as that is practical. However, it recognises that local factors, such as the extra demands involved in representing more rural parish wards, mean that it may be appropriate to have lower ratios for some parish wards than for others.

### **Risk in the conduct of elections**

The Borough Council has been mindful of its desire to avoid risk in the conduct of elections. Such risk arises where the electors at a single parish or parish ward election find themselves voting at the same polling station for two different borough ward elections (or vice versa). In such a situation there is an enhanced risk that an elector might be issued with an incorrect combination of ballot papers and that papers might be placed in the incorrect ballot box, adding risk to the conduct of an election count.

The Borough Council seeks to mitigate such risk, particularly through the provision of a different polling station (possibly in the same building or polling place). In some instances, however, the size of the affected electorate may be so small that it is not viable to provide a separate polling station.

## Section 3: Evidence

### Section 3.1: Main types of data used to inform the Review

In undertaking this Review, Cheshire East Council has collected and assessed key data for each parish and parish ward. The range of data used is set out in Table 3.1.

**Table 3.1: Main types of data used to inform the Review**

<p>Electorate size and housing development data</p>	<p>To calculate projected electorate figures for 2025 (the end of the period for which this Review is required to consider changes in the numbers of local government electors), the Council has relied upon information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the scale and exact locations of expected future housing developments within the Borough, including additional housing development evidence that has become available since the Review's electorate forecasts were produced in early 2019;</li> <li>the Council's housing development plans, as set out in its Local Plan Strategy.</li> </ul> <p>Details of the approach used to forecast elector numbers for existing parishes and parish wards, including the data sources, assumptions and methodology, are set out in the Council's Electorate forecasts technical report (2019). The 'Final Recommendations Assessment Report' summarises this approach and also sets out how elector numbers were forecast for those areas (generally small sub-areas of individual parishes) that would be moved from one parish to another under the recommended boundary changes. Therefore, the Final Recommendations have been made in the context of both current council sizes and estimated future council sizes.</p> <p>Although the term for which this Review is required to consider changes in the numbers of local government electors is 2018-25, the Council has also taken account of Local Plan Strategy development</p>
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	<p>beyond 2025 and up to 2030 (the end date of the current Local Plan Strategy), particularly for those parishes where large developments are anticipated during 2026-30.</p> <p>As the electorate forecasts were produced only up to 2025, the Final Recommendations on seat numbers for parish councils and parish wards are generally based on anticipated electorates for 2025.</p> <p>However, in some cases where major development is expected after 2025 and this would significantly alter each parish ward's share of its parish council's total electorate, the recommended seat numbers make some allowance for this post-2025 growth. The reason for making such an allowance is to reduce the likelihood of longer-term inequities in the ratios of electors to seats.</p>
May 2019 local elections nominations data	<p>The Council has used the Returning Officer's data on the number of nominations at the last ordinary elections for the Borough's parishes (May 2019) relative to the number of seats, including the numbers of parish councillors that did not go through the process of nomination and election and who were therefore co-opted to the parish council to fill vacancies that remained unfilled at those elections.</p> <p>This may be taken as a general and comparative indication of the level of democratic interest in the parish council. The level of co-option for seats on a parish council may suggest that there are too many seats on that existing council.</p> <p>However, it is recognised that a shortage of nominations at the 2019 elections may not necessarily be representative of recent elections in general. It is further recognised that some parish council's vacancies are more readily filled than others. Therefore, in arriving at its Final Recommendations, the Borough Council has interpreted the nominations data with some care, and has taken account of parish councils' consultation stage submission evidence on nominations and co-options.</p>
Band D charge and precept	<p>The Council has used data on the Council Tax Band D charges and the parish council precepts, as these provide a general and comparative indication of the level of expenditure – and thus the level of work – that the parish council undertakes in its parish.</p>

	However, the Council is conscious that some parish council activities incur no cost, and that some parish councils may draw on other sources of income besides their precept. Therefore, in arriving at its Final Recommendations, the Borough Council has interpreted the Band D charge and precept data with some care, and has taken account of parish councils' consultation stage submission evidence on their activities, costs and income sources.
Pre-consultation survey responses	Responses to the pre-consultation survey, which ran from 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 to January 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020.
Consultation stage responses to the Draft Recommendations	Responses to the consultation stage survey, which ran from 6 <sup>th</sup> September to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## Section 3.2: Analysis of Council Sizes

Table 3.2 shows how, under Cheshire East’s current governance arrangements, the number of councillors varies according to the size of the council’s electorate (as of 2018, the start of the Review period).

**Table 3.2: Average number of seats, by council size**

Number of electors in parish council	Number of Cheshire East parish councils in electorate size band <sup>3</sup>	Number of seats (averages and ranges) for each electorate size band		Ratios of electors per seat for each electorate size band
		Cheshire East average (2018)	Cheshire East seat number range (2018)	Cheshire East ratio range (2018)
300 or fewer	30	6.8	5-11	8-60
301 - 500	19	8.8	6-19	25-71
501 - 1,500	28	9.1	7-15	39-157
1,501 - 2,500	7	10.6	7-12	132-251
2,501 - 10,000	14	12.4	7-22	219-737
10,001 - 20,000	6	15.3	12-20	652-1,327
20,000 or more	3	17.3	12-20	1,088-3,404

It should be noted that the legal minimum number of parish councillors for each council is five (Section 16, Local Government Act 1972). The National Association of Local Councils considers that a council of no more than the legal minimum of five members is inconveniently small, and it considers that a practical working minimum should be seven (NALC Circular 1126/1988). The government’s *Guidance* makes the point that “the conduct of parish council business does not usually require a large body of councillors” (*Guidance*, paragraph 157). It is therefore Cheshire East Council’s view that, where possible, the number of parish councillors for any parish council should be set at a working minimum of seven. It is worthy of note that this figure is also consistent with the current (2018) average council size for the smallest parishes of 300 or fewer electors.

<sup>3</sup> Figures exclude Cheshire East’s seven parishes that have no councils and whose representative bodies are their parish meetings, as they have no councillors.

There is no requirement in legislation that the number of councillors should be proportional to electorate size. The view given in the *Guidance* is as follows: “In considering the issue of council size, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is of the view that each area should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography and the pattern of communities. Nevertheless, having regard to the current powers of parish councils, it should consider the broad pattern of existing council sizes. This pattern appears to have stood the test of time and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, to have provided for effective and convenient local government.” (*Guidance*, paragraph 156)

## Section 4: Final Recommendations

Table 4.1 below sets out the Review's Final Recommendations for Cheshire East's parish councils, parish meetings and their constituent parishes. The table covers each current parish council in turn, listing them in alphabetical order and setting out what governance changes, if any, are recommended for that council.

Where changes in governance are recommended and these involve new parish or parish ward boundaries, a map has been produced, to show the impact on boundaries and any areas of land being transferred from one parish to another. The third column of Table 4.1 gives the reference numbers for the relevant maps, and these maps can be found in the 'Final Recommendations Maps Report' published alongside this Summary Report.

The details of the evidence, analysis and reasoning behind these Final Recommendations can be found in the 'Final Recommendations Assessment Report' published alongside the Summary Report and the Maps Report.

As noted earlier, some parish councils consist of a group of two or more parishes. The Borough Council is conscious that some of those affected by these Final Recommendations may be interested in the changes (if any) that are recommended for a specific parish that forms part of a group, rather than all the parishes in that group. It may also be that, where such grouping arrangement currently exists, some residents and other interested parties are more familiar with the names of individual parishes than the name of the council. Appendix 1 of this Summary Report therefore includes a lookup table which lists all 142 parishes and shows which parish council they fall under.



**Table 4.1: Final Recommendations (in alphabetical order of current council name)**

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
1	Acton, Edleston & Henhull (Parish Group)	External boundary change (see Maps 2.1a, 2.1b & 2.8), merger (with Burland) and warding (see Map 2.1c)	Burland & Acton Parish Council	9	Acton & Henhull 3 seats, Burland 3, Ravensmoor & Edleston 3. All these are new wards.
2	Adlington	External boundary change (see Map 2.2)	N/A	10 (no change)	N/A
3	Agden	Merger (with Little Bollington and small part of Millington) and warding (see Map 2.3) <sup>4</sup>	Little Bollington with Agden Community Council	7	Agden 3 seats, Little Bollington 4. Both new wards, but Agden ward boundary based on current Parish Meeting boundary.
4	Alderley Edge	No change	N/A	9	N/A
5	Alpraham	Merger with Calveley (see Map 2.4)	Alpraham & Calveley Community Council	8	Alpraham 5 seats, Calveley 3. Warding based on current parish boundaries.

<sup>4</sup> The rest (majority) of Millington to be transferred to a new council also comprising Rostherne and Tatton.

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6	Alsager	External boundary change (see Maps 2.5a & 2.5b) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	15 (increase from 14)	Central 4 seats (no change), East 6 (no change), West 5 (increase from 4).
7	Arclid	No change	N/A	7	N/A
8	Ashley	No change	N/A	8	N/A
9	Aston by Budworth	No change	N/A	7	N/A
10	Audlem	No change	N/A	12	N/A
11	Barthomley	No change	N/A	7	N/A
12	Betchton	No change	N/A	10	N/A
13	Bickerton & Egerton (Parish Group)	No change	N/A	10	Bickerton 7 seats, Egerton 3.
14	Bollington	Internal change (to warding – see Map 2.6)	N/A	12 (no change)	Central (redrawn boundary) 4 seats, East 4, West (redrawn boundary) 4.
15	Bosley	No change	N/A	7	N/A
16	Bradwall	No change	N/A	7	N/A

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
17	Brereton	External boundary change (see Map 2.7) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	9 (increase from 8)	N/A
18	Brindley & Faddiley (Parish Group)	No change	N/A	8	Brindley 4 seats, Faddiley 4.
19	Buerton	No change	N/A	8	N/A
20	Bulkeley & Ridley (Parish Group)	Merger (of the Group's 2 parishes) and warding	Bulkeley & Ridley Parish Council	10	Bulkeley 7, Ridley 3. Warding based on current parish boundaries.
21	Bunbury	No change	N/A	10	N/A
22	Burland	External boundary change (see Map 2.8), merger (with Acton, Edleston & Henhull) and warding (see Map 2.1c)	Burland & Acton Parish Council	9	Acton & Henhull 3 seats, Burland 3, Ravensmoor & Edleston 3. All these are new wards.
23	Calveley	Merger with Alpraham (see Map 2.4)	Alpraham & Calveley Community Council	8	Alpraham 5 seats, Calveley 3. Warding based on current parish boundaries.

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24	Chelford	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	10 (increase from 7)	N/A
25	Cholmondeley & Chorley (near Wrenbury) (Parish Group)	No change	N/A	11	Cholmondeley 6 seats, Chorley 5.
26	Cholmondeston & Wettenhall (Parish Group)	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	7 (increase from 6)	Cholmondeston 3 seats (no change), Wettenhall 4 (increase from 3).
27	Chorley (near Wilmslow)	No change	N/A	7	N/A
28	Church Lawton	External boundary change (see Map 2.5a)	N/A	10 (no change)	N/A
29	Church Minshull	No change	N/A	7	N/A
30	Congleton	External boundary change (see Maps 2.9a & 2.9b) and internal change to warding (see Map 2.9c) and seat numbers	N/A	22 (increase from 20)	Central ward 4 seats, North 4, North East 5, South East 5, West 4. All these are new wards.
31	Cranage	No change	N/A	7	N/A

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
32	Crewe	External boundary change (see Map 2.10)	N/A	20 (no change)	Central ward 2 seats, East 6, North 2, South 4, St Barnabas 2, West 4. (No change to any of these seat numbers.)
33	Crewe Green	External boundary change (see Map 2.10), merger (with Weston & Basford) and warding (see Map 2.11)	Weston & Crewe Green Community Council	13	Crewe Green 3 seats, Weston 7, Wychwood 3. <sup>5</sup> All these are new wards.
34	Disley	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	9 (increase from 7)	N/A
35	Dodcott cum Wilkesley	No change	N/A	8	N/A
36	Doddington & District (Parish Group)	Merger (of the Group's 6 parishes) and warding (see Map 2.12)	Doddington & District Parish Council	11 (decrease from 13)	East (comprising the current parishes of Blakenhall, Checkley cum Wrinehill and Lea) 5 seats, West (comprising the current parishes of Bridgemere, Doddington and Hunsterson) 6.

<sup>5</sup> It is anticipated that an additional (fourth) ward would be created from the South Cheshire Growth Village site (which lies within the proposed Crewe Green ward), when that site is fully developed. However, as the Growth Village is expected to have less than 50 electors by 2025, the creation of this extra ward cannot be justified as part of the current Review and would have to wait until the subsequent one. However, the current Review's recommended allocation of seats to Crewe Green makes an allowance for substantial growth in its electorate before the next Review can take place, bearing in mind the expected eventual size of the Growth Village (650 properties, though Cheshire East currently expects little more than half of these to be completed even by 2030).

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
37	Eaton	External boundary change (see Map 2.9a)	N/A	7 (no change)	N/A
38	Gawsworth	Internal change (to warding - see Map 2.13 - and seat numbers)	N/A	9 (no change)	Moss (redrawn boundary) 4 seats, Village (redrawn boundary) 5.
39	Goostrey	No change	N/A	10	N/A
40	Great Warford	No change	N/A	7	N/A
41	Handforth	External boundary change (see Map 2.14) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	11 (increase from 7)	East 4 seats (increase from 2), South 3 (increase from 2), West 4 (increase from 3).
42	Hankelow	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	7 (increase from 5)	N/A
43	Haslington	External boundary change (see Maps 2.5b & 2.15)	N/A	15 (no change)	Oakhanger 1 seat, Village 10, Winterley 4. (No change to any of these seat numbers.)
44	Hassall	No change	N/A	7	N/A

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
45	Hatherton & Walgherton (Parish Group)	No change	N/A	10	Hatherton 7 seats, Walgherton 3.
46	Haughton (Parish Meeting)	No change	N/A	N/A	N/A
47	Henbury	External boundary change (see Map 2.16) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	8 (increase from 7)	N/A
48	High Legh	No change	N/A	10	N/A
49	Higher Hurdsfield	No change	N/A	8	N/A
50	Holmes Chapel	No change	N/A	12	N/A
51	Hough & Chorlton (Parish Group)	External boundary change (see Map 2.17a), merger (of the Group's 2 parishes) and warding (see Map 2.17b)	Hough & Chorlton Parish Council	11 (increase from 9)	Chorlton 6, Hough 5. Both are new wards.
52	Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	9 (increase from 5)	Hulme Walfield 6 seats (increase from 2), Somerford Booths 3 (no change).

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
53	Kettleshulme	Merger with Lyme Handley (see Map 2.18)	Kettleshulme & Lyme Handley Parish Council	7	N/A
54	Knutsford	External boundary change (see Maps 2.19a & 2.19b) and internal change (to warding – see Map 2.19c – and seat numbers)	N/A	15 (no change)	Bexton and Town Centre 3 seats, Cross Town 3, Nether 3, Norbury Booths 3, St John's Wood 3. All these are new wards.
55	Little Bollington	External boundary change (see Map 2.20), merger (with Agden and small part of Millington) and warding (see Map 2.3)	Little Bollington with Agden Community Council	7	Agden 3 seats, Little Bollington 4. Both are new wards, but Agden ward boundary based on current Parish Meeting boundary.
56	Little Warford	No change	N/A	8	N/A



Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
57	Lower Peover <sup>6</sup> (Parish Group)	No change	N/A	7	Nether Peover 4 seats, Peover Inferior 3.
58	Lower Withington	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	8 (increase from 7)	N/A
59	Lyme Handley	Merger with Kettleshulme (see Map 2.18)	Kettleshulme & Lyme Handley Parish Council	7	N/A
60	Macclesfield	External boundary change (see Map 2.16)	N/A	12 (no change)	Broken Cross & Upton 2 seats, Central 2, East 1, Hurdsfield 1, South 2, Tytherington 2, West & Ivy 2. (No change to any of these seat numbers.)
61	Macclesfield Forest & Wildboarclough (Parish Meeting)	No change	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>6</sup> Lower Peover is the only parish council which is split between Cheshire East and another local authority. It is a group of two parishes: Peover Inferior, which is within Cheshire East; and Nether Peover, which is within Cheshire West & Chester. It should be noted that the Community Governance Review does not allow the Borough Council to make governance changes to parishes in another local authority, so the Review considered only the case for making changes to the parish of Peover Inferior.

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
62	Marbury & District (Parish Group)	Merger (of the Group's 3 parishes) and internal change (to warding and seat numbers)	Marbury & District Parish Council	8 (decrease from 19)	Marbury cum Quoisley 3 (decrease from 8), Norbury 3 (decrease from 7), Wirswall 2 (decrease from 4). Warding based on current parish boundaries.
63	Marton	No change	N/A	7	N/A
64	Mere	No change	N/A	8	N/A
65	Middlewich	External boundary change (see Map 2.21) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	12 (no change)	Cledford 7 seats (increase from 6), Kinderton 5 (decrease from 6).
66	Millington	External boundary change (see Map 2.20), merger (with Rostherne and Tatton) and warding (see Map 2.22)	Millington & Rostherne Parish Council	8	Millington 4 seats, Rostherne & Tatton 4. Both are new wards.
67	Minshull Vernon & District (Parish Group)	Internal change (to warding and seat numbers)	Leighton, Minshull Vernon & Woolstanwood Parish Council	16 (decrease from 22)	Removal of Leighton warding. Leighton 11 seats (no change), Minshull Vernon 2 (decrease from 7), Woolstanwood 3 (decrease from 4).

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
68	Mobberley	External boundary change (see Map 2.19a)	N/A	12 (no change)	N/A
69	Moston	External boundary change (see Maps 2.21 & 2.23) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	7 (decrease from 8)	N/A
70	Mottram St Andrew	No change	N/A	7	Mottram St Andrew 5 seats, Newton 2.
71	Nantwich	External boundary change (see Maps 2.1a & 2.1b) and internal change (to seat numbers and warding (see Map 2.24)	N/A	15 (increase from 12)	North (new ward) 5 seats, West (new ward) 5, South (existing ward) 5.
72	Nether Alderley	No change	N/A	8	N/A
73	Newbold Astbury cum Moreton	No change	N/A	13	Astbury 9 seats, Moreton 4.
74	Newhall	No change	N/A	9	N/A
75	North Rode	No change	N/A	7	N/A

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
76	Odd Rode	No change	N/A	15	Mount Pleasant 5 seats, Rode Heath 5, Scholar Green 5.
77	Ollerton with Marthall	No change	N/A	10	Marthall 3 seats, Ollerton 7.
78	Over Alderley	No change	N/A	7	N/A
79	Peckforton (Parish Meeting)	No change	N/A	N/A	N/A
80	Peover Superior	Merger with Snelson (see Map 2.25)	Peover Superior & Snelson Parish Council	11	N/A
81	Pickmere	No change	N/A	8	N/A
82	Plumley with Toft & Bexton	No change	N/A	11	Plumley 9 seats, Toft & Bexton 2.
83	Pott Shrigley	No change	N/A	7	N/A
84	Poynton	External boundary change (see Map 2.2) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	14 (decrease from 18)	East 7 seats (decrease from 9), West 7 (decrease from 9).

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
85	Prestbury	Internal change (to warding)	N/A	12 (no change)	Removal of current warding.
86	Rainow	No change	N/A	12	N/A
87	Rope	External boundary change (see Map 2.26) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	9 (increase from 7)	N/A
88	Rostherne	Merger (with Tatton and most of Millington) and warding (see Map 2.22) <sup>7</sup>	Millington & Rostherne Parish Council	8	Millington 4 seats, Rostherne & Tatton 4. Both are new wards.
89	Sandbach	External boundary change (see Maps 2.15 & 2.23) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	21 (increase from 20)	Elworth 6 seats (increase from 5), Ettiley Heath & Wheelock 5, Heath & East 5, Town 5. (No change to any of these seat numbers, except where specified.)
90	Shavington cum Gresty	External boundary change (see Map 2.26)	N/A	12 (no change)	Gresty Brook 2 seats, Shavington Village 10. (No change to either of these seat numbers.)

<sup>7</sup> The rest of Millington to be transferred to a new council also comprising Agden and Little Bollington.

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
91	Siddington	No change	N/A	8	N/A
92	Smallwood	No change	N/A	8	N/A
93	Snelson	Merger with Peover Superior (see Map 2.25)	Peover Superior & Snelson Parish Council	11	N/A
94	Somerford	External boundary change (see Maps 2.7 & 2.9b) and internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	10 (increase from 7)	N/A
95	Sound & District (Parish Group)	External boundary change (see Map 2.8)	N/A	15 (no change)	Austerson 1 seat, Baddiley 3, Baddington 2, Broomhall 3, Coole Pilate 2, Sound 4. (No change to any of these seat numbers.)
96	Spurstow	No change	N/A	8	N/A
97	Stapeley & District (Parish Group)	Merger (of the Group's 2 parishes)	Stapeley & District Parish Council	12 (increase from 10)	N/A
98	Stoke & Hurleston	Merger (of the Group's 2 parishes)	Stoke & Hurleston Parish Council	7 (increase from 6)	N/A
99	Styal	External boundary change (see Map 2.14)	N/A	7 (no change)	N/A

Parish Council/ Meeting Ref. No.	Current Parish Council/ Meeting name	Change (if any) being recommended	New council name and style (if applicable)	Seats	Breakdown of parish/ ward names, seat numbers and any other warding arrangements (if applicable)
100	Sutton	No change	N/A	12	Lane Ends 3 seats, Langley 3, Lyme Green 3, Rural 3.
101	Swettenham	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	7 (increase from 5)	N/A
102	Tabley	External boundary change (see Map 2.19b)	N/A	10 (no change)	N/A
103	Tatton	Merger (with Rostherne and most of Millington) and warding (see Map 2.22) <sup>8</sup>	Millington & Rostherne Parish Council	8	Millington 4 seats, Rostherne & Tatton 4. Both are new wards.
104	Twemlow	No change	N/A	7	N/A
105	Wardle	No change	N/A	7	N/A
106	Warmingham	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	7 (increase from 5)	N/A

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107	Weston & Basford (Parish Group)	External boundary change (see Map 2.17a), merger (with Crewe Green) and warding (see Map 2.11)	Weston & Crewe Green Community Council	13	Crewe Green 3 seats, Weston 7, Wychwood 3. All these are new wards.
108	Willaston	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	12 (no change)	North 4 seats (increase from 2), Village 8 (decrease from 10)
109	Wilmslow	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	15 (no change)	Dean Row 4 seats (no change), East 3 (decrease from 4), Lacey Green 3 (increase from 2), West 5 (no change).
110	Wincle	No change	N/A	N/A	N/A
111	Wistaston	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	12 (decrease from 15)	St Mary's 5 seats (decrease from 7), Wells Green 3 (no change), Wistaston Green 4 (decrease from 5).
112	Worleston & District (Parish Group)	External boundary change (see Map 2.1b)	N/A	12 (no change)	Aston Juxta Mondrum 3 seats, Poole 2, Worleston 7. (No change to any of these seat numbers.)
113	Wrenbury cum Frith	No change	N/A	9	N/A
114	Wybunbury	Internal change (to seat numbers)	N/A	10 (increase from 9)	N/A



## Appendix 1: Lookup table showing which parish council or parish meeting each parish currently falls under

No.	Name of current parish	Name of Parish Council or Parish Meeting this parish is currently within
1	Acton	Acton, Edleston & Henhull (Parish Group)
2	Adlington	Adlington
3	Agden	Agden (Parish Meeting)
4	Alderley Edge	Alderley Edge
5	Alpraham	Alpraham
6	Alsager	Alsager
7	Arclid	Arclid
8	Ashley	Ashley
9	Aston by Budworth	Aston by Budworth
10	Aston Juxta Mondrum	Worleston & District (Parish Group)
11	Audlem	Audlem
12	Austerson	Sound & District (Parish Group)
13	Baddiley	Sound & District (Parish Group)
14	Baddington	Sound & District (Parish Group)
15	Barthomley	Barthomley
16	Basford	Weston & Basford (Parish Group)
17	Batherton	Stapeley & District (Parish Group)
18	Betchton	Betchton
19	Bickerton	Bickerton & Egerton (Parish Group)
20	Blakenhall	Doddington & District (Parish Group)
21	Bollington	Bollington
22	Bosley	Bosley
23	Bradwall	Bradwall
24	Brereton	Brereton

No.	Name of current parish	Name of Parish Council or Parish Meeting this parish is currently within
25	Bridgemere	Doddington & District (Parish Group)
26	Brindley	Brindley & Faddiley (Parish Group)
27	Broomhall	Sound & District (Parish Group)
28	Buerton	Buerton
29	Bulkeley	Bulkeley & Ridley (Parish Group)
30	Bunbury	Bunbury
31	Burland	Burland
32	Calveley	Calveley
33	Checkley cum Wrinehill	Doddington & District (Parish Group)
34	Chelford	Chelford
35	Cholmondeley	Cholmondeley & Chorley (Parish Group)
36	Cholmondeston	Cholmondeston & Wettenhall (Parish Group)
37	Chorley (near Wilmslow)	Chorley (near Wilmslow)
38	Chorley (near Wrenbury)	Cholmondeley & Chorley (Parish Group)
39	Chorlton	Hough & Chorlton (Parish Group)
40	Church Lawton	Church Lawton
41	Church Minshull	Church Minshull
42	Congleton	Congleton
43	Coole Pilate	Sound & District (Parish Group)
44	Cranage	Cranage
45	Crewe	Crewe
46	Crewe Green	Crewe Green
47	Disley	Disley
48	Dodcott cum Wilkesley	Dodcott cum Wilkesley
49	Doddington	Doddington & District (Parish Group)
50	Eaton	Eaton
51	Edleston	Action, Edleston & Henhull (Parish Group)
52	Egerton	Bickerton & Egerton (Parish Group)
53	Faddiley	Brindley & Faddiley (Parish Group)
54	Gawsworth	Gawsworth
55	Goostrey	Goostrey

No.	Name of current parish	Name of Parish Council or Parish Meeting this parish is currently within
56	Great Warford	Great Warford
57	Handforth	Handforth
58	Hankelow	Hankelow
59	Haslington	Haslington
60	Hassall	Hassall
61	Hatherton	Hatherton & Walgherton (Parish Group)
62	Haughton	Haughton (Parish Meeting)
63	Henbury	Henbury
64	Enhull	Acton, Edleston & Enhull (Parish Group)
65	High Legh	High Legh
66	Higher Hurdsfield	Higher Hurdsfield
67	Holmes Chapel	Holmes Chapel
68	Hough	Hough & Chorlton (Parish Group)
69	Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths	Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths
70	Hunsterson	Doddington & District (Parish Group)
71	Hurleston	Stoke & Hurleston (Parish Group)
72	Kettleshulme	Kettleshulme
73	Knutsford	Knutsford
74	Lea	Doddington & District (Parish Group)
75	Leighton	Minshull Vernon & District (Parish Group)
76	Little Bollington	Little Bollington (Parish Meeting)
77	Little Warford	Little Warford
78	Lower Withington	Lower Withington
79	Lyme Handley	Lyme Handley
80	Macclesfield	Macclesfield
81	Macclesfield Forest & Wildboarclough	Macclesfield Forest & Wildboarclough (Parish Meeting)
82	Marbury cum Quoisley	Marbury & District (Parish Group)
83	Marton	Marton
84	Mere	Mere

No.	Name of current parish	Name of Parish Council or Parish Meeting this parish is currently within
85	Middlewich	Middlewich
86	Millington	Millington
87	Minshull Vernon	Minshull Vernon & District (Parish Group)
88	Mobberley	Mobberley
89	Moston	Moston
90	Mottram St Andrew	Mottram St Andrew
91	Nantwich	Nantwich
92	Nether Alderley	Nether Alderley
93	Newbold Astbury cum Moreton	Newbold Astbury cum Moreton
94	Newhall	Newhall
95	Norbury	Marbury & District (Parish Group)
96	North Rode	North Rode
97	Odd Rode	Odd Rode
98	Ollerton with Marthall	Ollerton with Marthall
99	Over Alderley	Over Alderley
100	Peckforton	Peckforton (Parish Meeting)
101	Peover Inferior	Lower Peover (Parish Group)
102	Peover Superior	Peover Superior
103	Pickmere	Pickmere
104	Plumley with Toft & Bexton	Plumley with Toft & Bexton
105	Poole	Worleston & District (Parish Group)
106	Pott Shrigley	Pott Shrigley
107	Poynton	Poynton
108	Prestbury	Prestbury
109	Rainow	Rainow
110	Ridley	Bulkeley & Ridley (Parish Group)
111	Rope	Rope
112	Rostherne	Rostherne
113	Sandbach	Sandbach
114	Shavington cum Gresty	Shavington cum Gresty
115	Siddington	Siddington

No.	Name of current parish	Name of Parish Council or Parish Meeting this parish is currently within
116	Smallwood	Smallwood
117	Snelson	Snelson
118	Somerford	Somerford
119	Sound	Sound & District (Parish Group)
120	Spurstow	Spurstow
121	Stapeley	Stapeley & District (Parish Group)
122	Stoke	Stoke & Hurleston (Parish Group)
123	Styal	Styal
124	Sutton	Sutton
125	Swettenham	Swettenham
126	Tabley	Tabley
127	Tatton	Tatton (Parish Meeting)
128	Twemlow	Twemlow
129	Walgherton	Hatherton & Walgherton (Parish Group)
130	Wardle	Wardle
131	Warmingham	Warmingham
132	Weston	Weston & Basford (Parish Group)
133	Wettenhall	Cholmondeston & Wettenhall (Parish Group)
134	Willaston	Willaston
135	Wilmslow	Wilmslow
136	Windle	Windle (Parish Meeting)
137	Wirswall	Marbury & District (Parish Group)
138	Wistaston	Wistaston
139	Woolstanwood	Minshull Vernon & District (Parish Group)
140	Worleston	Worleston & District (Parish Group)
141	Wrenbury cum Frith	Wrenbury cum Frith
142	Wybunbury	Wybunbury

## Appendix 2: Glossary of terms and abbreviations

'Alternative style'	Section 17A of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the council of a parish to adopt one of the 'alternative styles'. The permitted styles are "community", "neighbourhood" or "village", whereupon the council of that parish becomes a community council, the councillors become community councillors, etc. In a Community Governance Review, the Borough Council may recommend one of the alternative styles where it is creating a new parish.
Band D charge	The council tax payable by a particular property is based on the valuation band (one of eight valuation bands) of the property. The Band D charge is the middle band, and may be used as a point of comparison between different parishes.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	A levy allowing Local Authorities to raise funds from owners or developers of land undertaking new building projects in their area.
Co-option	The provisions under the Representation of the People Acts for a town or parish council to fill vacancies remaining unfilled at ordinary elections by their selection of any qualified person to act as a town or parish councillor.
Electoral or governance arrangements	Dealt with in detail in Section 2 above. The provision of a council for a parish, the number of councillors on that council, the division of the parish into parish or town wards for the purposes of elections to the council, the names of the wards and the allocation of councillors to those wards.
Local Plan Strategy (LPS)	The Local Plan Strategy is the first part of the Cheshire East Local Plan and was adopted in 2017, providing the overall vision and strategic planning policies for the Borough to 2030.
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
Ordinary Elections	The four-yearly election of all town and parish councillors across Cheshire East. The last ordinary elections occurred in May 2019 and the next are scheduled for May 2023.

Parish area	The geographical area of the parish as defined by its boundaries. All of Cheshire East is divided into parish areas (see Section 2 above for further information).
Parish or town ward	The division of the parish area into lesser areas or wards for the purposes of elections to the town or parish council (see Section 2 above for further information).
Parish meeting	For every parish the legislation in Section 13 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that “there shall be a parish meeting for the purpose of discussing parish affairs and exercising any functions conferred on such meetings by any enactment”. It is a meeting of all the electors of the parish. The meeting must assemble annually between 1 <sup>st</sup> March and 1 <sup>st</sup> June each year, and for parishes that do not have a parish council it must meet on at least one other occasion during the year. The rules for the conduct of such meetings are laid out in Schedule 12 of the Act. For parishes without a parish council, the parish meeting becomes their representative body.
Polling districts, polling places and polling stations	Cheshire East is divided into polling districts and all the electors of a district vote together at the same polling place (which may be a settlement or village) at which a specified building is designated as the polling station for that polling district. There may be more than one polling station within the same building. However, risk arises in the conduct of elections where the electors at a single parish election find themselves voting at the same polling station for two different borough ward elections (or vice versa) (see Section 2 above for further information).
Precept	The funds that a town or parish council requests be raised by the council tax to support its budget for the forthcoming year. The billing authority is the Borough Council, which uses the precept to calculate the banded charges for each property within the parish.
Ratio of electors to seats	The number of electors that each town or parish councillor represents. In a warded parish or town, the government <i>Guidance</i> recommends that the ratio should be equitable or fair between the different wards of the town or parish, to ensure that every elector’s vote has equal weight in the election of councillors to the town or parish council.

Section 106 agreement	Planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 , commonly known as s106 agreements, are a means by which the impact of a development can be mitigated.
Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD)	The Cheshire East Site Allocations and Development Policies Document forms the second part of the Local Plan, providing further detailed and non-strategic planning policies and land allocations in line with the strategy set out in the Local Plan Strategy (LPS).
Style	See 'Alternative style' entry.
Town, Town Council	Section 245 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the council of a parish to resolve that the parish shall have the status of a town, whereupon the council of that parish becomes a town council and the chairman of the council the town mayor.