

Wilmslow Community Governance Review Sub-Committee Agenda

Date: Thursday, 15th April, 2010
Time: 2.30 pm
Venue: Oakencrough Children's Centre, Colshaw Drive, Wilmslow,
Cheshire SK9 2PZ

The agenda is divided into two parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide three clear working days' notice, in writing, in order for an informed answer to be given.

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2010.

Contact: Paul Mountford, Legal and Democratic Services
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5. **Briefing Paper - Wilmslow Community Governance Review Progress Report**
(Pages 5 - 22)

To consider a Briefing Paper providing an update on the Wilmslow Community Governance Review.

6. **Next Meeting**

To agree the date of the next meeting.

(There are no Part 2 items)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the
Wilmslow Community Governance Review Sub-Committee
held on Tuesday, 23rd March, 2010 at OakencloUGH Children's Centre,
Colshaw Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 2PZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Crockatt (Chairman)
Councillor P Whiteley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Barton, R Cartlidge and S Jones

Officers

Lindsey Parton – Elections and Registration Team Manager
Paul Mountford – Legal and Democratic Services

Apologies

Councillor D Stockton

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

10 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2010 be approved as a correct record.

12 EXISTING WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Members considered a briefing paper prepared by the Chief Executive's and Partnership Unit which gave an overview of existing community governance arrangements in Wilmslow. The paper contained details of the Wilmslow Local Area Partnership (LAP) and local community groups, and included demographic information about the Wilmslow area.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the briefing paper be noted.

13 WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PROJECT PLAN

Members considered an updated project plan for the review. In accordance with Members' wishes at the previous meeting, the public meetings had been brought forward in the timetable as follows:

Monday	26/4/2010	Wilmslow Leisure Centre
Wednesday	28/4/2010	Honford Hall, Handforth
Thursday	29/4/2010	Styal Primary School

All meetings would start at 7.00 pm.

When making the booking for Honford Hall, Officers had been advised that the Hall was due to be closed for renovation shortly and that this could affect the booking. The Officers were therefore taking steps to arrange a backup venue. Members suggested that the availability of St. Benedict's Hall or St Mary's be explored.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the dates for the public meetings be approved; and
- (2) the updated project plan be noted.

14 WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - FIRST STAGE CONSULTATION AND DOCUMENTATION

A revised list of consultees had been circulated for consideration.

Members asked that the following bodies be added:

- Spath Lane Estate Residents' Association
- Wilmslow Forum
- Lacey Green Residents' Association
- St Bartholomew's Church, Wilmslow
- St Theresa's Church, Wilmslow
- St Chad's Church, Handforth
- St Benedict's Church, Handforth
- St Mary's Church, Handforth
- Local Round Tables
- Local Rotary Clubs
- Local Women's Institutes/Guilds
- Friends of Meriton Road Park

Members also considered the draft public notices and press releases for the public meetings and Stage 1 consultation. These were agreed subject to the removal of all references to 'local council' and 'parish council'. The

term 'town council' would be the sole term used in all public consultation and publicity documents.

Finally, Members considered a first draft of the leaflet. The population figure for the Review area had been revised to 30,700.

Members asked that the following amendments be made to the draft leaflet:

- As with the public notices, remove all references to 'local council' and 'parish council'.
- Change heading of section on paying for local council to 'How much does a town council cost?'
- Remove non-Cheshire councils from the precept list and insert any missing Cheshire councils
- Extract the relevant precept information from the recently-approved list of precepts for Cheshire East
- Right-align the figure columns

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the list of consultees be further updated and circulated to members of the Sub-Committee with a view to any further bodies for inclusion on the list being notified to the Elections and Registration Team Manager as soon as possible;
- (2) subject to the removal of all references to 'local council' and 'parish council', the draft public notices and press releases for the public meetings and Stage 1 consultation be approved; and
- (3) the draft leaflet be amended and circulated to members of the Sub-Committee, and the revised version be submitted to the next meeting for approval.

15 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 15th April 2010 at 2.30 pm at the Oakenclough Children's Centre, Wilmslow.

Objectives of the next meeting will include:

- Approval of the draft ballot paper
- Approval of the final version of the leaflet

The meeting commenced at 3.30 pm and concluded at 4.30 pm

Councillor J Crockatt (Chairman)

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WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of meeting: 15th April 2010
Report of: Elections and Registration Team Manager
Title: Briefing Paper – Wilmslow Community Governance Review Progress Report

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Following two previous meetings of the Sub-Committee, this paper provides an update on progress.

2 Terminology used in Literature about the Review

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee at the last meeting decided that to avoid confusion to the public it would prefer to refer to the term “town council” in all documentation published about the review. The intention was to try to avoid reference to several different terms, such as “parish council”, “community council” and “town council”.
- 2.2 It is appropriate to remind Members of the actual wording of the three petitions received as follows:

Handforth

- (1) That a new parish be constituted under Section 87 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- (2) That the new parish should have a parish council to be known as Handforth Community Council.
- (3) That members of the Council will not be affiliated to any political party.
- (4) That the area to which the review is to relate be defined as being the electoral ward of Handforth as known in 2007.
- (5) That the Council will not precept the area, only use moneys granted, delegated, awarded or given for the benefit of the area.

Wilmslow and Handforth

- (1) That a new parish be constituted under Section 87 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- (2) That the new parish should have a parish council to be known as Wilmslow and Handforth Town Council.

- (3) That the area to which the review is to relate comprises the Electoral Wards of Dean Row, Fulshaw, Handforth, Hough, Lacey Green and Morley & Styal.

Styal

- (1) That a new parish be constituted under Section 87 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- (2) That the new parish should have a parish council to be known as Styal Parish Council
- (3) That the area to which the review is to relate to be defined as shown on the attached map, being a part of the Electoral Wards of Morley and Styal.

2.3 The legislation relating to Community Governance reviews (Section 87 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007) specifies that the principal council: must make recommendations as to what new parish, or parishes (if any) should be constituted; must make recommendations as to the name of the new parish; must make recommendations as to whether or not the new parish should have a parish council; and whether or not the new parish should have one of the alternative styles (which is explained below).

2.4 Prior to the 2007 Act, a parish could be given the status of a town under section 245 of the Local Government Act 1972. "Town" status continues to be available to a parish. In addition the 2007 Act inserts two new sections 12A and 12B to offer a further choice of alternative styles for a parish – e.g. community, neighbourhood and village. However, for as long as a parish has an alternative style, it will not also be able to have the status of a town and visa versa. References in legislation to a "parish" should be taken to include a parish which has an alternative style. Where a community governance review relates to a new parish, it is for the principal council in the first instance to make recommendations as to the name of the parish – and as to whether or not it should have one of the alternative styles. The Council should take account of the views and preferences of people living in the area in relation to the style of council recommended.

2.5 Given the background set out above, the Sub-Committee may wish to review its decision in respect of using the term "Town Council" across the board in all the documentation relating to the review. The term 'Parish Council' may be more appropriate; or as was proposed by officers at the last meeting – the term 'local Council' – with an appropriate explanation would be an all-encompassing term to describe all the possible styles of council which may emerge from the review. To use the term Town council only at this early stage may be confusing to those people who have signed the Handforth and Styal petitions, which do not refer to a Town Council.

3 Public Meetings

Members are asked to note that unfortunately it was not possible to confirm Honford Hall as the venue for the public meeting on 28th April. Arrangements have now therefore been made for this meeting to be held

at Handforth Youth and Community Centre, Old Road, Wilmslow. These details are now being published via the public / press notice and press release agreed at the last meeting. The wording has been amended slightly, so as not to refer to all of the petitions received requesting the creation of a Town Council. A copy of the amended public notice and press release is attached for information, and this will appear in the press during the week commencing 12th April to allow two weeks' notice of the public meetings being held.

4. List of consultees

The list of consultees has been updated and extended following discussions at the last meeting and is attached for information.

5. Explanatory Leaflet

Further to the last meeting, the text for the leaflet has been updated and a map added. Members are asked to agree the final format of the leaflet for printing, and to agree whether a black and white or coloured map is preferred. Members may wish to make further changes to the draft leaflet based on the comments made in paragraph 2 above.

6. Draft Ballot paper to Electors

The Sub-Committee has agreed that as part of the Stage 1 consultation, a voting paper with an explanatory leaflet will be sent to all electors.

Members are asked to consider and agree the format and wording of the ballot paper. Two options are submitted for consideration (copies attached). These have been drafted based upon discussions at the last two meetings of the Sub – Committee. However, Members may wish to make further changes to the draft leaflet based on the comments made in paragraph 2 above.

It is suggested that the same style of voting paper is used for the whole of the review area. However, as there are three distinct areas of the review, it is suggested that if the voting paper for option 1 is chosen, that the ballot paper is coded, so that replies can be analysed by area. For example, a simple way of achieving this would be to code the ballot papers A, B and C – to represent the separate areas of Styal, Handforth and the remaining area of Wilmslow. This coding of the ballot paper wouldn't be necessary if voting paper option 2 was chosen. Either style of ballot paper can be accommodated by the printers. Appropriate security measures will also be put in place for the printing of the voting papers.

7. Publicity for the start of the Review

The attached notice and press release which will be issued at the end of April have been updated following the last meeting. Members may wish to review the wording in light of the comments made in paragraph 2 above.

8. Next Stages

In summary, following this meeting, arrangements will be made for the printing of the voting papers and explanatory leaflets to electors, which it is proposed are dispatched to electors on 7 May. The stage 1 consultation period will then take place from 10 May to 4 June. Copies of the leaflet will also be printed and made available for the three public meetings on 26, 28 and 29 April. At the beginning of May, all consultees identified will be contacted and a copy of the explanatory leaflet sent to them inviting their views.

Appendices:

1. Amended public notice and press release (giving notice of the three public meetings)
2. List of Consultees
3. Explanatory Leaflet (and optional colour map)
4. Draft Voting Paper Options
5. public notice / press release (giving notice of the start of the stage 1 consultation)

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 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 town council, or multiple town 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, Handforth Youth and Community Centre, Old Road, Wilmslow
- Thursday 29 April, 7pm, Styal Primary School, Altrincham Road, Styal

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 1HZ, 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 and is now conducting a review of Community Governance arrangements.

As part of the review, residents in Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal are being invited to have their say, including whether a single town council, or multiple town 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, Handforth Youth and Community Centre, Old Road, Wilmslow
- Thursday 29 April, 7pm, Styal Primary School, Altrincham Road, Styal

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.

You can submit your views to: The Elections and Registration Team Manager, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ, or by email to communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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Wilmslow Community Governance Review

List of Consultees

- ⑩ Local political parties
- ⑩ National Association of Parish Councils
- ⑩ Cheshire Association of Parish Councils
- ⑩ Chorley Parish Council
- ⑩ Alderley Edge Parish Council
- ⑩ Cheshire East Borough Councillors
- ⑩ Petition organisers
- ⑩ Central and Eastern Cheshire PCT
- ⑩ Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- ⑩ Members of the Cheshire East LSP Co-ordination Group and thematic groups
- ⑩ Wilmslow Police
- ⑩ Wilmslow Fire and Rescue Service
- ⑩ Wilmslow Sports PartnershipLiving - geoff.beadle@cheshireeast.gov.uk
- ⑩ Wilmslow LAP (chaired by Councillor Carolyn Andrew – carolyn.andrew@cheshireeast.gov.uk)
- ⑩ Community Groups (via Community and Voluntary Services Cheshire East)
Contact – Liz Hudson – 01625 428301 - liz.hudson@cvsce.org
- ⑩ Neighbourhood Action Groups – Colshaw Community Development Group,
Colshaw Estate Tenants and Residents Association (via Cheshire East Community
Development Team. Contact - dawn.clark@cheshireeast.gov.uk)
- ⑩ Open Arms Youth Project, Howty Close, Colshaw Farm, SK9 2SH. Contact Ann
Sheedy Tel: 01625 252262
- ⑩ Local Schools – Primary, Secondary, Nursery (via internal email contact list)
- ⑩ Wilmslow Education Improvement Partnership - contact Susan Garrrod,
headteacher, Gorsey Bank Primary School – head@gorseybank.cheshire.sch.uk
- ⑩ Wilmslow Guild (Adult Education) www.wilmslowguild.wikidot.com
- ⑩ Manchester Airport – contact Jon Bottomley – jon.bottomley@manairport.co.uk
- ⑩ Wilmslow Business Group - contact Dave Bolton – dave.bolton@virgin.net
- ⑩ Wilmslow Trust www.wilmslowtrust.org.uk – contact Brian McGavin -
brian.mcgavin@virgin.net
- ⑩ Wilmslow Forum
- ⑩ St John's Church, Wilmslow (discussion forum) www.saint-johns.org.uk
- ⑩ Wilmslow United Reformed Church (discussion forum) www.wilmslowurc.org.uk
- ⑩ St Bartholomew's Church, Wilmslow
- ⑩ Vinelife Church, Wilmslow
- ⑩ St Anne's Church, Wilmslow
- ⑩ Methodist Church, Wilmslow
- ⑩ Quakers Meeting House, Wilmslow
- ⑩ Dean Row Unitarian Chapel, Wilmslow
- ⑩ Church of England - St John's Lindow
- ⑩ St Teresa's Church, Wilmslow
- ⑩ St Chad's Church, Handforth
- ⑩ St Benedict's church, Handforth
- ⑩ St Mary's Church, Handforth
- ⑩ Cycle Wilmslow - www.cyclewilmslow.org.uk – contact Rob Sawyer –
Robert.sawyer1@virgin.net
- ⑩ Wilmslow 'Living Streets' – contact Dale Langham – dale.langham@lineone.net
- ⑩ Friends of the Carrs – www.friendsofthecarrs.org.uk - contact Peter Stubbs –
pc.stubbs@tiscali.co.uk

Wilmslow Community Governance Review
List of Consultees

- ⑩ Lacey Green Residents Association
 - ⑩ Spath Lane Resident's Association
 - ⑩ Friends of Meriton Road Park, Handforth – www.park@handforth.net
 - ⑩ Local Round Tables
 - ⑩ Local Rotary Clubs
 - ⑩ Local Women's Institute's / Guilds
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- ⑩ Colshaw Senior Citizens Club
 - ⑩ Historical Society, Wilmslow
 - ⑩ Ladies Group, Wilmslow
 - ⑩ Luncheon Club, Cheshire Ladies
 - ⑩ Old Peoples Welfare Association, Wilmslow
 - ⑩ Probus Club, Fulshaw
 - ⑩ Royal British Legion (Handforth)
 - ⑩ Talking Newspaper, Wilmslow
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- ⑩ **Landlords –**
 - ⑩ Equity Housing Group –Armitt House, Monmouth Road, Cheadle Hulme
Stockport Cheshire SK8 7EF. Telephone: (0161) 4869911 - contact Peter Glover –
peterg@equityhousing.co.uk
 - ⑩ Riverside Housing – Riverside Penine, Colshaw Farm Estate Office, Appleton Walk
Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 2HN - contact Jeff Allen – jeff.allen@riverside.org.uk
 - ⑩ Contour Housing - 26-27 The Paddock, Handforth, Cheshire, SK9 3HQ Tel: 0345
602 1120 Email: handforth@contourhousing.co.uk
 - ⑩ Great Places Housing Group – Southern Gate, 729 Princess
Road, Manchester M20 2LT - Contact - Alexandra.millward@greatplaces.org.uk
 - ⑩ Cheshire Peaks and Plains Housing Trust -Ropewalks, Newton Street, Macclesfield
SK11 6QJ email: trust@cppht.com Tel: 01625 553 553
 - ⑩ Anchor Trust - Anchor Court, Lacey Green, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4DD Phone:
01625 532473 <http://www.anchor.org.uk>
 - ⑩ **Local attractions –**
 - Quarry Bank Mill – contact Quarry Bank Mill and Estate, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire
SK9 4LA
Telephone: 01625 445896 - quarrybankmill@nationaltrust.org.uk
 - Local website**
www.wilmslow.co.uk – contact Lisa Reeves – lisa@wilmslow.co.uk

Community Governance Review - Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal

Why are we writing to you?

Cheshire East Council has received three petitions each signed by over 10% of electorates (or local residents) in the Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal areas, asking for a town council to be set up in these areas.

By law, Cheshire East Council must now carry out what is known as a Community Governance Review. This review will look at the most suitable options for local administration in the unparished parts of Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal, and decide whether a town council or multiple town councils would be the best option for:

- representing the interests and identities of local people, and
- providing local government services

The map overleaf explains which areas this Review affects. These areas have a population of around 30,700 people.

What does a Town Council do?

Town Councils are democratically-elected bodies that have statutory powers. These can include the provision of allotments, bus shelters, support for local crime-prevention initiatives, local highway matters such as street lighting and maintenance of roadside verges. They are also often involved in providing and maintaining community transport schemes, sport and recreation facilities and tourism. They also provide a focus for representing local issues and identity.

Is there a cost associated with a Town Council?

Yes, as a minimum, there would be certain running costs to cover the appointment of a Town Clerk (usually a part time post); accommodation requirements, and general administration of a town council. At a later date, elected members of the town council may decide to deliver certain services. The town council would set a precept (or charge) to cover these costs, which is covered in your council tax bill.

How much would it cost?

The amount of the precept for town councils is something that each Council has to decide for itself, and depends on what services and facilities it wants and needs to provide to the local community. The following table gives some examples of precepts (the charge shown is for Band D properties per annum) for some Councils for towns with which you may be familiar. These figures are for illustration only as there are no means of estimating the services which any future council will choose to provide.

Town	Population (approx)	Precept
Congleton	26850	£63.44
Middlewich	13390	£56.72
Nantwich	13880	£28.10
Northwich	20880	£72.22
Winsford	30690	£34.17
Wistaston	8040	£15.03
Frodsham	9220	£31.92
Alsager	12460	£42.59
Knutsford	12570	£12.04
Poynton with Worth	14350	£38.46
Chorley	460	£16.32
Alderley Edge	4690	£46.02

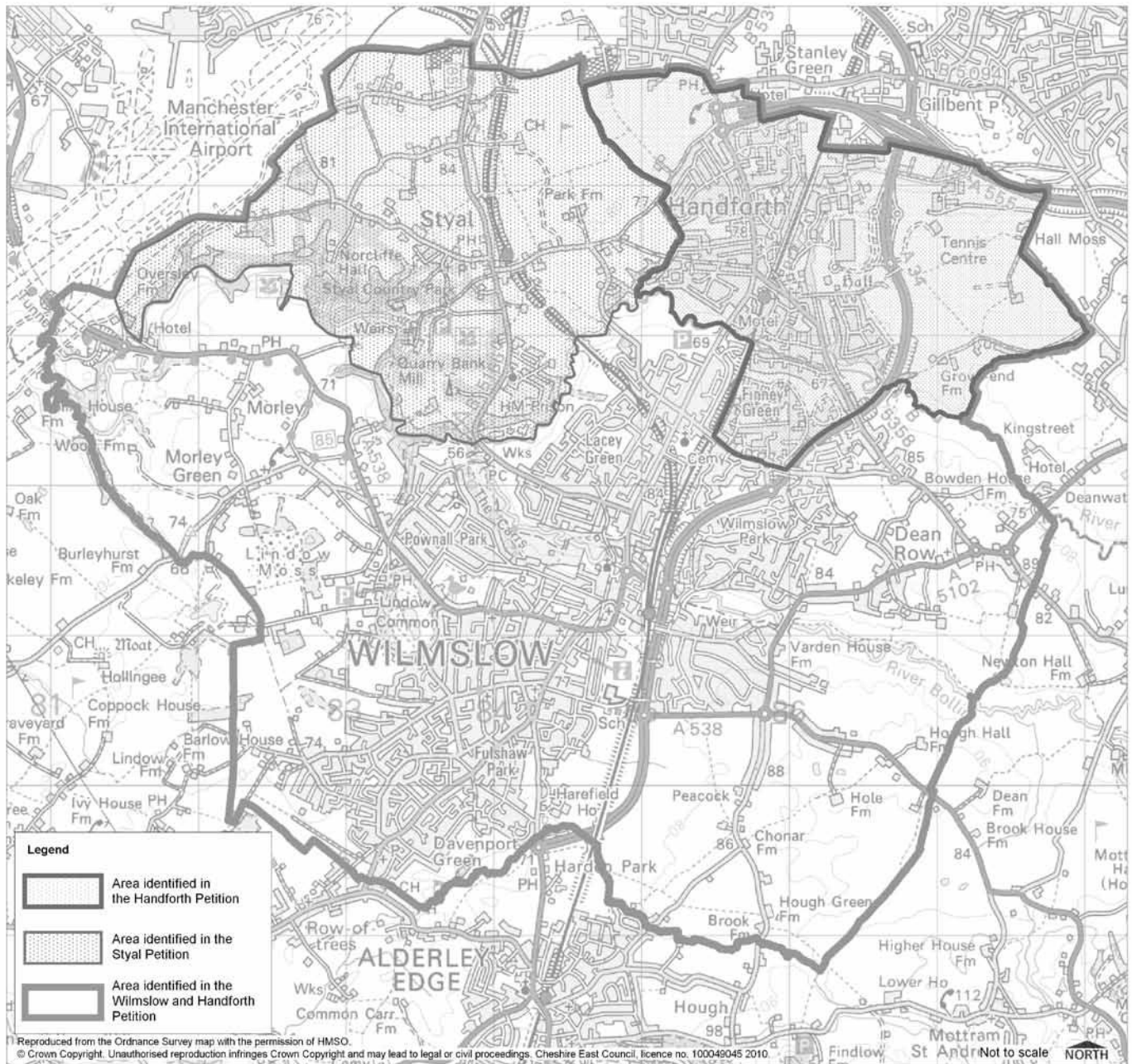
(The population for the area of Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal that is being considered is 30,700. The population of the Handforth area is 7,960 people, the population of Styal area is 900).

Why have a Town Council?

Town councils have the ability to respond to particular local needs and deliver solutions in response to these. A town council can be seen to represent the immediate community that it serves and can give more local control over the quality of the local environment, based on a closer familiarity with local priorities and needs. They also give a voice to represent local issues and interests.

How many councillors would there be?

One of the issues the Review will consider is how many Councillors should be elected if a town council, or multiple town councils are set up. Councillors can be elected to represent the whole area under review or it can be sub-divided into wards, where they have particular responsibility for a smaller area and its residents. For example, a Councillor could represent the whole area of Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal, or the area could be sub-divided into six wards – e.g. Dean Row, Fulshaw, Handforth, Hough, Lacey Green, Morley & Styal, and the people who live in each of these wards would then be represented by specific Councillors for their area. If a town council was set up for a smaller area, such as Handforth or Styal for example, then it could be more appropriate for the Councillors to represent the whole of that area. In deciding the number of Councillors to be elected, consideration will be given to the size of the electorate and the needs of each area.



What are the Options?

There are options to consider which may be seen as viable alternatives to represent the identity and interests of local people:

A single town council for the whole area, or more than one town Council.

There is no set population size for a town council as you can see from the Table mentioned overleaf. The area under review has a population of about 30,700 people. It may be considered desirable to have a single town council for the whole area; or it may be considered that more than one town council would better reflect the diversity of communities and interests within each area. Each of the Councils would have a power to raise money through precept charges.

The map shows how the various options could be created for the Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal areas.

Area committees

Cheshire East Council could set up groups of Councillors to oversee the management of services and address local issues in a number of smaller geographic areas. There would be no power to raise funds by precept, however this would most likely be funded using council tax payments.

Tenant Management/ Residents & Tenants Associations

These tend to focus mainly largely on issues affecting particular housing estates. Particular emphasis is usually on housing-related issues and there is no power to raise funds.

Area/community/ neighbourhood forums

These can give communities a say on local authority matters and local issues. The focus is on influencing decision-making and membership, and they are made up of people living or working in the area. Forums have no power to raise funds.

Community Associations

These are usually set up locally by members of the community, and provide a democratically-elected approach for local residents and community organisations to work together for the benefit of the neighbourhood. They sometimes include local authority representatives on the management committee as a means of influencing the delivery of services and decision making that affects the area. They have no power to raise funds.

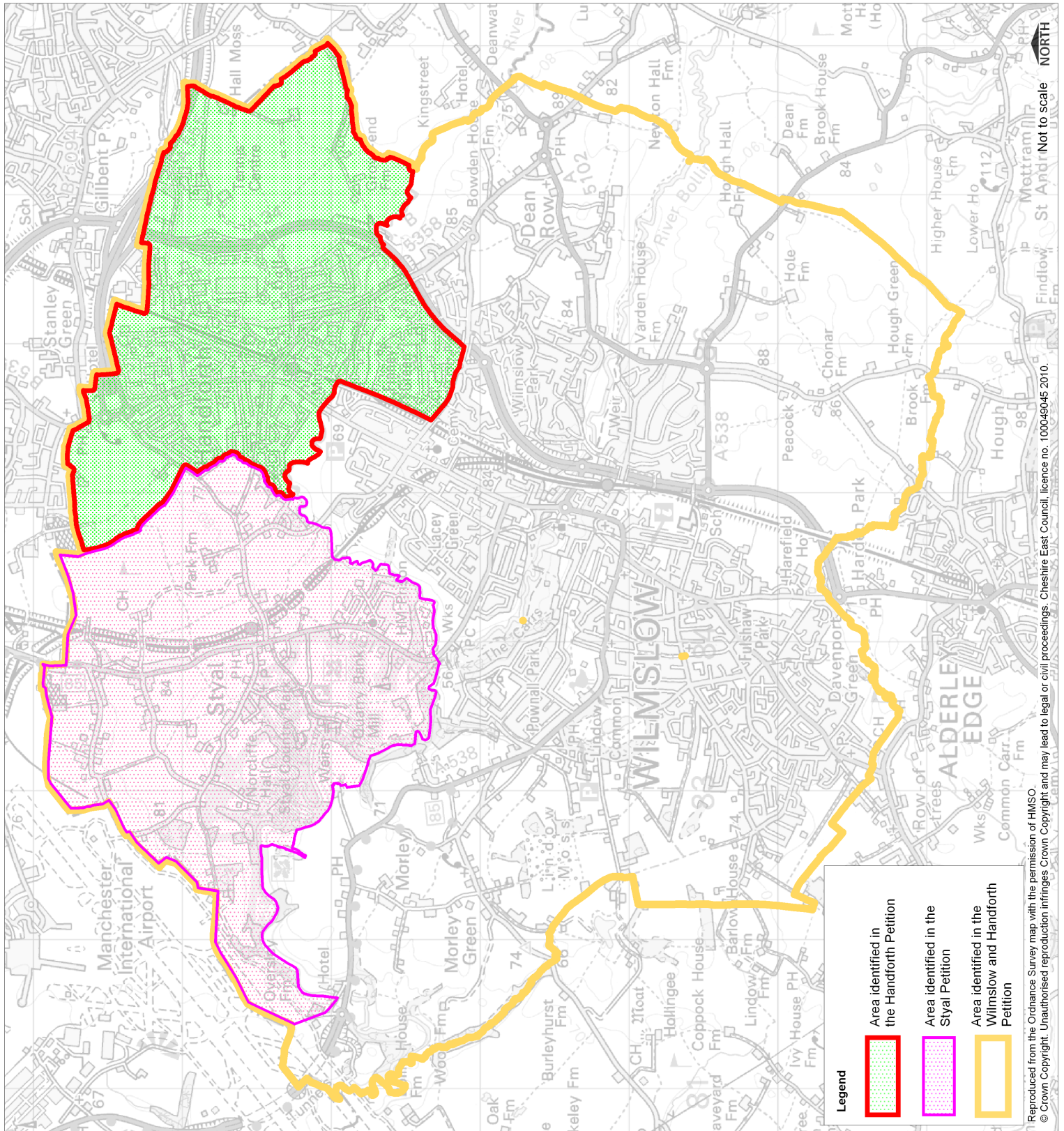
Further information

You can submit your views to:
The Elections and Registration Team Manager,
Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ,

or by email to communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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Local electors are also invited to complete and return a postal voting paper to express their views.



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VOTING PAPER – OPTION 1**Community Governance Review – Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal****Voting Paper for Electors**

1. You have two votes. One for Question 1 and one for Question 2 below. Put no other mark on the voting paper or your vote may not be counted.
2. Mark a cross (X) in the box on the right hand side of the voting paper opposite the option you are voting for under each question.
3. Once completed, return by post in the pre-paid envelope without delay.
4. The voting paper must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer no later than 5pm on Friday 4th June 2010.

Q1. Do you want a town council?

Yes

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No

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Q2. **If yes**, please indicate your preferred town council for where you live, by placing a cross in **one** of the boxes below:

A	A town council for Styal	
B	A town council for Handforth	
C	A town council for Wilmslow (excluding Handforth and Styal)	
D	A town council for Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal	
E	A town council for Wilmslow and Handforth (excluding Styal)	
F	A town council for Styal and Handforth (excluding Wilmslow)	
G	A town council for Wilmslow and Styal (excluding Handforth)	

VOTING PAPER – OPTION 2**Community Governance Review – Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal****Voting Paper for Electors**

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3. Once completed, return by post in the pre-paid envelope without delay.
4. The voting paper must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer no later than 5pm on Friday 4th June 2010.

Q1. Do you want a town council?

Yes

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No

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Q2. If yes, please indicate your preferred choice of town council for the area where you live, by placing a cross in **one** of the boxes below:

For Residents in Styal:

A	A town council for Styal	
D	A town council for Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal	
F	A town council for Styal and Handforth (excluding Wilmslow)	
G	A town council for Wilmslow and Styal (excluding Handforth)	

For Residents in Handforth:

B	A town council for Handforth	
D	A town council for Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal	
E	A town council for Wilmslow and Handforth (excluding Styal)	
F	A town council for Styal and Handforth (excluding Wilmslow)	

For residents in Wilmslow:

C	A town council for Wilmslow (excluding Handforth and Styal)	
D	A town council for Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal	
E	A town council for Wilmslow and Handforth (excluding Styal)	
G	A town council for Wilmslow and Styal (excluding Handforth)	

PRESS / PUBLIC NOTICEBOARD TEXT (2):– STAGE ONE CONSULTATION**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW: WILMSLOW, HANDFORTH AND STYAL – STAGE ONE CONSULTATION**

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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 town council, or multiple town 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.

You can submit your views to: The Elections and Registration Team Manager, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ, or by email to communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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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 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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