

Community Governance Review Sub-Committee Agenda

Date:	Wednesday, 18th July, 2012
Time:	10.00 am
Venue:	Executive Meeting Room, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

The agenda is divided into 2 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. 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.

2. 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 or person presiding 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 at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2012 as a correct record.

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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4. **Crewe Community Governance Review - Outcome of Consultation** (Pages 7 - 28)

To consider representations received in response to the final stage of consultation for the Crewe Community Governance Review, including the ballot of electors in the unparished part of the Borough ward of Leighton.

5. **Crewe Community Governance Review - Developing a Budget and Transfer of Assets**

To discuss the work now required by the Sub-Committee to determine a budget for the Council's first year of operation. The Cheshire Association of Local Councils has offered to assist the Sub-Committee with this work.

In addition, to discuss the work and legal/financial advice now required by the Sub-Committee to determine a proposed list of assets, and associated running costs, to be transferred to the new Town Council.

6. **Macclesfield Community Governance Review - Project Plan** (Pages 29 - 30)

To consider the proposed project plan for Stage 1 of the consultation including proposed arrangements for public meetings to be held.

7. **Macclesfield Community Governance Review - Stage 1 Consultation** (Pages 31 - 40)

To approve the wording for the two leaflets to be used for the Stage 1 consultation and to give consideration to publicity arrangements.

8. **Community Trusts**

To receive a verbal update on Community Trusts.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

To agree the date of the next meeting.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the
Community Governance Review Sub-Committee
held on Friday, 27th April, 2012 at East Committee Room - Municipal
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor D Marren (Chairman)
Councillor P Groves (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Baxendale, R Cartlidge, B Murphy and P Whiteley

In attendance

Councillors D Flude, M Grant, S Hogben, D Neilson and D Newton

Officers

Caroline Elwood, Borough Solicitor
Brian Reed, Democratic and Registration Services Manager
Mike Flynn, Community Governance Adviser
Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer
Rose Hignett, Senior Electoral Services Officer
James Morley, Scrutiny Officer
Jamie Oliver, Communications Officer

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

40 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Alderman Peter Kent sought assurances that there would be democratic elections to a Crewe town council. He also drew attention to the electoral inequalities which would be created with a 16 member council based on existing Borough Council ward boundaries and suggested that a 20 member council would avoid such an outcome. Finally, he made reference to some other Cheshire East town and parish councils which had larger councils whilst having smaller electorates. He urged the Sub-Committee to reconsider the number of parish councillors proposed for Crewe.

41 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2012 be approved as a correct record.

42 CREWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PREPARATION FOR STAGE 2 CONSULTATION

Council at its meeting on 19th April 2012 had deferred consideration of the recommendations of the Constitution Committee on the draft recommendation for the Crewe Community Governance Review in order that advice received from Counsel on some aspects of the Review could be taken into consideration. The matter would be considered at the next Council meeting following further consideration by the Community Governance Sub-Committee and the Constitution Committee in light of the advice received from Counsel.

In very brief summary, the Constitution Committee had recommended to Council that:

- a Crewe Parish Council should be created;
- there should be 16 members representing 6 wards mirroring the Borough Wards;
- the electors from the unparished part of Leighton Borough Ward should be asked whether they would prefer to be included in the proposed parish of Crewe or the existing parish of Leighton; and
- elections should take place as soon as practicably possible.

Following the meeting of the Constitution Committee, the Borough Solicitor had been asked to take Counsel's advice on key elements of the proposals, in particular:

- on the extent to which a temporary parish council could be appointed in the period before parish elections, the powers of such a body and the period of time within which such a body could operate; and
- whether elections to the parish council could be held at the same time as the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in November 2012.

A number of issues arose from Counsel's advice, and further advice was sought to clarify these. A summary of Counsel's advice was circulated at the Sub-Committee's meeting. Very briefly, this included the following points:

1. Any reorganisation order should take effect on 1st April in any year, including 1st April 2013. The Order should ideally be made by 15th October 2012 but no later than 39 days before the election.
2. The Parish Council itself would not come into being until elections following the taking effect of the Order.
3. There was no such legal entity as a "temporary parish council".

4. There was no power to set up a transitional body for a long period of time, exercising significant powers and taking decisions which would bind the new parish council. A transitional body should be set up for a short period of time. Such a body should have limited powers. It could issue a precept and be able to receive assets but should avoid making decisions concerning the budget or those assets which would bind the parish council. It should take administrative decisions which would pave the way for the new parish council but should not be involved in service delivery.
5. Combining parish council elections with Police and Crime Commissioner elections would seem to be administratively complex.

The Sub-Committee gave further consideration to the recommendations of the Constitution Committee in light of the advice received. It was noted that in addition to the administrative complexity of holding parish council elections at the same time as the Police Commissioner elections, the fact that the reorganisation order could not come into effect until 1st April 2013 meant that elections to a Crewe parish council could not be held alongside the Police Commissioner elections.

The Sub-Committee considered two optional indicative timetables for the remainder of the Crewe Community Governance Review. The favoured option, option (b), took the final decision to Council on 11th October 2012 with a view to the order coming into effect on 1st April 2013 and elections being held in May 2013.

The Sub-Committee also considered the arrangements for the Stage 2 consultation process as set out in the report. It was agreed that the consultation with electors of the unparished part of Leighton should take the form of a formal ballot.

Members also noted the need to consider options for a budget and precept for the first year of the new council, and to consider what transitional arrangements should be put in place.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) having considered the matter further in light of the advice received from Counsel, the Sub-Committee supports the recommendations made by the Constitution Committee to Council on 19th April 2012, namely:
 - a. that the interests of effective and convenient local government and community identities in the area would be served by the creation of a new parish with a parish council for the unparished area of Crewe and that parish council be advised to consider its designation as a Town Council;

- b. that the parish should be divided into 6 wards for the purposes of election to the Parish Council, such wards to be coterminous with the existing Borough wards except that, subject to recommendation c. below, the unparished part of Leighton (Polling District 1FJ4) be incorporated into the St Barnabas parish ward, and that each ward should have the number of parish councillors as follows:

St Barnabas	2
Crewe Central	2
Crewe North	2
Crewe South	3
Crewe East	4
Crewe West	3
TOTAL	16

- c. that the electors of the unparished part of the Borough ward of Leighton should be asked whether they would prefer to be included within the proposed parish of Crewe or within the existing parish of Leighton;
- d. that elections to the Crewe parish council should be held as soon as is practicably possible, and should thereafter be synchronised with the ordinary date of parish council elections; and
- e. that these proposals form the basis of a second stage of public consultation and that the Boundary Commission be informed of the proposals;
- (2) the proposed arrangements for the Stage 2 consultation process as set out in the report be approved;
- (3) the proposed consultation with the electors for the unparished part of Leighton be conducted by means of a formal ballot;
- (4) the indicative timetable option (b) for the latter stages of the Review as circulated at the meeting be approved and the project plan be amended accordingly;
- (5) the Director of Finance and Business Services be asked to consider arrangements for a budget and precept for the proposed parish council for consideration by the Constitution Committee; and
- (6) the Constitution Committee be asked to consider appropriate transitional arrangements for the period leading up to parish elections.

43 **MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Sub-Committee considered a briefing paper outlining the process to be followed in conducting the Macclesfield Community Governance Review. The Constitution Committee had ordered the Review in response to representations by the Macclesfield Civic Society in May 2011.

The process proposed, and matters to be taken into consideration by the Review, were broadly the same as for Crewe.

The Sub-Committee had noted previously that as the community governance review moved around the Borough it would need to review its membership so that Members with appropriate knowledge and experience could participate. Any review of the Sub-Committee's membership would need to balance the need for local knowledge with the experience already gained by existing Members and the continuity this provided. It was also acknowledged that there were alternative approaches to involving local members in the Review process.

Since the report had been circulated it had been necessary to reconsider the timetable for the Review and a number of optional indicative timetables were circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that option (a) for the Stage 1 process, which included public meetings, should be adopted for now and that the options for Stage 2 could be considered as the Review progressed. In approving option (a), Members noted a potential issue with the timing of any ballot which would occur around the time of the Police Commissioner elections; this would be considered further in due course.

The Officers had prepared a draft list of consultees and stakeholders for the Macclesfield Review which had been circulated with the report. Local Members had been asked to suggest any additions to the list and the names of a number of additional organisations had been submitted by Councillors L Brown and D Neilson. The list would be updated accordingly and any additional suggestions received from local Members would be added.

Reference had been made at the previous meeting to a potential mechanism under the Localism Act 2011 which would allow the introduction of a form of community governance known as a 'community trust'. This had not been included in the list of governance options in the report but was the subject of ongoing investigation by Officers. It was anticipated that further information would be available at the next meeting.

The Officers circulated maps showing the boundary of the unparished area of Macclesfield, the constituent and adjoining Borough wards, and adjoining parishes. It was noted that part of the Macclesfield South Borough Ward was already parished and included in Gawsworth Parish. This part of the Borough Ward would therefore not be included in the Community Governance Review.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the report be noted and the proposed arrangements for conducting the Macclesfield Community Governance Review, including the matters to be taken into account in conducting the Review, the alternative forms of local governance identified and the proposed consultation arrangements be approved;
- (2) the indicative timetable option (a) for Stage 1 of the Review be approved and the project plan be amended accordingly; options for Stage 2 be considered further in due course;
- (3) the list of consultees and stakeholders appended to the report be approved, subject to the inclusion of the additional organisations submitted by local Members, and any further submissions received, and the list form the basis of the initial consultation on the Review;
- (4) the leaflets and other publicity and consultation materials used for the Crewe Community Governance Review be adapted for use in the Macclesfield Review and public meetings be arranged at suitable venues in Macclesfield;
- (5) the Officers report to the next meeting on any provisions within the Localism Act relating to community trusts; and
- (6) the Constitution Committee be asked to review the membership of the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee.

44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting to be agreed by the Chairman following consultation with Members.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.35 pm

Councillor D Marren (Chairman)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Community Governance Review Sub Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 July 2012
Report of: Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Crewe Community Governance Review - Outcome of Final Stage of Consultation

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the background in relation to the Crewe Community Governance Review under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The report provides details of the outcome of stage three of the public consultation on the Council's draft recommendation for the review, as made by the Council on 16th May 2012.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 To consider the responses from the Stage 3 consultation and to recommend to the Constitution Committee that it makes an appropriate recommendation to Council, having regard to the results of consultation on the draft proposal.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The third stage of Consultation for the Crewe Community Governance review took place from 28th May to 2 July 2012 and following this meeting the results will be considered by the Constitution Committee on 20th September 2012. The recommendation of the Constitution Committee for the final outcome of the Review will then be reported to the Council meeting on 11th October 2012 for approval, including approval of any Reorganisation Order required for the formation of new parishes as may be determined.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Wards covering the unparished area of Crewe.

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 As above

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 None

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 The Council has a statutory duty to conduct and meet the costs associated with undertaking the Community Governance Review.
- 7.2 In the event that parish councils are established, there will be costs associated with the administration of the elections. The Council's policy is for the cost of any parish elections, which do not fall on an ordinary day of election for which other elections are being administered, are met by the parish councils concerned. This will be a consideration for the Council in determining the parish precept for the first year of operation.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 With effect from April 2008 the power to take decisions about matters such as the creation of parishes and their electoral arrangements was devolved from the Secretary of State and the Electoral Commission under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 to local authorities under Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 The Council has followed the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews published by the Electoral Commission and the Department of Communities and Local Government.

10.0 Background

- 10.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 permits the Council to undertake a community governance review of the whole or part of the Borough Council area.

10.2 The Review

The Constitution Committee agreed in June 2011 to conduct a community governance review for Crewe, in accordance with Section 83(2) of the above Act. This decision was made in response to a notice of motion submitted to the Council meeting in December 2010.

In conducting the Review the Council has, in accordance with the guidance, considered viable options for forms of community governance including no change; Town / parish council(s); Neighbourhood Management; Community forums; Residents and Tenants Associations; Community associations / community development trusts.

Explanatory leaflets about the community governance review were prepared and used as a basis for the early stages of consultation which ended on 29th February 2012.

This community governance review has provided the Council with an opportunity to examine and review existing community governance arrangements and to consider whether or not new arrangements were required to best meet the needs of local people.

The initial phases of consultation had included written representations received in response to public notices, specific invitations, a website tool and information leaflets. Two public meetings had been held in September to give members of the public the opportunity to learn more about the review and express their views in a public forum. Attendance at these meetings was low, so the opportunity was taken to provide information at various community events and locations during November and December 2011. The Council's website was also used as a source of information and as a tool for people to record their views. A voting paper was sent to all electors in Crewe to be returned by 29th February 2012.

Consideration was given to the comments and representations received from these first stages of consultation and on the basis of those representations the Council's draft recommendation for the final outcome of the review was made on 16th May 2012. This was then published on 28th May 2012.

10.3 Criteria and aim of the Review

Section 93 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires councils to ensure that community governance in the area under review will be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area and is effective and convenient. In considering this criteria the Council is required to take account of a number of influential factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion.

The Guidance on community governance reviews published by the Department of Communities and Local Government in April 2008 sets out in detail the factors for consideration to help inform the Council's judgement against the statutory criteria.

10.4 Previously Unparished Areas

The Council is required by law to consider other forms of community governance as alternatives or as stages towards establishing parish councils. The Council has noted the existing arrangements in place in the area for community representation and community engagement and the extent to which they were creating opportunities for engagement, empowerment and co-ordination in local communities.

10.5 Consultation

In reaching its draft recommendation in this review, the Council took into account the representations received having regard to the criteria in the Local Government and Public Improvement in Health Act 2007.

10.6 Result of consultation with electors

12,213 were returned (32%). The results were as follows in response to the Question “ Do you want a Single Town Council for Crewe?”:-

Area	No of voting papers received	“Yes”	“No”	Rejected
Crewe	12,135	10,741	1,381	13
Leighton (unparished)	78	69	9	0
TOTAL	12,213	10,810	1,390	13

10.8 Draft Recommendation

The third stage of consultation ran from 28th May to 2nd July 2012 and sought views on the Council’s draft recommendation.

The draft recommendation of the Council for the outcome of the review, as agreed at the Council meeting held on 16th May 2012 was as follows:-

RESOLVED

1. a. that the interests of effective and convenient local government and community identities in the area would be served by the creation of a new parish with a Parish Council for the unparished area of Crewe and that Parish Council be advised to consider its designation as a Town Council;
- b. that the Parish should be divided into 6 wards (see map below) for the purposes of election to the Parish Council, such wards to be coterminous with the existing Borough wards except that, subject to recommendation c. below, the unparished part of Leighton (Polling District 1FJ4) be incorporated into the St Barnabas parish ward, and that each ward should have the number of Parish Councillors as follows:

St Barnabas	2
Crewe Central	2
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TOTAL	16

- c. that the electors of the unparished part of the Borough ward of Leighton be asked whether they would prefer to be included within the proposed parish of Crewe or within the existing parish of Leighton;
 - d. that elections to the Crewe Parish Council should be held as soon as is practicably possible and should thereafter be synchronised with the ordinary date of Parish Council elections; and
 - e. that these proposals form the basis of a second stage of public consultation and that the Boundary Commission be informed of the proposals.
2. the proposed arrangements for the final stage of the consultation process, as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report to the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee on 27th April 2012, be approved, subject to the dates being altered in line with paragraph 4 below;
 3. the proposed consultation with the electors for the unparished part of Leighton be conducted by means of a formal ballot;
 4. the indicative timetable proposed by the Sub-Committee for the latter stages of the Review be approved as follows and the project plan be amended accordingly:

28 th May 2012	Publish Notice of final stage of consultations
11 th June – 2 nd July 2012	Final stage of public consultations Postal Ballot in unparished part of Leighton Borough Ward
20 th September 2012	Constitution Committee
11 th October 2012	Council makes final decision and approves Order
1 st April 2013	Order comes into effect
4 th April 2013	Elections to new parish council
 5. it be noted that Gresty Brook (Polling District 1GM2) in the Crewe South Borough Ward is already located within the parish of Shavington and accordingly does not form part of this Review; and
 6. the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee be asked to consider the detailed arrangements for setting a budget and precepting and the extent and timing of the transfer of assets to the new Parish Council, to enable the relevant provisions to be included in the Order.

Representations were invited from all interested persons, organisations, stakeholders and the public. Interested parties were encouraged to submit their views in writing, by email, or via a feedback form on the Council's website.

10.9 Submissions received in response to Stage 3 Consultation

Copies of all responses received to the Stage 3 (the final stage) of consultation are attached as an appendix to this report together with the results of the ballot of electors in the unparished area of Leighton. A further representation is expected from the Crewe Charter Trustees following their meeting held on 5th July 2012. This will be reported at the meeting.

10.10 Key Issues

In making its final decision on the outcome of the Community Governance Review for Crewe the Council must take into account representations received. The Council is also required to have regard to the need to ensure that community governance within the area reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

In terms of proposed Council size and the number of councillors to be elected for parish wards, this is a matter for the Council to determine, having regard to "Section 5: Electoral Arrangements" of the government's guidance on conducting community governance reviews.

As soon as practical after the Council has decided to what extent it will give effect to the recommendation made in the review, it must publish the decision and the reasons for making that decision. The Council must also take steps to ensure that people who are interested in the review are informed.

Should the final decision be taken to establish a Town Council, a formal Order will be made by the Council to give effect to the new arrangements.

12.0 Access to Information

The following background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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- Guidance on Community Governance Reviews published by the Electoral Commission and the DCLG
- Explanatory Leaflet and Notice of Publication for the first stage of consultation
- Notice of Publication of Draft Recommendations

Appendices - Representations received from the Stage 3 consultation ending on 2nd July 2012 and results of the ballot of electors in the unparished area of Leighton.

**CREWE COMMUNITY
GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED IN
RESPONSE TO STAGE 3
CONSULTATION**

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27 June 2012

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CREWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this stage of the Governance Review.

By way of background I have lived in the Crewe area since 1966. In 1983 I was elected as a Borough Councillor for the Delamere Ward of Crewe, a position I held until the abolition of the authority in 2009. For several years I was Chairman of the Authority's Community Scrutiny Committee. In 2009 I was accorded the honour of Honorary Alderman in recognition of my service.

I fully support the creation of a Town Council for Crewe. However, I cannot support the warding arrangements proposed by Cheshire East Council as they would lead to significant variations in electoral representation. As an alternative I would propose the creation of ten two-member wards as follows:

Crewe Central, Crewe North & Crewe St Barnabas would remain as proposed by Cheshire East.

Crewe South and Crewe West would each be divided into two two-member wards [in the case of Crewe South the first ward could be based on the newer property in the western part of the Ward, the second on the older property north of Nantwich Road and in the south-eastern part of the ward; Crewe West could be easily divided between the communities around Queens Park, and the community based on the Ruskin Park area].

Crewe East Ward would be divided into three two-member wards [probably based on a) the Maw Green area; b) the Sydney area; c) the Earle Street – Hungerford Road area].

The creation of these relatively smaller wards would create stronger community links between town councillors and those they represent, and create a more varied – and representative – council by making it more practical for independent and others outside the party machinery to achieve election.

Yours sincerely,



Gwyn Griffiths

MOUNTFORD, Paul

From: captainhastings@orange.net
Sent: 30 June 2012 11:29
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: crewe town council

Dear Sir/Ms,

I am in favour of 16 councillors and strongly opposed to any greater number.
D P Hughes

MOUNTFORD, Paul

From: TIMPSON, Edward [TIMPSONE@parliament.uk]

Sent: 28 June 2012 15:10

To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Subject: Crewe Community Governance Review

Crewe finds itself in an interesting predicament following a lengthy period of rather cumbersome consultation from Cheshire East Council, the outcome of which will, I am sure, be a new town council for Crewe.

In the first referendum of Crewe taxpayers on the issue, some people found the questions overly complex, but on the other hand proper information was provided to voters about what a town council is, what it will do, and how much it might cost.

Conversely, in the second referendum, a simpler question was, quite rightly, put - yes or no. However the educational material explaining what people were voting for was not sent out.

The difference is that when taxpayers were told what it might cost, they voted against. When taxpayers were not told, they voted for.

So my concern is this: will this town council help make Crewe a better place to live and work, and will it provide value for money?

This is not to suggest that it won't - I very much hope it does. And that is the challenge to those 16 people who are elected in April.

But if it doesn't deliver for the people of Crewe, and address the key problems the town is facing, then they will have the people of Crewe to answer to.

Some of those who have shown interest in standing for the town council are always very quick to criticise Cheshire East Council. Some are Cheshire East councillors themselves, and want a second job.

But very soon, the boot will be on the other foot. They too must be prepared to be held to account for their actions and how they spend our residents' money.

I am not currently convinced that they have properly thought this through, but I hope that in the end they do it wisely.

Edward Timpson
MP for Crewe and Nantwich

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MOUNTFORD, Paul

From: Linda Davenport [lindadavenport@chalc.org.uk]
Sent: 21 June 2012 11:48
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Response to Lindsey Parton's email of 12 June - final stage consultation re. Crewe CGR
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good morning Lindsey

Thanks for sending over the two documents. I note from the Stakeholder briefing note that elections are planned for April 2013, but thereafter "synchronised with the ordinary date of elections" so I'm assuming the 2013 councillors will serve for two years only then have to stand for re-election in 2015. Please let me know if I have misunderstood Cheshire East's intentions.

You may recall that ChALC, both directly and via Mike Flynn, was involved with the implementation of the Order creating Wilmslow, Styal & Handforth local councils, eg. advising on elements of expenditure to be included in the first precept, supporting candidates with information about the practicalities, powers and duties of being a local councillor and drafting agendas/ providing model documents for the new council's first meeting, and we are equally as happy to provide a service to Crewe if this would assist Cheshire East Council's aims for its new local council.

With best regards, Linda

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MOUNTFORD, Paul

From: peterakent@tiscali.co.uk
Sent: 18 June 2012 00:20
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Cc: GRAVES, Rachel
Subject: RE: Crewe Community Governance Review
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Attachments: 2012-06 submission to CEC.doc

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the final stage of the review. Please find attached the response from the "A Voice for Crewe" campaign.

Peter Kent

From: GRAVES, Rachel [mailto:Rachel.Graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 June 2012 08:13
To: 'peterakent@tiscali.co.uk'
Subject: Crewe Community Governance Review

Dear Sir/Madam

The review of Community Governance Arrangements in Crewe is now entering the final stage.

I am contacting you as the Council would welcome your views on this important issue which will be taken into account in reaching any decisions.

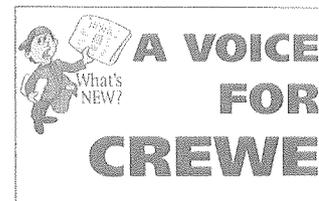
Please find attached a letter and a briefing note which provide information about the final stage of the Review. Further information can be found on the Cheshire East website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/crewegovreview

You can respond by email to communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk or by post to The Registration Service and Business Manager, Democratic Services, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1HZ. **Please respond by Monday 2 July 2012.**

Kind regards

Lindsey Parton
Registration Service and Business Manager
Cheshire East Council
Westfields, Sandbach

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Thank you for the invitation to comment on the final stage of the review of Community Governance Arrangements in Crewe.

There remains really just one point of contention and that is the number of councillors and warding arrangements. The campaign has always argued in favour of 20 members (see our submission in September 2009), based on the existing Borough wards, and with two town councillors for each Borough councillor. In the event of further borough ward boundary changes as populations and electorates change, this is a robust principle that can be maintained, with the least possible administrative cost falling on your council.

Democratic equality

The wards in Crewe are of different sizes and the numbers of Borough councillors have been adjusted appropriately, so that there is broad equality of representation throughout the town.

However, the current proposal of 16 town councillors is achieved by simply adding on 1 for every Borough councillor and this destroys that principle of equality. To be precise, if there are 16 members along the lines of the current suggestion, the number of electors per councillor would be:

- Central 1862 20% below the average, so over-represented
- East 2715 17% above the average, so under-represented
- North 1842 21% below
- St Barnabas 1929 17% below
- South 2458 6% above
- West 2579 11% above

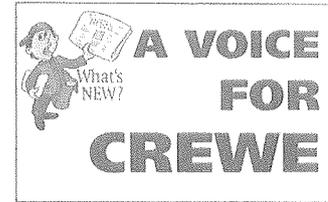
The average number of voters is 2327 and, as you can see, the variation is considerable.

But if there are 20 members, then the figures are:

- Central 1862 Exactly matching the average
- East 1810 3% below
- North 1842 1% below
- St Barnabas 1929 4% above
- South 1844 1% below
- West 1935 4% above

Here the average is 1862 per councillor. And given the Boundary Commission's usual advice of there being no more than 5% deviation from the norm, it fits nicely, as one would expect.

These figures are based on the current electorate as supplied by your own council. The figure for Crewe South excludes that part of the ward lying in Shavington parish. The figures also exclude the 403 residing in the currently unparished area of Leighton, since its future depends on the ballot currently being undertaken. If it were to be



included in the St Barnabas ward for town council purposes, this is clearly an area that would be examined in the next boundary review.

Effectiveness

Our proposal gives a reasonable number of councillors overall, in comparison with other parts of the Borough. Examples abound on this, but the most relevant is probably the one from the most recent review elsewhere in the Borough. Only last year, Cheshire East set up new town councils in Wilmslow, Handforth and in Styal. Wilmslow Town Council has an electorate of 19,088 and 15 council seats – this gives an average of 1272 electors per member. The numbers are lower for Handforth and Styal. Of course, there is a maximum practicable size so if we had the same ratio as Wilmslow it might be thought to be unworkable (though there were 32 on the old Crewe Borough Council). But whilst 15 for Wilmslow is reasonable, 16 for a town almost twice the size is not. We would also draw your attention to the recent decision of Sandbach Town Council, representing 14600 electors, to increase its numbers to 20 because of the workload falling on its members.

Most of these points were advanced at a recent Council meeting and the only point that was raised against was that if you have too many councillors it impedes progress. However, there was no response to the logical response that other councils like Wilmslow, for instance, should therefore look to a reduction in their numbers. I do hope that your members are not so firmly wedded to the idea of 16 members that they will not be prepared to give reasonable consideration to the case for 20.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

PETER KENT
Co-ordinator, Campaign for "A Voice for Crewe"

MOUNTFORD, Paul

From: D CANNON [cannon380@btinternet.com]
Sent: 27 June 2012 20:01
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: CREWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Attachments: CrewWard.pdf; TownCoun2.doc

Lindsey Parton,
Registration Service and Business Manager.

Dear Lindsey,

The two files which are attached to this message together contain the submission by the Liberal Democrats Crewe & Nantwich constituency party to the final stage of public consultation in the Crewe Community Governance Review.

The main text is in "TownCoun2". "CrewWard" is an appendix which suggests how the existing polling districts in Crewe could be grouped to make smaller wards for the proposed Town Council.

Yours sincerely,

David Cannon
for Crewe & Nantwich Liberal Democrats

PROPOSED TOWN COUNCIL FOR CREWE

The Executive Committee of Crewe & Nantwich Liberal Democrats discussed the recommendations from the review of community governance in Crewe at our May meeting.

Members welcome the prospect of a Town Council for Crewe, which we supported in our submission to the earlier stage of public consultation.

One reason for supporting a Town Council was our concern at the size of the job taken on by a Cheshire East councillor representing a Crewe ward. They must be willing to take a strategic view of issues that affect the whole of Cheshire East but also engage with the minutiae of issues that affect only their ward. We also expressed the hope that a Town Council in Crewe would make it easier for people to stand for election for the first time, and thus increase the number of people actively involved in local democracy.

The present proposals for a Town Council only partly address our original hopes and concerns. If the Council is restricted to 16 members, then each councillor will represent many more electors than is the case with existing town and parish councils in Cheshire East. The effect is made worse by the use of multi-member wards based on those used for Cheshire East elections at present. Anyone considering standing for election for the first time faces the daunting prospect of seeking support from a large area, maybe beyond the part of the town for which they have an affinity. Another objection is the variable size of the Cheshire East wards. Voters face the potential confusion of having differing numbers of votes depending on where they live. "First Past the Post" elections, are also often in practice "Winner Takes All" elections when multi-member wards are used. When wards vary in size the party with the most support gains disproportionately.

Liberal Democrats advocate a Town Council of 20 members, so that in effect, each representative of Crewe on Cheshire East Council would be supported by two town councillors. We wish to see the multi-member Cheshire East wards subdivided for the purpose of Town Council elections, to create ten equal sized, two member wards. These wards would correspond more closely with localities that are recognised within the town. The appendix shows how this could be done, using the existing Polling Districts. It is no less feasible to create smaller, equal sized wards for Town Council elections, based on the 16 member council that is proposed in the consultation documents.

APPENDIX

The purpose of this appendix is to show that for Town Council purposes, Crewe may be divided into ten wards, each electing two councillors, using existing polling districts. This requires that the Cheshire East wards of Crewe South and Crewe West be split into two parts, and that Crewe East be split into three parts. These wards could be divided in other ways. Liberal Democrats are not advocating this division more strongly than any alternative: our purpose is to show that splitting the wards is feasible. Numbers of electors are taken from the 2011 register.

CREWE POLLING DISTRICTS

Division of CREWE EAST into three Town Council wards:

Brierley Street area	1AC1	855	
Lea Ave est + part Poets est	1DF1	2114	
Crewe Road estate	1DG1	307	
University	1DG2	60	
"Waldron" Total			3336
Lower Middlewich St	1AD1	1014	
Broughton Rd/ Stoneley Rd	1CC1	412	
Upper Middlewich St	1CD1	1602	
Trees estate west	1CF1	1226	
"Maw Green" Total			4254
Trees estate east	1CE1	1075	
Sydney + part Poets estate	1DF2	2155	
"Sydney" Total			3230
Crewe East	Total		10820

Division of CREWE SOUTH into two Town Council wards:

Bedford St/ Gresty Rd	1DA1	1864	
Brookhouse Dr/ Collinbrook Av	1DB1	1555	
Cloughton Ave	1DC1	537	
"Alexandra" Total			3956
Edleston Road area	1DE1	2097	
Rosehill estate	1BD2	416	
Ruskin Park	1BD3	793	
"St John's" Total			3306
Shavington Parish (excluded)	1GM2		
Crewe South	Total		7262

Division of CREWE WEST into two Town Council wards:

Wistaston Green estate	1BA1	1948	
Queens Park Gardens	1BB1	253	
Marshfield estate	1BF1	1223	
Victoria Avenue estate	1BB2	575	
"Queen's Park" Total			3999
Alton Street west	1BC1	1659	
Danebank Avenue	1BD1	1226	
Alton Street east	1DD1	907	
"Valley" Total			3792
Crewe West	Total		7791
CREWE CENTRAL	Total		2999
CREWE NORTH	Total		3592
ST BARNABAS	Total		3788

MOUNTFORD, Paul

From: PAM MINSHALL [pam.minshall@btinternet.com]
Sent: 13 June 2012 15:25
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Crewe Town Council
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We are pleased that at last, the wish for a town council, expressed several years ago by the residents of Crewe, is going to be fulfilled. We agree that the existing wards are the obvious structure, and with the suggestion for the minor anomalies. However, the proposal for 16 councillors seems perplexing and arbitrary since it means that the number of electors per councillor varies considerably while the boundary Commission advises no more than 5% deviation from the norm. We believe that it would be much simpler and fairer to give the new Crewe Council 20 councillors, two for each of the existing Borough Councillors. This would even out the number of electors per councillor, be easy to maintain as boundaries changed and would be more appropriate in comparison with other parish councils in Cheshire East where there are much smaller electorates than will be the case in Crewe, while not being so large as to impede progress.

Pam Minshall

Crewe Historical Society
Valley Community Action Project.

MOUNTFORD, Paul

From: Helen Birtles [helen@birtles6000.freemove.co.uk]

Sent: 12 June 2012 21:34

To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Subject: Local Governance review

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Dear Rachel

Further to your email, I am writing to confirm that on behalf of the members of Union Street Baptist Church we shall be pleased to see the formation of a Town Council for Crewe. Your plans seem very suitable and we look forward to seeing the results of the election. Thank you for including us.

Helen Birtles

Church Secretary.

Final Results

Area	No of voting papers received	Crewe Town Council	Minshull Vernon & District Parish Council	Rejected	Total	Do totals match?
Leighton (1FJ4)	77	11	66	0	77	YES
TOTALS	77	11	66	0	77	YES

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MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN

Task/activity		Decision-making process	Date
Officer Project Team	Officer Responsible	Community Governance Review Sub Committee meetings	27/4/2012 18/7/2012
Guidance summary Project Plan Map of Review Area Electorate figures Options appraisal (As per Crewe CGR) Prepare consultation leaflet Electoral arrangements - initial views size/warding Consultation – Full list of consultees and contact details 2 x Public notices prepared for public meetings and for commencement of the Review Arrange public meetings Arrange printing for postal ballot	LP/BR	Consider summary of CGR guidance Review Membership of Sub Committee Approve Review Process / project plan Agree consultation methods Agree list of consultees Identify and evaluate options for the review Formulate Leaflet to consultees and electors Agree arrangements for public meetings	
Publish Public Notice giving details of public meetings	LP		23/7/2012 – Media Release 30/7/2012 – Public Notice in press (commencing 2 weeks before public meetings held)

MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN

Task/activity		Decision-making process	Date
Public Meetings	BR/ LP/ Members	2 meetings at Macclesfield Town Hall	Mon 6/8/2012 – 3pm Tues 7/8/2012 – 7pm
Further public engagement / publicity co-ordinated with assistance from Communications Team and LSP Manager			July/ August 2012
Publicity for 1 st stage consultation with stakeholders Publish Notice	LP/ JM		20/8/2012 (Two weeks before consultation starts)
Comments / submissions invited from interested parties on Options (4 week consultation period)		Consultation Period (stage 1)	3/9/2012 – 28/9/2012 (Note: Chairman attending Macclesfield Business Breakfast – Friday 14 September – 7.45am)
All submissions / comments considered and evaluated. Collate representations	LP/ JM		Monday 1/10/2012
		Community Governance Review Sub Committee meeting Consider outcomes from stage 1 consultation Agree Stage 2 Consultation	wk cmg 8/10/2012

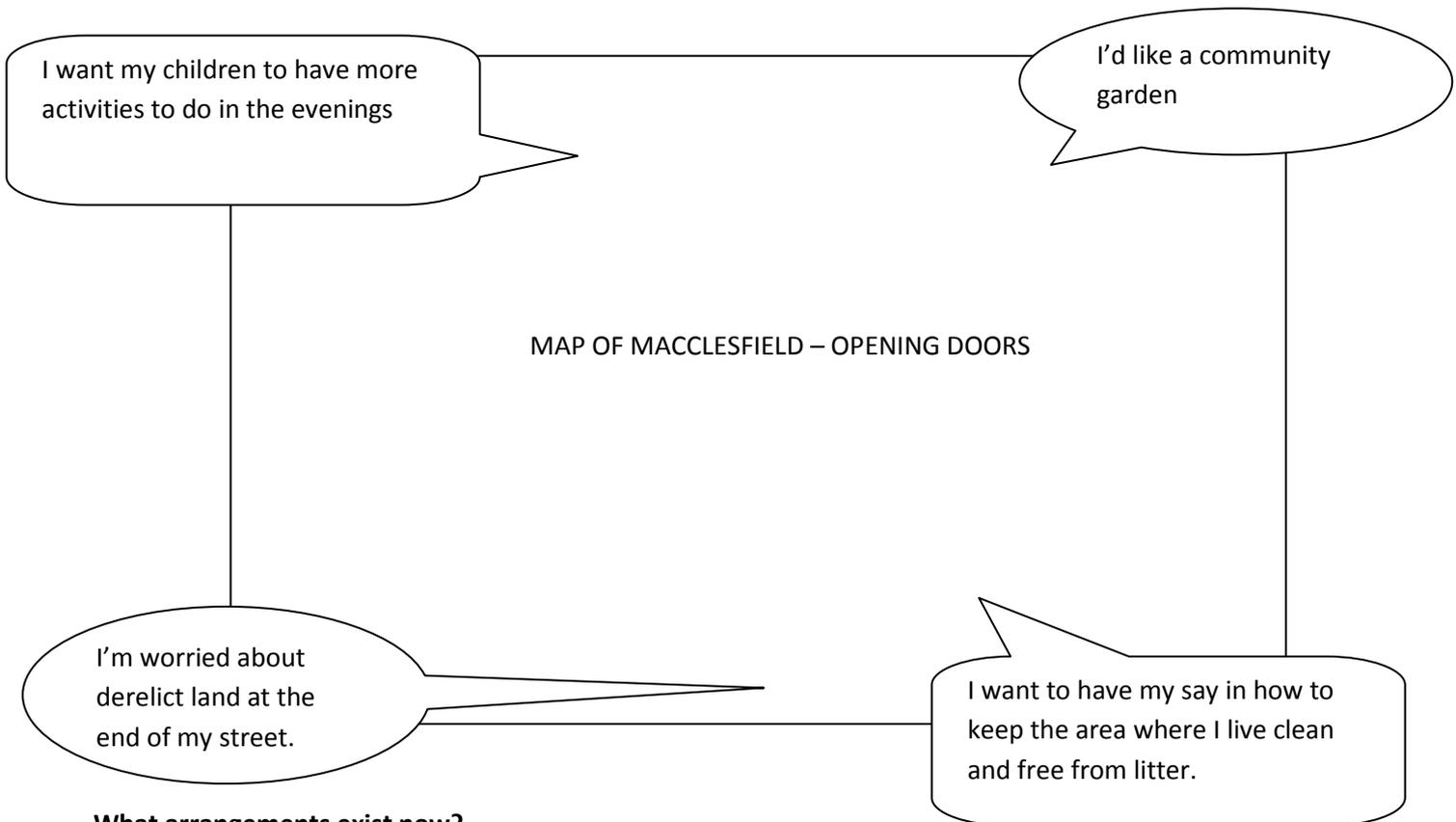
Key to Officers:-

- LP - Lindsey Parton, Registration Service and Business Manager, Legal & Democratic Services
- BR - Brian Reed, Democratic and Registration Services Manager
- JM - James Morley, Democratic Services Officer

Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Cheshire East Council has committed to a programme of transferring services and assets to a more local level that best reflects local needs and aspirations. Where one exists, those services may well be passed down to Parish/Town Councils as they are, arguably, the most local form of community governance. Because Macclesfield does not have a Parish/Town Council, Cheshire East Council feels that it is appropriate to consider the governance arrangements for Macclesfield and put in place an arrangement that best reflects the needs of local people.

This leaflet explains the different options for local governance in Macclesfield.



What arrangements exist now?

At the moment, Macclesfield has a Local Area Partnership, more recently a Local Service Delivery Committee and a Charter Trustees arrangement (all explained overleaf).

How will I know what is best for Macclesfield?

Whatever option is chosen as the best form of governance for Macclesfield, there will already be an associated cost for delivering local services calculated as part of your Council Tax. If there is no change to the current arrangements, there is still likely to be the introduction of a Special Expense Levy to pay for services that are mainly for Macclesfield residents and you will continue to pay for the Charter Trustees – both totalling to approximately £8 per household per year.

If a Parish/Town Council were to be created these charges would be replaced by a precept raised by the new council and whilst broadly equivalent to the current arrangement, the exact amount would depend on which

services are delivered. If any of the other options are implemented, the special expense would still need to be raised to pay for the delivery of local services, as would the payment to the Charter Trustees.

Because all options would have an associated cost, this review will focus on three key criteria to decide which governance option (explained below) will best deliver the following outcomes:

- improved community engagement
- better local democracy
- more effective and convenient delivery of local services

We are consulting local people over the next few months and will take account of all views and opinions that we receive.

What are the options?

Local Area Partnership (LAP)

The Local Area Partnership in Macclesfield is one of seven across Cheshire East, bringing together a wide range of people from the legal, private, voluntary and community sectors to focus collective effort on what really matters in the local area. Their key role is to improve services, ensure local people influence decision making, and to actively engage and empower communities. They focus on local issues that cannot be tackled by one organisation alone, bringing together all those with an ability to make a difference. Area assemblies are held to engage local partners and residents, and local people are involved in a number of working groups.

The facts: an area management group made up of local partners manages the business of the LAP; they are not set up to represent local communities to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning applications and highways, although the Council must consult with the area management group on these issues; they help to influence service delivery but do not have the power to deliver local services; they can't raise money to deliver local services.

This LAP arrangement will continue to function alongside any governance arrangement in Macclesfield, and is included here for information of how local communities are supported by Cheshire East Council to engage with local service providers.

1. No change – continue with Local Service Delivery Committee and Charter Trustees

Local Service Delivery Committee

Cheshire East Council has set up a local service delivery area committee for this area of Macclesfield (because there is no Parish/Town Council) to ensure that the provision of services is fair and consistent across the borough. So that this area has the same opportunities and choices as other areas with Parish/Town Councils regarding the provision of services, this committee will likely introduce a Special Expenses Levy (charge) on the residents of Macclesfield to deliver these services. The current value of these services is estimated to be approximately £6.40. These committees are often considered as a foundation towards the creation of a Parish/Town Council.

The facts: it is run by twelve Cheshire East councillors (not necessarily locally elected councillors); they do not specifically represent the interests of the local community to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning applications and highways; they help in the delivery of services that can improve the local area (e.g., public toilets, allotments, Christmas lighting, floral arrangements); they can raise money (a special expense part of your council tax) to deliver those services. The Local Service Delivery Committee is an example of an Area committee.

Charter Trustees

Charter Trustees preserve the historic identity of an area by carrying out ceremonial functions (e.g., the Mayor) in areas that do not have a Parish/Town Council. If a Parish/Town Council was created in this area, the Charter Trustees would be replaced by that Council who would then carry out its functions, the cost of which would be included in the new charge for the Parish/Town Council. However, if another option (other than a Parish/Town Council) was selected, the Charter Trustees could continue to exist alongside it.

The facts: they are run by Cheshire East (Macclesfield wards) councillors; they are not set up to represent the interests of the local community to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning

applications and highways; they do not have the power to deliver local services; they can raise money to cover the costs of their ceremonial functions - you currently pay £1.51 (Council Tax band D) to the Charter Trustees.

2. Parish/Town council(s) (you may see these words used separately but they mean the same thing)

Parish/Town councils are arguably the most local form of government and can represent areas ranging from around 100 people (e.g. Barthomley, which is a small local Parish Council of 180 people), to around 30,000 people. The general rule is that a Parish/Town Council is based on an area which reflects community identity and interests, and is of a size that makes sense as an administrative unit of local government.

The facts: they are run by local councillors that are specially elected (at least five councillors); they represent your local community's interests to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning applications and highways; they deliver services that can improve the local area (e.g., public toilets, allotments, Christmas lighting, floral arrangements); they can raise money (part of your council tax called a precept) to deliver those services.

The following options all generally function over a smaller area than local service delivery committees, Parish/Town Councils or area committees, and as such a number of each of the following options would need to be set up to represent the whole area of Macclesfield.

3. Neighbourhood management

There are many different views of what would be considered as a neighbourhood including a mix of homes around a local shopping centre, a shared open space, leisure facilities, a collection of roads or an estate. To account for this variety, there could be lots of different neighbourhood management groups covering this area of Macclesfield. Neighbourhood management programmes create the opportunity for residents to work on a voluntary basis to improve services at the neighbourhood level. They aim to improve 'quality of life' through implementation of (rather than making decisions on) better management of the local environment including safety, housing, and encouraging employment opportunities. They need support from all local partners, and tend to cover smaller populations than area committees or Parish/Town Councils.

The Facts: they are run by local volunteers and need the full commitment of local service providers; they are not set up to represent the interests of the local community to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning applications and highways; they can influence local services but do not have the power to deliver local services; they can't raise money to deliver local services.

4. Community forums

Community forums may be set up by the principal council (e.g., Cheshire East Council), or created by local residents to act as a way of giving communities a say on principal council matters or local issues. Sometimes forums are set up to comment on a specific project that will impact upon the local area, and so may be time-limited. They increase participation and consultation, aiming to influence decision making, rather than having powers to implement services. They vary in size, purpose and impact, but membership usually consists of people working or living in a specific area. Some forums also include local ward councillors, and representatives from Cheshire East Council would be able to attend meetings.

The Facts: they are run by local volunteers or council officers; they can represent the interests of the local community to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning applications and highways;

they can influence local services but do not have the power to deliver local services; they can't raise money to deliver local services.

5. Residents' and tenants' associations

Residents' and tenants' associations enable local people to participate when local issues affect their specific neighbourhood or housing estate, e.g., the local environment, crime, anti-social behaviour matters, or housing management. They can be set up by any group of people living in the same area, and they choose themselves who can be members, how they will be represented and what they want to achieve. In the case of tenants' and residents' associations on estates, they may be established with direct support from the Registered Social Landlord, as a way to communicate with the tenants and residents on its estates. To engage effectively with other organisations, residents' and tenants' associations must be able to show that they are accountable and represent the views of the whole community, rather than narrow self interests of just a few local people.

The Facts: they are run by local volunteers; they are not set up to represent the interests of the local community to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning applications and highways; they can influence local services but do not have the power to deliver local services; they can't raise money to deliver local services.

6. Community associations/community development trust

Community associations/developments trusts offer a way for local residents and local community-based organisations in a defined neighbourhood to work together for the benefit of that neighbourhood. They can use a model constitution registered with the Charity Commission. The principal council (Cheshire East Council) may also be represented on the association's committee. They usually manage a community centre as a base for their activities. Membership is open to everyone resident in the area.

The Facts: they are run by local volunteers; they are not set up to represent the interests of the local community to the principal council (Cheshire East Council) on things like planning applications and highways; they can run some local services; they can't raise money to deliver local services.

If you are unsure which option you think is the best for Macclesfield – use our preferred option guide that accompanies this leaflet or visit us online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

We would like to hear your views and opinions on this governance review for Macclesfield.
If you would like to write to us with your views, all correspondence should be sent to this address:

Registration Services and Business Manager,
Democratic Services,
Cheshire East Council,
Westfields,
Sandbach,
Cheshire CW11 1HZ.

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Are you feeling unsure which option you think is the best option for Macclesfield?

Use this scale to help you decide which of the different arrangements for local governance you prefer. Answer the three questions on the left hand side to decide how you think each option will deliver the outcomes expected from the review. Put a cross somewhere within the orange scale below (from low (pale) to high (dark)) where you feel each answer should be. For example, if you feel that the option would significantly improve engagement with the community, put your cross on the ‘high’ side of the orange scale. If you feel that the same option would not democratically represent your interests, put your cross on the ‘low’ side of the orange scale. Once you have placed all your crosses on the scale, the option (or options) that have the most crosses towards the high end of the scale (dark orange) is your preferred option(s). You can also use this tool on the Cheshire East Council website (www.cheshireeast.gov.uk).

WHICH IS MY PREFERRED OPTION?	
OPTIONS	LOW → HIGH
1. No change	
Will this improve engagement with the community? Does this democratically represent my interests? Will this deliver better local services?	
2. Parish/Town Council	
Will this improve engagement with the community? Will this democratically represent my interests better? Will this deliver better local services?	
3. Neighbourhood management	
Will this improve engagement with the community? Will this democratically represent my interests better? Will this deliver better local services?	
4. Community forums	
Will this improve engagement with the community? Will this democratically represent my interests better? Will this deliver better local services?	
5. Residents’ and tenants’ associations	
Will this improve engagement with the community? Will this democratically represent my interests better? Will this deliver better local services?	
6. Community associations and community development trust	
Will this improve engagement with the community? Will this democratically represent my interests better? Will this deliver better local services?	

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Have your say – Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Following a decision by Cheshire East Council, a Community Governance Review will be conducted in Macclesfield. This review will consider how the unparished part of Macclesfield should be governed in the future. This could include no change; one or more town /parish councils; Neighbourhood Management; Residents' and Tenants' Associations; Community Forums; Community Associations or community development trusts. New arrangements would operate in addition to Cheshire East Council.

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

- **Monday 6th August, 3-5pm**, Macclesfield Town Hall (Capesthorne Room)
- **Tuesday 7th August, 7-9 pm**, Macclesfield Town Hall (Capesthorne Room)

Councillors involved with the Council's community governance review and Council staff will be present at the meetings to provide information and answer any questions you may have.

A first stage of formal consultation will take place during September when views from interested persons and organisations will be sought.

You can submit your views to: The Registration Service and Business 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

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