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Community Governance Review Sub-Committee
Agenda

Date: **Thursday, 15th August, 2013**

Time: **10.30 am**

Venue: **The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA**

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. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

   To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary 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 relating to the work of the body in question. 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.

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

   To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2013.

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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5. **To consider the following feedback from the Stage 1 Consultation:** (Pages 5 - 98)

   a) Notes from eight public meetings held between 3 July and 22 July;
   b) Analysis of returned Questionnaires;
   c) Correspondence received by e-mail/letter.

6. **To review the process for the Stage 1 Consultation** (Pages 99 - 102)

   Summary report attached.

7. **Project Plan** (Pages 103 - 106)

   To review the progress to date against the Project Plan (attached) and to consider the timescale and arrangements for the Stage 2 consultation.

8. **To consider the Stage 2 Consultation, including :-**

   a) Arrangements for the ballot of electors, including wording for the ballot paper and material to be sent to electors (specification for printing requirements/suggested timescales attached);

   b) Publicity required in advance of the ballot;

   c) Arrangements for the continued engagement with stakeholders, the public and 6th Form colleges, throughout the period of the Stage 2 Consultation.

9. **Date of Next Meeting** (Pages 107 - 108)

   To achieve the timescales specified for the printing requirements, to enable ballot packs to hit doorsteps from 23 September, artwork for the ballot paper and supporting literature would need to be signed off by the Sub-committee and submitted to the printers by 27 August. A further meeting of the Sub-committee has, therefore, been scheduled for Tuesday 20th August, at 10.30am, should Members feel this is required to meet the print deadlines.

Agenda Item 4

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Community Governance Review Sub-Committee**
held on Friday, 17th May, 2013 in The Tatton Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

PRESENT

Councillor P Groves, in the Chair

Councillors G Baxendale, J Jackson, B Murphy, P Whiteley and W Livesley

Apologies

Councillors D Marren

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Marren.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3 **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2013 be approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Councillor Janet Jackson to the list of those present.

5 **PROJECT PLAN**

Consideration was given to a revised project plan which had been updated in the light of comments made at the last meeting. Particular discussion ensued on the following aspects of the plan:

Publication of Public Notice May/June 2013
It was confirmed that publicity would be 4–6 weeks in advance of meetings. It was agreed that the list of consultees be recirculated to Ward Members to ensure that it was up to date. The public notice was currently being prepared and it was agreed that it be circulated direct to those on the stakeholder list. The electoral register would be used to identify and

contact rising 16 and 17 year olds for publicity and also to ensure all those eligible received a ballot paper.

Public engagement 24 June – 23 July 2013
Confirmed that display boards would be prepared for the LSP to take out to local area and for display in Macclesfield Customer Centre. Publicity would include press release, leaflets and local publicity. A request was made for School Sixth forms and for colleges to be included in the local area consultations as they were the future of the community; in addition facebook/twitter/multimedia should be used to help engage them.

Ballot of Electors 23 Sept – 11 Oct 2013
Concern was expressed that the summer holidays would come between the publicity period and the ballot; it was confirmed that feedback from the earlier publicity period would be considered by the Sub-Committee during August and it could then decide how to address points raised prior to the ballot. Additional publicity could be carried out at this stage if considered necessary.

Consultation Final Stage 13–31 January 2014
It was explained that at this stage stakeholders would be notified of the final recommendation and there would be website and press based publicity.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the revised project plan subject to the points raised and noted above.

6 **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

An oral update was given on the proposals for public meetings to be carries out in the period between 3-11 July 2013. Suggested venues had been explored taking into account the preferences expressed at the last meeting.

In order to accommodate existing holiday arrangements requests were made for the period to be extended to 12 July and for that on the Weston Estate to be on either the 3 or 4 July.

RESOLVED

That the schedule of public meetings be finalised, taking into account the above requests, and circulated to members at the earliest opportunity.

7 **COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

RESOLVED

That the communications plan be developed, taking in account the views of the Sub-committee and that this be circulated to members of the Sub-Committee in due course.

8 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

This was added as an additional item of business, in order to formalise the position that, in order to maintain continuity, no change was intended to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED

That Councillors David Marren and Peter Groves continue in their respective roles of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

9 **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED

It was agreed that arrangements be made for the next meeting to be held early in August.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.30 am

Councillor P Groves (Chairman)

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MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETING
HURDSFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
3 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Brian Reed	Louise Brown
Lindsey Parton	Alift Harewood
Rose Hignett	Brendan Murphy
Cherry Foreman	Lesley Smetham

RESUME OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Clarification requested of the range of organisations on the Stakeholder list.	Explained that it had been drawn up with the help of the Sub Cttee and included all community organisations, businesses, housing associations, church and faith groups, LAP. *Action: to confirm the inclusion of the Trustees/ Directors of the Morton Jubilee Hall.*
2.	Is there a legal limit for the number of electors in a parished area?	Some parished areas in Crewe are almost as large as Macclesfield would be and no problems are envisaged.
3.	Is there evidence that democratic engagement suffers when there are a high no of electors? *The view of the questioner was that if the ratio was too large there would be no advantage over the present position with CE.*	1. There is guidance from the T and PC Association on the ratio to ensure people are properly represented. 2. The area could be divided into the separate wards of the parish.
4.	What influence would the PC have in planning?	Would be as a statutory consultee only.
5.	How much would a PC cost?	This would depend on what it did and what services it took over, at present amounts vary between £5 - £95.
6.	If there was more than one PC which would take on the mayoralty?	This would only change if a TC was created; a PC could be established and then resolve to become a TC in which case mayoralty would continue - as in Crewe.
7.	Bollington TC allows the public to attend and speak, is it like that everywhere?	All TC's and PC's have their own Standing Orders and it would be for the new Council to determine those rules.
8.	Concern at having to pay too much for too little reward.	It is the Council itself that will determine how much has to be paid.
9.	If a Council took on services, such as recycling, would there be a corresponding reduction in money paid by residents to CE?	Presumably there would be a resulting reduction in the cost borne by CE but there is no guarantee that there would be a reduction.
10.	Consultation on Macclesfield TC development was a waste of time, how can you guarantee this won't be?	Assurances were given that CE was genuinely interested and that views would be taken into account and considered by the Sub Cttee.

11.	A lot of the information is on the internet but not all people can access that.	Assurances given that a wide range of media is used.
12.	What details can be given of the other options available that were mentioned in your presentation and which of those would enable Macclesfield citizens to partake in forming a neighbourhood plan.	
13.	What about deliberate budgeting for a specific neighbourhood?	
14.	Which options would enable the citizens of Macclesfield to trigger a referenda, such as on the TC redevelopment?	
15.	Publicity was appalling	Everybody will get a personal letter at the end of the consultation stage and at the voting stage.
16.	Do Parish Councillors get paid?	It is the decision of the PC itself, and it is answerable to the electorate. All PC's need a clerk and possibly other staff as well, and premises will need to be paid for.
17.	Will any money unspent by the Charter Trustees be passed onto the new Council? Would the new Council get the income from car parking for example?	The Council would get income from such as allotments and markets but CE will keep car parking revenues.
18	Is there any record of what services PC's in other area have taken on?	It is mentioned in the document 'Do You Want More Say in Macclesfield'.

MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETING
WESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
4 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Sarah Baxter	Louise Brown
Rose Hignett	Alift Harewood
Lindsey Parton	Martin Hardy
Brian Reed	David Marren (Chairman)
Julie Stockton	Brendan Murphy

RESUME OF THE QUESTION/COMMENT AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Clarification was sought as to who made the Order and if it was Parliament.	In response it was confirmed that the Council made the Order.
2.	Why is there a 12 month gap between making the Order and implementing it?	If the decision was for Macclesfield to become a Town/Parish Council then it would fit well into the electoral cycle as Elections are scheduled to take place on May 2015 and therefore would save incurring an additional cost. Furthermore an Order can only be made on 1 April in anyone year. (A further question was raised suggesting that European Elections were taking place in 2014 so could it not be done then. The response was that the Election would still have to be rerun a year later to coincide with Borough Elections 2015).
3.	What would happen if there was low turnout? If only 1% vote din favour of the other 99% didn't would the views of those who voted be ignored and those who didn't vote would win out?	All of the views would be considered. Crewe was used as an example whereby only 32% of the Electorate turned out and yet there was still an outcome. Whatever the response rate the Panel would consider all of the information.
4.	One person didn't feel they had enough information to make an informed choice. Wasn't sure of the pitfalls on becoming a Town/Parish Council	In response the Chairman stated that it was difficult to get the balance right. The Council didn't want to provide too much or too little information. Could easily produce 20/30 pages. It was felt that people would get an initial feeling as to what sort of outcome would be the best for the town. The conclusion may be that people are happy as they are.
5.	Can a Parish council deliver services they want and wouldn't have services forced upon them?	In response the Chairman stated used his example of being on Barthomley Parish Council whereby that particular PC was not responsible for any services and this was reflected in the precept. However Nantwich Town Council delivered a lot of services hence the precept was higher. Barthomley's precept was £10 Natwich's was £97.
6.	What would the specific voting	The material would come in all sorts of ways ie email,

	options be?	writing.
7.	Is inertia a factor could it be the status quo?	Can't answer a hypothetical scenario, however if no-one was to take any interest then the sensible option would be to do nothing.
8.	One comment was made that unless there was a significant number in favour of a Town/Parish Council then the silent majority should not be ignored.	
9.	Another comment was made that people wouldn't bother to vote and that CEC had not done enough to engage people.	
10.	Another comment was made that maybe a Town/Parish Council would be a good thing in order to ensure that people in Macclesfield are being listened to.	Appreciated that Macclesfield was the only unparished area and therefore it was felt that a review should be undertaken.
11.	Another comment was made that Town/Parish Councils do not have any say ie Lyme Green they are consulted but that is it.	
12.	Another person made a number of comments in relation to the general state of Macclesfield and its relationship with CEC.	
13.	Another comment was made that no-one knew about the consultation events taking place and that not everyone bought the local newspaper or had access to the internet.	It was explained that the Council had no control over where the local newspaper placed the advert. (The Chairman advised if people wanted to leave their names and addresses the Council could send them leaflets to be handed around the locality)
14.	Do you tweet when outside the market place?	It was confirmed that a stand had been set up in the Grosvenor Centre.
15.	Wanted good clear figures on the costs.	If the outcome was to establish a Town/Parish Council then the costs would depend on what the Council wanted to do. If the Town/Parish Council wanted to do little then the precept would be small.
16.	A comment was made that it was obvious what the Town/Parish Council couldn't do. It would be very restrictive as to what it could do. All in favour of localism if have a Town Council that is effective. Can't have a 'Mickey Mouse' Council needs to work in partnership with CEC. Did think document produced by CEC was excellent.	
17.	What would the Town/Parish Council be responsible for?	Depends how much you want the precept to be. Can do quite a bit but would have a higher precept.
18	People need to understand what is on offer. People thought that the Crewe Town Council was replacing	

	CEC.	
19	Would CEC Cllrs be on a Town/Parish Council?	They are 2 distinctively different bodies if Town/Parish Council approach was adopted. They would elect their own Cllrs some may also be Members of CEC but don't have to be.
20	Another comment was made in respect of Local Service Delivery meetings and that this should be given a bigger role. Wouldn't need to pay extra money or have extra Cllrs. In response to this another person felt this had no powers and a Town Council would ensure things got done. Options 5,6 and 7 wouldn't work.	
21	Another comments made was that person had no views either way at this moment in time, however CEC needed to ensure that people had the right information to make a decision. Important to get the messages out. People not aware. Bath doesn't have Town Council has Charter Trustees instead. Could work at Macclesfield too.	
22	If people didn't want a change at the moment could the issue be raised again?	Yes.
23	Would like to see the figures broken down. Would like to see what Town/Parish Councils do.	An outline of what Town/Parish Councils could do could be included on the website.

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MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
PUBLIC MEETING
BROKEN CROSS CLUB MACCLESFIELD
8 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Brian Reed	Brendan Murphy
Lindsey Parton	Janet Jackson
Julie North	Carolyn Andrew
Rose Hignett	Louise Brown

RESUME OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Of the seven options, is it correct to say that only number 2 (A Parish/Town Council) would be an elected body?	Yes, in terms of formal elections. For the other organisations it is possible to elect Borough Council Members to sit on them.
2.	When will be know what services are likely to be transferred over to the Local service Delivery Committee or any future Town/Parish Council?	Not until after December 2013. There are a range of functions that a Town Council can decide to deliver, but they do have to charge to deliver these services. A Town Council has its own way of delivering these services and there are some which the Borough Council could pass down, but we don't know what these would be yet. **Member Comment** If you elect a Town Council for Macclesfield they will be able to express your views with a collective response, but this will come at a cost, depending on what services Cheshire East decide it can be responsible for. At the moment the Charter Trustees are responsible for historic issues, such as the Mayoralty, Christmas lights, the Remembrance Service and Civic Service.
3.	How will the payment be provided? Will we have to pay Cheshire East and they pass it in?	Yes, the Town Council would decide what services to provide. It would then precept costs and this would be included in the Council tax. An example of where this happened is Crewe where certain assumptions have to be made to create a budget in the first year of the Council.
4.	With the Wilson Bowden development, the proposed road, loss off Green Belt and the requirement for any new development to have 30% affordable housing, we need a say in our own town. It all feels very remote. I don't mind paying more, but don't want a road and a load of shops. Why are we talking about building in the Green Belt? These are all major issues which can't be addressed by a Town Council, which can only deal with minor	In terms of planning, a formally elected Town Council has the right to respond/comment on planning applications, but not to determine them. **Member comment** It must be accepted that any Town Council would have few powers.

	issues.	
5.	From what has been said, I feel inclined to go down the road of a Town Council.	N/A
6.	There is no local politics on the cheap anymore. I question whether we have funding to be able to achieve favourable changes in our local administration. I don't want to see more parishes or community trusts. I want to see a local Macclesfield Town Council. The funding for that will have to come from the Government. The Government loses billions of pounds through corporate tax avoidance. I appreciate what Cheshire East Council does, but ever since dissolution of MBC we have had to go cap in hand for funding for growth. Macclesfield looks like a train crash, with empty shops and a miserable shopping centre, struggling for cash. I am not looking for an expensive administration with Mayors/cars/town twinning. I want better social services, more funding for health, better planning for the development of the town centre. We must reduce business regulations, enforced by remote civil servants. Please consider a Macclesfield Town Council.	N/A

MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
PUBLIC MEETING
IVY BANK SCHOOL MACCLESFIELD
9 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Brian Reed	Brendan Murphy
Lindsey Parton	Janet Jackson
Julie North	Carolyn Andrew

RESUME OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION/COMMENT	ANSWER
1.	Is the leaflet up to date, as it does not take account of the Localism Act, which gives more potential for Town Councils to be involved in planning decisions.	This would be fed into the consultation. **Member Comment** If there is a Town council it will not be responsible for planning applications. Neighbourhood plans can be made anyway and have to be consistent with the core strategy. If there was a Town Council the same decisions would be made.
2.	Bollington has a Town Council, so they run themselves. How come they have more facilities than anywhere else in the borough? Because they are a Parish. For me they made the right decision, because they get closer to the community and bring it together. We had a Macclesfield Borough Council, but you chose to leave us and desert us and to sell it all off. There are not enough Labour Councillors. I read reports on the website regarding Crewe. There was only 700 turnout/leaflets to cover 3 parishes. That is not good governance.	N/A
3.	I was unfortunate to sit through the Planning Committee for the town centre planning application. Macclesfield people no longer have a say. It has been taken over by Councillors with no commitment or knowledge of the town. I don't object to paying to have a say, but not if only minor issues. Bollington TC appear to have more clout or their views are taken more seriously. John Prescott decided that Macclesfield would be a unitary Authority. I see that	There is a summary in the leaflet. There are some powers in the localism Act. The Macclesfield area is the only one in Cheshire east that does not have a Town/Parish council. There are certain legal constraints and statutory limitations as to what a Parish/Town Council can do.

	Wilmslow, Crewe and Congleton have a Town Council. Is there any way a Town Council can have more responsibility?	
4.	If we had had a Town Council prior to the Town centre planning application would it have been effective?	**Member Comment** Yes. I sit on the Strategic Planning Board and it influences me when I see Parish and Town Council comments, but it is not the decider.
5.	The old Macclesfield Borough Council was a good Council and Margaret Duddy was a good Leader.	**Member Comment** What we wanted originally was to strive for improved working with the County Council. We will never get back to what we had before 2009.
6.	Car parking charges in the town will increase, as the Council is selling the car parking provision to NCP.	N/A
7.	It worries me that there will be services for the young but not the older generation.	N/A
8.	The process for the CGR should have been better publicised.	N/A
9.	With regard to the Cheshire East Local Plan it appears that stakeholders are consulted before the general public. I would have thought that the public are the major stakeholders.	N/A
10.	The areas with a Parish Council, such as Poynton, have said that they don't want development, so it tends to go elsewhere.	N/A
11.	A Town Council seems like a good idea, but it appears that it won't have any teeth, which is a shame. I feel that it is wrong just to have Cheshire East.	N/A
12	The reason places such as Bollington, Knutsford and Alderley Edge do well is that they have a personality. Also, Bollington has an amazing set of inhabitants. They have a successful, privately run leisure centre. Macclesfield residents need to get together.	N/A
13	There is an enormous opportunity to get behind the West Park Museum and the Silk Museum. The people of Macclesfield need to work together on this.	N/A

MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETING
TYTHERINGTON CLUB
10 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Sarah Baxter	Janet Jackson
Lindsey Parton	David Marren (Chairman)
Julie Stockton	Brendan Murphy
	Lloyd-Roberts

RESUME OF THE QUESTION/COMMENT AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Did Macclesfield establish the decision to review?	CEC felt it should undertake a review as it was the only area without anything in place, so whilst a petition had not been received CEC felt it necessary to undertake a review.
2.	Councillor B Murphy made a statement on his own behalf. He stated that the document CEC had produced was excellent, however the problem was with what was not being said rather than what was being said. There was a difference between a Parish and a Town Council. A Parish Council could become a Town Council if it went down that road and elected a Mayor. Most people want to have a say. Can have a Local Plan but must be consistent with the CEC Local Plan. CEC only has to be obliged to give consideration of it. The person speaking wanted to see a Town Council for Macclesfield or Tytherington but only if it had teeth. Assets to be transferred should include the £500,000 that Wilson Bowden have to pay to CEC for taking over the management of local parks and should come to Macclesfield via a Town Council. Could have responsibilities for park benches, hanging baskets etc but it was a lot of money for just that. One option was no change and could give the Local Service Delivery Committees power to do things.	
3.	Councillor Mrs J Jackson made a	

	statement on her own behalf. She stated that if a Town Council was going to be put forward as the favoured option it would cost money. How much depended on what the Town Council was to be responsible for. Where is a list of services that the Town Council could take on? Can take on markets, car parks, open spaces grants etc. Used to have a Grants Panel now decided by Cabinet. Can't go back to the old days but feel that a Town Council would be of benefit. When completing the form people need to say what services they would like the Town Council to manage. Thought it was a good idea.	
4.	Are there any powers a Parish Council can be granted as a right otherwise what powers does it have? Lot of people feel it would be an extra taxation. Is it an extra charge? Please explain how the mechanisms of the charge work out?	Yes it is an extra charge. Council tax would still continue to rise. If became a Town Council may want to take on the things that CEC are currently responsible for. If activities transferred down to a Town Council then funds would have to be raised to finance the services (precept). Logically Council Tax should go down but this would be unlikely to happen. Further explanation was given in relation to the Council Tax issue. (It was felt that the leaflet needed a clear explanation on the costs). In terms of the precept it is difficult to predict what it would be as it would depend on what services the Town Council took on. It was explained that Nantwich Town Council was responsible for a number of services so the precept was high. Other Parish Councils do very little, therefore the precept would just about cover the cost of the Clerk and the building taken on. Would have to take on allotments.
5.	Would every individual household be in a Ward? Would there be a Council Tax Bill for CEC and one for the Parish Council?	Every household is already in a Ward. All of the information would be included on the same Bill but broken down separately.
6.	What point do CEC say they are bankrupt?	The grant from Government has been cut by 30% and will likely to decrease by another 10%. It is a problem and Local Government will do less and less. CEC trying to cut its cloth. What it has to do is look at a range of discretionary services it is responsible for and then prioritise which it can continue offering.
7.	It was commented that a Parish Council could be a statutory consultee and could put money aside to fight Planning appeals. Macclesfield was a unique town with	

	a unique ID. He stated he was a Cllr from elsewhere and his Parish Council was responsible for quite a lot. It was the cost of an average tank of fuel for a year. By law allotments have to transfer over. He represented Keighley Town Council and stated that Town Councils can provide the 'icing on the cake'. Better to let the Districts focus on the 'nitty gritty'. All services will stay at Sandbach won't get cut there.	
8.	Where can we find complete list of all these services? Should be on the website.	CEC was collating the information with ChALC and the National Association of Local Councils had a good website which gave examples of how other LA's operate. Could put this on the website.
9.	Would services be delivered by professionally trained Local Government employees or would they be delivered by unpaid volunteers?	Staff all transferred over from the Council to Nantwich Town Council. Other Councils may have alternative views.
10.	How many staff were employed at Nantwich Town Council and did they transfer over on the same terms and conditions?	30 casuals and yes on same terms and conditions.
11.	Would the question paper going out be a straightforward yes or no? Will the decision be made on a simple majority or a certain %? Do party Members become Parish Cllrs is it a party decision? Would have been helpful to know what £1 on a Council Tax band D gets you?	In Crewe all 20 Cllrs are from the Labour Party. In Nantwich the Cllrs are predominantly Conservative. What £1 gets you depends on where you live. Can't predict what the question on the paper will be as there are a number of options. It was very clear Crewe wanted a Town Council. 32% said yes.
12.	Is the Parish Council the same as a Town Council?	Yes the Parish Council has to decide if it wants to become a Town Council. A Town Council has a Mayor.
13.	How much teeth would a Parish Council have?	Depends on how good the people are who have been elected. Does forge a good relationship between the CEC and the Parish Council.
14.	What happens at Stage 3 of the Consultation process? Would it be advertised widely?	Consultation on the draft decision comes out. Yes it would be advertised on the website at the LAP's and in the Macclesfield Express and in leaflets via the Town Centre Manager.
15.	Is there a view as to the merits of existing CEC Cllrs standing for the Town Council? Can the Town Council Elections be on the basis of a third every year?	The Elections would be likely to follow the same as CEC so as to avoid incurring additional costs. Residents would be the people deciding who should be voted in. If it was a new Town Council then it might be beneficial to ensure some of the Members had experience of being on a Council previously, particularly for the first period.
16.	How long would the Parish Council take to bed in?	About 2 years.

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MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETING
PUSS BANK SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD
11 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Lindsey Parton	David Marren
Rose Hignett	Bill Livesley
	Brendan Murphy
	David Newton

RESUME OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	If they decided on a Town Council what rebate would they get from Cheshire East	Cheshire East has never raised its Council Tax. It has been frozen for a number of years. Central Government is cutting grants and Cheshire East cutting discretionary services, unless the Parish Council want to take them on.
2.	Does it say that the Town Council can be responsible for parks	They can run parks and a range of services if Cheshire East agrees. The Town Council can request these services. Cheshire East Assets would need to agree to release them. Parish Councils can buy assets if they so wish.
3.	How do you know it will cost more.	Because it will require a Clerk and to rent offices. We have some Parish Councils whose levy is £5, but Nantwich is £95. Wincle doesn't have a Clerk
4.	Is the list you have given us covered by Legal Statute and are these services what will be given.	Statutory Service must be carried out by Cheshire East, but some could be. Public Toilets, Community Halls, Parks and Car Parks are a few examples. Cheshire East enters negotiations with the Parish Council to see what can be taken over. Cheshire East is stopping carrying out discretionary services, but the Parish Council can take these over.
5.	Are you able to make available a list of discretionary powers these Councils have taken up?	These are not available. Congleton Town Council's are available. There is a pilot scheme to take some statutory powers over.

6.	Can you explain what if any special steps have been taken by Cheshire East to include young people, schools and youth clubs.	Cheshire East are engaging with the Sixth Form Colleges. Any under 18s on the Electoral Register will also be included in the ballot.
7.	You are talking about Parish and we are talking about a Town. Would it meet in the Town Hall.	No. Crewe Town Council doesn't meet in the Municipal Buildings, unless it hires a room. Cheshire East owns the Town Hall.
	How much does it cost to run the Town Hall.	Macclesfield Forum has been asked if it wants to run it. And it may be that the Town Council could have 4 meetings a year there, but it is dependant upon negotiations.
8	Would the present Councillors be on the Council.	There would be elections for the Councillors. It is not a given that Cheshire East Councillors would automatically be able to stand for election for the Parish Council.
9.	Would the Parish Councillors be able to sit on the Cheshire East Committees	These are two separate organisations. The Parish Councillors would not sit on the Borough Planning Committee. You still have representation from your Borough Councillors for this. The Parish Council will be asked to provide their comments.
10.	Non Town/Parish Council Option. What powers under the Localism Act does an Economic Forum have. Any group can become an Economic Forum.	They do not have the Powers to deliver services. Limited range of powers, but could possibly influence.
11.	What about Leisure Centres and Libraries	It is unlikely that Leisure Centres will be transferred, as Cheshire East are looking at a Trust. Possibility that Libraries could be. No Parishes run libraries at present.
12.	Did you say that a Parish or Town Council would automatically take over Allotments	Yes. There is a duty to satisfy the demand for allotments, but if the Parishes say they don't want to, Cheshire East must cease to do so and will use the land for something else.
13.	Clarification was sought on the review options. Are the two options no change or a Parish/Town Council. What are the other options regarding governance.	Yes. They are the only two options that can deliver services.

MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETING
MACCLESFIELD LIBRARY
12 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Lindsey Parton	Ken Edwards
Diane Moulson	Janet Jackson
	Alift Harewood
	Brendan Murphy
	Lesley Smetham

RESUME OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Clarification requested of the range of organisations on the Stakeholder list.	Explained that it had been drawn up with the help of the Sub Cttee and included all community organisations, businesses, housing associations, church and faith groups, LAP. Activity in Retirement Working Party based at Town Hall had not been included in stakeholder list.
2.	Question concerning timing of review straight after TC development was approved	Governance review for Wimslow and Macclesfield was first considered in 2011. Delay in launching the Macclesfield review was due to Wimslow being dealt with first.
3.	Do Parish Councillors get paid & would they have offices?	Allowances payments would be down to the PC itself but typically only expenses paid. PC would require premises which it would need to pay for.
4.	What influence would the PC have in planning?	Would be as a statutory consultee only. CEC would consider representations from it as it does with members of the public but can only consider valid planning grounds.
5.	How many residents does the review cover?	Approximately 55,000 with an electorate of 40,000.
6.	If a Council took on services would there be any corresponding funding provided from CEC?	Depends on the services taken over. Funding for a statutory function could follow, unlikely to apply if the service was discretionary.
7.	Would the final model of how the PC might look be subject to negotiation with CEC	Yes. There would be an automatic transfer of some services such as allotments but others would be open to negotiation.
8.	How much would a PC cost?	This would depend on what it did and what services it took over. Gave as an example Crewe TC which had a precept of £35 but was still evolving having only come into existence in April 2013.

9.	Could there be more than one PC for the area?	This could be a possibility if the feedback received during the consultation period supported it.
10.	Businesses in the town were stakeholders but some owners did not live in the town	Businesses were still welcome to complete the feedback forms to provide their views which the Sub-Committee would consider in this context.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

1.	What would happen if stayed the same? CE treats Macclesfield very badly which would continue if no TC to make representations on residents behalf, even if it was limited in its influence.
2.	Macclesfield deserves a proper town Council with full powers, not what is being offered. Driver is CEC wanting to off-load costly/discretionary services without passing over the profitable ones rather than promoting local democracy. Just replacing old layer of local government with a new one.
3.	Having a TC for Macclesfield would complete the model across Cheshire.
4.	The other options proposed are not 'options' in the true sense as they could still exist if a PC was set up.

MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETING
SILK ROOM, MACCLESFIELD TOWN HALL
22 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Sarah Baxter	Ken Edwards
Lindsey Parton	Alift Harewood
	Janet Jackson
	David Marren (Chairman)
	Laura Jeuda
	Brendan Murphy

RESUME OF THE QUESTION/COMMENT AND ANSWER SESSION

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Councillor Mrs Janet Jackson made a statement on her own behalf. Lot of people concerned about the extra cost. It will be an extra cost as still have to pay CEC Council Tax. May say why bother with a Town Council? CEC were cutting costs by saying didn't want to pay for x,y and z, as a result services will be lost. CEC has the ability to charge a special express levy so we could stay as we are and still pay more. If go for a Town Council will be a precept but will have services you want. It is a more democratic way of having services. Town Council opening up a wider community and would be based in Macclesfield. Envisage providing services like the market, car parks, running of West Park museum. Could look at providing community grants to give out to local organisations. A Town Council would be cohesive for the town. Take on town centre management, parks could produce a neighbourhood plan. My personal view would be to support a Town Council. Councillor K Edwards made a statement on his own behalf. Thanked CEC for taking the review on board. It was difficult and complex but allowed the people of	

	Macclesfield to make a choice. Want a Town Council for Macclesfield. About 113 Town and Parish Councils in CE and Macclesfield the only area without one. Four advantages:- Comprehensive, encompasses the whole of Macclesfield. Democratic in that Members are elected every 4 years. Town Council can be quite powerful. It does things to benefit the community. In Bollington gritting was poor in a number of areas. The Town Council debated with the local people and ensured a better gritting service was in operation. Need to ensure Macclesfield has a strong voice and to provide the services the town wants. Definitely need a Town Council. Councillor Miss C Andrew made a statement on her own behalf. Won't return to the days of Macclesfield Borough Council. If a Town Council to take on all duties be quite expensive. Nantwich Town Council costs people £95 for a Band D property for Crewe it was £28. Mention was made of the LAP made up of 4 organisations and individual groups, but not all Cllrs involved in the LAP. Town Council would have a role in Planning. Have meetings and discuss plans, but wouldn't have any decision making powers. Would just be a consultee. Whichever option choose will cost money. Stuck between a rock and a hard place. It will cost money no matter what. People need to read the literature and weigh up the arguments. Councillor Mrs L Jeuda made a statement on her own behalf. Lot of things said, no point in repetition. Recent convert to Town Council. If no channel in Macclesfield only have ourselves. Need a body of people to represent the views of Macclesfield. Will cost but need to manage services that will bring	

	revenue in ie car parks. Councillor B Murphy made a statement on his own behalf. All in favour of a proper Town Council not a 'Mickey Mouse' Parish Council. May have responsibility for allotments, hanging baskets, toilets etc but won't get control of car parks. No way will CEC hand over car parks. Leader of Council offered Disley a car park but it's free. Crewe car parks are half price. Macclesfield car parks more expensive. Macclesfield is a diverse area. In 2009 had a meeting in Tytherington over 130 people attended. They were asked if there was a Town Council would they prefer one Town Council for Macclesfield or have their own Parish Council, the majority voted for the latter. Crewe Town Council already had 2 Cllrs resigned. Handforth Parish Council is up in arms over building in the green belt and Wilmslow Town Council wanted to spend £15,000 on Mayoral chains which it is now not doing. Community well being is subjective. What is well being? You need to have your eyes wide open. Will cost a lot of money. No say in Planning. If CEC can't provide services would Town Council be more successful? Councillor Mrs A Harewood made a statement on her own behalf. If having a Town Council was so bad then why did everyone else have one? Town Council only way local democracy can be served. Last 3 options are not in the interests of the local community. The Town Council is set to serve. Hope people vote for it.	
2.	Haven't heard what Town Council would be? How would it operate separately from CEC? Would the Wards be as they are now with CEC? Would it be effective or ineffective? If had a Town Council how many Cllrs would be on it? Have they done their sums?	Parish Council legislation says if it is a single local Council it is a Parish Council and only becomes a Town Council if the Parish Council decides it wants a mayoralty. The term is interchangeable. Will cost more. Some smaller Parish Councils don't raise a precept but then they probably don't do that much. Nantwich Town Council's is £97. Runs a range of services from CEC and therefore costs a certain amount. May be the same for

		Macclesfield. The cost of the services is £500,000 with a tax base of 5,000 it works out a £100 for band D Council Tax properties. As Macclesfield has a tax base of 18,000 would work out a lot less than a £100 per Council Tax band D property. Up to Parish Council what services wants to deliver too difficult to say what will cost. Crewe Town Council elected 20 Councillors. I preferred 10.
3.	CEC decided is this a democracy?	The bulk of opinion in relation to Crewe was for there to be 20 Cllrs.
4.	Are the list of activities outlined in the document 'pick and mix'? Is there any flexibility?	Whole range of activities Parish Council can get involved in. Simply take a selection from the list but can be a range of activities the Parish Council can take on. Generally what is included on the list is what a Parish Council can do, however there is new legislation under the Localism Act 2012 which may give Parish Councils slightly wider powers but that legislation is new.
5.	For £38 precept what activities has Crewe take on?	At the moment have had to take over allotments.11 sites transfer over a 150 year lease provided details are agreed. If not CEC could stop allotments. Transferring over responsibility of toilets and hanging baskets etc. Only just been created a few months ago, expect activities to increase. Already been asked to think about paying for CCTV.
6.	Macclesfield is so large, could be a range of activities, could need a number of Officers and could become very bureaucratic?	Would need a Clerk and a secretary and would probably buy in HR and accountancy advice. Nantwich Town Council used to have 1 Clerk and secretary now have 13 employees all transferred over. No finance or HR staff are on the payroll. To begin with would probably only require a Clerk, a secretary and perhaps 2 others. Depends really on what activities the Town Council takes on.
7.	Why no-one invited from the Community groups?	Not specifically invited but Groups were made aware of the consultation sessions.
8.	Would there be a cap on the cost?	DCLG did put a cap on principal LA's and were going to apply to Parish Council's but don't think this has happened yet.
9.	If the local Members wanted a particular outcome could they be outvoted?	Yes possibly, however the Council had to consider all of the representations received and come up with a recommendation which reflects the majority of people's views. Would have to have a good reason for deciding not to. The process was then explained in greater detail.
10.	Could the Parish Council apply for grants? Would the Wards be the same as the Cheshire East Wards?	Yes can apply for grants. In terms of the Wards the Governance Review Group would have a look but it would probably be based on the existing Wards.
11.	Do the Parish Councillors have the same deal as CEC Cllrs could they be on both?	Parish Cllrs don't receive an allowance, may get mileage expenses. Could have the same Cllrs on the parish Council that are also on CEC. Individual parties put individual candidates to stand, may be CEC Cllrs may not. Some individuals may stand and not represent any Political party. In Crewe very few of the Town Councillors are on CEC.
12.	Do CEC pay for the Town Council?	No, CEC is completely separate from the Town Council. If the Town Council made a mistake then it would fall to the Town Council to sort.

13.	Nantwich Town Council had 3 employees now over 30. Are they paid for by the Town Council? Who are they all?	NTC run a number of activities. Civic Hall used to be run by CEC. CEC wanted to close it so NTC took it over for a £1. Had to raise precept to finance the running of it. Majority of staff transferred over and are now employed by the NTC. Cost CEC £150,000 to rung the hall, NTC reduced the cost to £100,000.
14.	If didn't go for it could services be withdrawn?	Yes.
15.	Sounds like double taxation to me. Seems costly to take on the running of buildings.	Not definite what the Town Council would take on. CEC won't decrease Council Tax bill already facing further cuts. Had a saving on Council Tax Bill since it has been frozen.
16.	How many could be on the Town Council, 40-50?	If go for a Town Council, elections take place. Parties put forward individual candidates. People can put themselves forward. All names go on a ballot paper. Every individual eligible to vote will receive a ballot paper. Term is for the same period as a CEC Cllr.
17.	If went for the other option Community Development Trust and they had their own Trustees how would they be elected?	Not elected by the public they would have their own governance arrangements.
18.	Would the Town Council take on the pension responsibility?	Yes.
19.	Would Town Council want to take on car parks? Costs thousands to maintain.	Unlikely CEC pass car parks on. Would have to negotiate but unlikely.
20.	How would the Town Council raise its own tax?	18,000/19,000 tax base in Macclesfield. £10 for a band D property would generate an income stream of £180,000.
21.	How encouraging young people to become involved with a Town Council?	Engaging with 6th Form Colleges. All people on Electoral register be entitled to vote.
22.	What has the turnout at the consultation events been like?	Quite low, bit better than Crewe.
23.	On paper Town Council seems a good idea only when look at in detail the cost of it etc not sure getting much for your money.	CEC provide the cake for the Town Council to ice.
24.	People not aware events happening, leaflet should have been sent to all households.	Been in the local press and on the website and advertised in the Grovesnor Centre and local supermarkets. Would cost a lot to send out leaflet to all households but will be sent out further along the process.
25.	How many people have to vote to make it viable?	Consider all views obviously if there was an overwhelming view CEC would have to take into consideration. If 32% turnout and 95% of the 32% voted in favour of Town Council likely to go ahead. If only 3% of the 32% voted in favour may be of a different view. If 500 forms filled in will consider all 500 forms.

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Summary Report - Auto Run

Survey: Macclesfield community governance review

1. Generally speaking, within your local area how satisfied are you with...

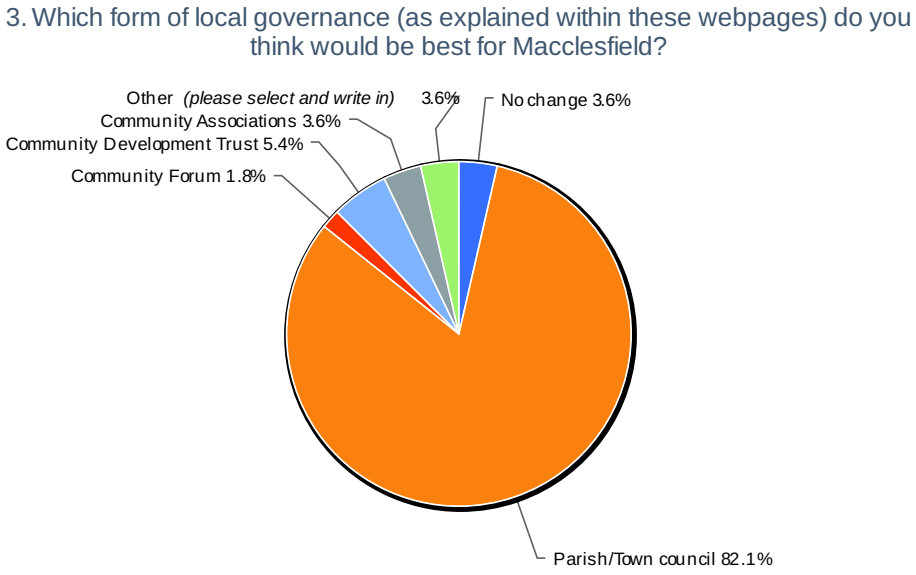
	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not sure	Responses
...local democracy?	**1.6%** 1	**13.1%** 8	**4.9%** 3	**26.2%** 16	**52.5%** 32	**1.6%** 1	**61**
...how local services are currently delivered?	**3.2%** 2	**21.0%** 13	**24.2%** 15	**38.7%** 24	**11.3%** 7	**1.6%** 1	**62**
...the existing arrangement for community engagement?	**1.7%** 1	**6.9%** 4	**20.7%** 12	**27.6%** 16	**39.7%** 23	**3.4%** 2	**58**

2. And how could Cheshire East Council improve any or all of these things?

Count	Response
2	1 Do not EVER take high handedly important decisions on local issues
1	A Town Council that is local to the community
1	Actual transparency instead of just telling us they're transparent enough.
1	Better communication
1	By giving democracy back to the people with genuine powers to act on residents behalf
1	By having a Macc town council which is responsive to the public's wishes
1	By having a consultee, with devolved authority, to deal with town centre planning applications
1	By taking more notice of what the people in Macclesfield actually want.
1	Listen to people; Initiate a representative Town Council
1	Listen to the needs of the community
1	Listen, and act upon, the wishes of local residents
1	Listen, and act upon, the wishes of local residents eg town centre redevelopment.
1	Local decisions through a Town Council
1	More local decisions
1	Pay more attention to local opinions
1	Set up a Town Council for Macclesfield Town enabling them to take care of local services.
1	Test
1	We need a Town Council which is responsible for core local services
1	be more responsive to the comments and wishes of the majority of the local community
1	becoming more transparent.
1	by not dismissing local public opinion implement localism, area committees like in Stockport?
1	by the establishment of an elected Town Council
1	more time/effort in local areas
1	return more power to local people
1	sacking the stupid and the incompetent
1	The Council has failed to recognise in this consultation the changes introduced by the Localism Act of 2011. There are new measures in the Act providing opportunities for local communities to be fully engaged in the future of those communities such as improving diversity, cohesion and integration.

1	Councillors taking more interest in what is happening in their own wards, and not waiting until their constituents come to them, usually with complaints!
1	By setting up a Town Council for Macclesfield. Also give more consideration to the local CEC Councillors on the important decisions for the town (i.e. Town Centre Redevelopment).
1	Listen to what the people want and involve the people who actually live in Macclesfield instead of outside of town
1	The principal authority is not listening to the views of Local Councils or local people on major issues such as overall housing numbers, strategic sites, Macclesfield Town Centre's redevelopment and BeWILDerwood and its attitude to consultation is appalling as evidenced by the webcam recording of the July 22nd cabinet meeting (ref. the Congleton Northern Link Road). It also put a submission in to government welcoming HS2 and suggesting an alignment for it (prior to the announcement of the route) without first consulting its residents. It only asked its residents for their opinions afterwards. It needs to treat its citizens and its local councils with much greater respect.
1	Macclesfield councillors could engage more constructively with the Make it Macclesfield forum - an impressive and active group of business and community volunteers. The opportunity this 'town team' offers has not been fully grasped by councillors or some officers. Secondly, use creative ideas to encourage a better calibre of councillor in local elections. Thirdly (in addition, not instead of the previous two), create a democratically elected body like a town council to focus on Macc, better represent the town and improve it's economic future.
1	The current planning issues in Macclesfield (e.g. WB scheme) show that there is no local democracy and that local residents views are ignored. Major decisions, especially planning, that affect local areas need to be handled by local bodies (e.g. elected town councils) and the money to allow these to operate needs to be taken out of the Cheshire East budget and transferred to local bodies to enable local democracy.
1	Neglect of Ivy ward in that gutters are full of weeds and drains never cleared. Pavements are a real hazard (I walk them every day!!). Litter is also a great problem on this estate.
1	We are now the only major town in Cheshire East Council without a locally elected Town Council. This needs to be resolved. Cheshire East is too big and cannot represent my local needs.
1	Listen to what the people of macclesfield want instead if those who don't live here arrogantly presuming to know what is best for us
1	I have been a Parish Clerk in the past. Since the formation of CEC, I have been astonished that tiny villages/communities such as Marton, North Rode, Henbury have had a second tier of governance and yet inner Macclesfield has had a non-elected Trustee body with absolutely no representative authority. Time to catch up,
1	Better engagement with electorate and use of social media to reach all population and those without internet access. Openness and transparency about all that is done in the council and with our money
1	Pay attention to local wishes - e.g. recent Wilson Bowden proposal was rejected by Macc Councillors and 80% of the people of Macclesfield. There is no point in having local democracy if CEC ignores it.
1	More meaningful consultation and engagement at earlier stages of programmes and projects plus publication of CEC reasoned response to points made so that the public can track how their comments have been considered. More local debates/open forums at early stages plus discussion with groups and stakeholders.
1	It appears that the Local Area Partnership is not delivering much in the way of really locally-focused services. Local representation needs to be improved and made effective.
1	Cheshire East seems a little remote, I do not feel Macclesfield has much of a "say" in decisions.
1	Currently pretty staisied with how Cheshire East operate. My main concern is what is going to happen going forwards due to reduced funding
1	1. Proceed to establish an elected Town Council; 2. Include individual Councillor websites in the Cheshire East website to improve Councillor/ Constituent communication; 3. Consider closed circuit transmission of key meetings to main centres of population. e.g. Council / Cabinet meetings in say Crewe could be televised in Congleton and Macclesfield Town Halls.
1	1) Not waste money on non-essential projects e.g. Tatton adventure playgrounds. Why should the Council take all the financial risk? They could improve roads, footpaths etc. 2) Not waste money on fanciful logos e.g. gold decorated tablecloths (at this meeting!) God knows how much that cost! 3) Get a grip of fiscal matters to better manage the Council systems.
1	We need a local council. Cheshire East needs a source of information about Macclesfield and what local people want which is answerable to the local community.
1	Cheshire East is remote and not concerned with the needs and wishes of the residents of Macclesfield
1	Basic cleaning is not being carried out in Macclesfield and subsequent areas. Since the break-up of Ivy Ward, even the

	weeds are out of control. The area has never looked as it does now at the expense of the Peaks and Plains areas (subsidised by taxpayers). We need to keep our own generated funds (i.e. car parks etc) and have a committee involved in council meetings with a say for Macclesfield. Knutsford looks untidy too. The demise of the Borough Council was the worse thing to happen for our area. Local representation is required. More democracy and community engagement is essential. Why are we paying council tax? for no services!!! Macclesfield is no longer looking prosperous and should be downgraded if that's what it takes to have a fair share of services. Cheshire East appears to be a law unto itself - with very little participation from anywhere past Crewe, Congleton.
1	Setting up a Macclesfield Town Council. Look more closely at how current situation is affecting vulnerable groups.
1	The democratic election process works well. However, power is placed in a few hands remote from the wishes of the people. CEC have wasted much tax-payers money on paying off senior officials and have made many costly mistakes. Instead of trying to hide wrong doings, CEC should be open to the public and have proper independent accountability processes in place.
1	Create a democratically elected Town Council for Macclesfield. Ensure Macclesfield specific decisions are not unduly influenced by non-Macclesfield Councillors.
1	More accountable and effective local representation. A body which is concerned about "Macclesfield" elected by residents of Macclesfield.
1	By creating a democratically elected town council for Macclesfield. Additionally CEC should involve local councillors in decisions concerning local services.
1	We need greater local democracy by giving local councillors the opportunity to vote for local major issues which the electorate find extremely important such as town planning, keeping our surrounding countryside green by developing brown field sites over precious Green belt, listening to the electorate over town planning - giving the comminity an opportunity to have their say and feel listened to by the council.
1	Macclesfield needs a town council to create debate around important issues and decisions that being made in the town and surrounding area.
1	1 Do not EVER take high handedly important decisions on local issues. 2 Always take decisions with intelligence, integrity, knowledge and bearing in mind honestly the best interest of the community. 3 Openness. 4 No more wasting money over such things as Lyme Green.



3. Which form of local governance (as explained within these webpages) do you think would be best for Macclesfield?

Value	Count	Percent %
No change	2	3.6%
Parish/Town council	46	82.1%

Statistics	
Total Responses	56

Community Forum	1	1.8%
Community Development Trust	3	5.4%
Neighbourhood Management	0	0.0%
Residents' and Tenants' Associations	0	0.0%
Community Associations	2	3.6%
Other *(please select and write in)*	2	3.6%

Which form(s) of local governance (as explained in this leaflet) do you think would be best for Macclesfield? Please choose your preferred option(s), and rank them in order of preference. You can choose as many as you like, with 1 being your preferred one.

Item	Total Score[1]	Overall Rank
Residents' and Tenants' Associations	0	1
Community Associations	0	2
Other (please rank, and write in comments below)	0	3
Neighbourhood Management	0	4
Community Development Trusts	0	5
Parish/Town councils	0	6
Community Forums	0	7
No change	0	8

Total Respondents: 0

[1] **Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is the sum of all weighted rank counts.**

4. What role and/or services would you like this form of local governance to provide?

Count	Response
1	A say in planning matters. Self determination for important matters
1	A voice for Macclesfield resdidents
1	All local services
1	All locals ervices
1	As already stated.
1	As many services as possible, subject to its powers.
1	Control planning decisions to keep mac unique
1	Depends on which services CEC plans to cut
1	Develop a market (weekly; bi-weekly) in the market square.
1	Environmental and social regeneration
1	Housing decisions, Benefits decisions, anything that is about the town not the whole county
1	I would want it to take over the significant powers which it would be entitled to.
1	Improved consultation with community, maximising CEC assets e.g. TownHall
1	In short, as much as it can do - but to start with
1	Need to take over reveue raising activites (e.g. car parking)
1	Our own elected members making decisions about Macclesfield
1	Planning, including taking control of the Macclefield town centre redevelolpment.
1	Representation of the residents of Macclesfield Town
1	Revenue raising services eg car parks and markets.

1	To get a real grip on town planning. Show some imagination for a steady long term improvement.
1	To have a say in the decision making and to be able to have a voice that is heard
1	engagement on major decisions including planning - greater powers than town council
1	parks, cemetery, town centre markets, consultation on local planning, leisure services, museums
1	the ones we had in1970
1	to improve local services and amenities
1	Street scene, advice on planning with authority remaining with CEC, more personal link to CEC Councillors
1	Accountable service delivery. To the own vision for Macclesfield as a town and economic entity and to be accountable to the electorate
1	The Town Council should provide a locally accountable body to decide on macro-local decisions (such as Party in the Park, Park Provision, Local Highways matters etc).
1	Must be seen to have REAL power. Various things : allotments; bus shelters; community centres; crime prevention; entertainment and arts; environment; honorary titles; markets; newsletters; open spaces; parish property and documents; public buildings and village hall; public conveniences; recreation; town and country planning; transport; websites; well being
1	A voice for the people of Macclefield. to create debate and support for the town and area and to help dissemination of information between council and local residents
1	Influencing of development plans eg local plan etc. Waste/Schools/Social Services can be central but should respect the views of the local governance.
1	A Town Council would have far more influence in:- a) bringing together other disparate local organisations; b) applying for grants for specifically local projects; c) the area of local planning in the Town.
1	Town Centre Management; Green Spaces; commenting on planning applications; Grants to local Groups, voluntary sector etc. This should be with appropriate partnership arrangements with CEC so services are provided by local government workforce.
1	Direct services from a Macclesfield Town Council instead of everything contracted out, so that things take weeks or even months to be repaired and are often done badly.
1	1) Local Planning applications; 2) Town Centre Offices - tourism and public events; 3) Parking, Markets, parks and recreation; 4) Funding for above and also public services i.e. CAB.
1	1) Pressure on CEC on Macclesfield issues; 2) Forum for discussion and participation in Macclesfield issues; 3) Some accountability for service delivery; 4) Representation in Strategic Plan and Planning Policy
1	The full services of a Town Council including neighbourhood planning as one of the new key measures as set out in the Localism Act 2011.
1	See list of legal powers and duties giving functions and Parliamentary Acts (from the Good Councillor's Guide which was handed out at some public meetings). All of these should be made available to a new Parish/Town Council (from Allotments to well-being) so that reasonable choices can be made at the time of formation of the new Parish/ Town Council.
1	To develop the strategy for and make the decisions on all major changes to the town, especially planning.
1	I am only in favour of a Town Council if it has genuine authority on important decisions. If the decsions only relate to lesser issues e.g. allotments, I would vote for NO CHANGE. I would like a Town Council to have a voice on important issues for people who live in the town such as; a) town development; b) building on green belt; c) proposed new roads.
1	Street cleaning and litter, library, lighting and street furniture and displays,local tourism, use and pricing of the Town Hall, local transport, public toilets, car parking and charges,
1	As we used to have when Macclesfield Council ran things. Today everything is contracted out and sub -sub - sub contracted. It takes weeks to get a street lamp bulb replaced. The overall cost of obtaining a refund due to a parking machine malfunctioning. The mind boggles. It has been 3 weeks and counting. Could the Town Hall staff be given a float to cover such small amounts?
1	1)Markets, parks and green spaces, allotments, parking ; 2) Co-ordinating improvements to the public realm e.g. flower beds, floral arrangements and christmas lights; 3) Town centre management; 4) commenting on local planning applications; 5) Funding for community services and groups e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau.
1	The restoration of properties - re furbishing mills, houses etc. Improving local amenities and services.
1	A focus for councillors to better serve, support and champion existing enterprises (eg Treacle, Friday market, Barnaby,

	Winterfest etc) and groups (eg Macc Youth Club, town traders etc). Partner with other groups to raise funds from grant giving organisations eg HLF or Trusts supporting community enterprise. Services: improve public realm including car parks; promotion and signage for town enhancing activities (there are currently no sites to legally promote Barnaby, Treacle, Loominus etc); encourage tourism (volunteers and local entreprenuers have done more for visitor economy, CEC/Marketing Cheshire don't even produce a free leaflet about Macc); maintain and promote allotments and use of other green areas for growing of food; ensure the provision of community facilities for arts, entertainment and wellbeing (venue or outdoor activity spaces);
1	Negotiate transfer of local services from Borough to Town Council. - Apply for grants for town improvements; Prepare Macclesfield Local Plan; Providing support for Advice Services in the town; considering and commenting on planning issues; Supporting neighbourhood committee activities.
1	parking, neighbourhood management initiatives for local area, local events, health improvement, markets, tourismI
1	No extra Council Tax should be required. All we are asking is a local say in where our money is spent! Should provide school signs and traffic calming that works; community policing on road parking. It is diabolical around Ivy Bank School , Thomton SQ, Macclesfield. This is made critical by a stupid decision to allow an in/exit facility for the shops, opposite a busy bus route junction with the school on the corner of Valley Road. Where is the sensible planning, clearly do not know the area at school times. Should provide all local cleaning, garden maintenance, street lighting, community areas i.e. Leisure centres. All disabled facilities, elderly care and community policing.
1	1) Statutory Parish/ Town Council Services including allotments etc; 2) Responding to Cheshire East re: Planning applications; 3) Improving the public realm particularly in the Town Centre; 4) Operating one or more community halls; 5) Operating car parks and crematorium.
1	As much as possible that could more effectively be provided on a town wide basis responding to local concerns and issues eg. running local community buildings and services, parks and gardens, markets, routine maintenance of roads, footpaths and public spaces - this list not fully inclusive much would depend on decisions made by newly elected council.
1	Public toilets, allotments, christmas lights, markets, Town Hall, floral displays, bus shelters, litter bins, Town Centre Management, Parks, Community Grants, green spaces
1	Markets, car parks, public toilets, parks, community centres, community grants scheme, input into local planning.

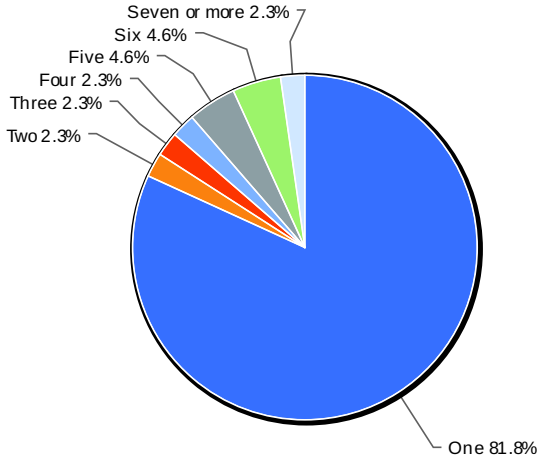
5. Are there any other comments you would like to make about future community governance in Macclesfield?

Count	Response
1	Developing closer liason with the community and local council.
1	Governance must be carried out by an elected body.
1	I would like local people to have a say in how services are delivered
1	It MUST be accountable, by democratic process.
1	It needs to improve
1	Listen to the people
1	Make it LOCAL
1	No party politics please, just work for the good of the community.
1	That the electorate be given as much information as possible prior to balloting.
1	involve local people in issues that affect town
1	no
1	Ensure that the identity of Macclesfield can grow and be a power in the North West without encumbered by East Cheshire
1	A town council would be answerable to the local electorate and could speak for the intersts of the town and its inhabitants. No elected body is fulfilling this role at present and it is not being carried out satisfactorily at all.
1	1) Less interference from central government; 2) keep "party politics" out of local government; 3) Apply commonsense.

1	If Cheshire East remains as the Council for Macclesfield I would like to see more attention paid to local views e.g. Wilson Bowden development plans. A fair proportion of Macclesfield people do not see any value in this proposal, but were overuled at the Planning Committee.
1	It seems to me that a town/parish council is a way of raising rates paid while seeming to keep the Cheshire East rate unchanged.
1	I am essentially supporting the local governance under the umbrella of the "Parish Council" by default, as concerned at the probable decrease in services offered, which the Parish Council will be able to pick up ... but obviously at a cost. Also like the idea of more "localism"
1	It should only be possible for persons who live in the designated area of Macclesfield to be elected.
1	Need to gain more central control over town planning - CEC is too remote. Macclesfield used to control planning for Macclesfield.
1	1) A new Parish/ Town Council should have access to CEC databases for grants and assistance from CEC experience; 2) The new Council should have stronger powers and input to running of local library and bus services to ensure these are maintained at reasonable levels; 3) The new Council should have a strong local voice on wider environmental issues such as energy saving, pollution etc - not just litter, graffiti and dogs; 4) A new Council should be free to continue Town Twinning Activities without any involvement or influence from CEC; 5) The costs of a new Council, if formed, should be deducted from CEC income since work done by the new local council will not need to be funded by CEC.
1	It has to be democratically accountable and an elected body. Would welcome the extension of powers under localism and well-being.
1	There must be widespread and well publicised public meetings. Research must be carried out BEFORE any decisions are taken. Decisions / costings should be open, honest, transparent and well thought out. It should be truly democratic. True localism.
1	It really needs to understand how transparency and accountability work. It doesn't matter how fine your motives or actions if people are kept in the dark.
1	Many of the councillors making decsions about the town have no knowledge of the towns intricacies live out of the area and have no interest in the cultural events and proactive initiatives which are taking place there. This became obvious when i attended the farcical Strategic Planning Board meeting which took place recently to decide on the towns future re its development into a Clone Town by Wilson Bowden.
1	It's important for the Town to have a voice in relation to plans imposed by Cheshire East Council and others.
1	The full costs of community governance structures should be made available from the Cheshire East budget without any increase in council tax or the raising of new taxes or charges. i.e. these services and the associated finance should be removed from Cheshire east and given to the local bodies.
1	Planning decisions affecting the future of Macclesfield should be approved by the people of Macclesfield. The present situation makes a mockery of local democracy
1	I suspect that anything non statutory CEC will try and get rid of on a parish council without any reduction in council tax due to govt grant cuts we will pay more and get less services than we currently receive
1	Other that to regret the delay; Congleton and elsewhere seemed to 'get sorted' and yet Macclesfield seemed to drag heels.
1	The Community Infrastructure Levy payments should be under the control of Macclesfield Town Council.
1	Because Macclesfield is unparished it is under-represented . Everything appears to be done in secret in Sandbach. Need to remove arrogance of some elected members and secrecy. Government must be accountable and seen to be so.
1	there needs to be more consideration for the feelings, wishes and expectations of local residents.
1	A democratically elected council has more legitimacy than the other options (although some could run alongside the elected council as advisory/promotional bodies). A council has statutory powers and the legal ability to raise finance to fund its activities. A town council would be consistent with the principles of localism and subsidiarity and would be perceived as being closer to the town's population.
1	The structure of a Town Council is useful but not sufficient to bring about change, it depends on the calibre and capacity of it's councillors and the willingness of CEC to work collaboratively and creatively with it. If a Macc Town Council is seen as an entity on which to dump 'non-essential' responsibilities it is unlikely to succeed.
1	Clearly Macclesfield being only area within Cheshire East not represented by Town or Parish Council is not equitable.
1	More direct benefit in considerations concerning the Town Centre Redevelopment. e.g. Public surveys on this and associated topics.

1	It is disappointing that Cheshire East has not explained its general duty to support Neighbourhood planning as set out in the Localism Act.
1	Cheshire East is too large. Local councillors should be the ones who decide on local issues in their part of the district
1	Just to have the job done that we are paying for by our elected government. It needs to provide basic standards for the whole area the council is responsible for. If it is too big, then split it up.
1	1)At the present time there is no coherent body, with legal powers and the ability to raise funds for local services, that can speak for the town of Macclesfield; 2)The Charter Trustees have a limited function as have the Macclesfield Forum, the Civic Society and the Silk Heritage Trust. The Macclesfield Local Area Partnership covers a wider area than unparished Macclesfield and has only a small highway budget; 3) Although a Local Service Delivery Committee has been created, this again has limited powers and has found itself unable to deal with issues other than that of the special levy for local services; 4) Following the formation of a town council for Crewe, Macclesfield is now the only area within Cheshire East which is not represented by either a town or parish council; 5) The Labout Party therefore strongly supports the introduction of a democratically elected Town Council, capable of raising a precept for local services, capable of long term planning for the town and capable of framing the aspirations of the people of Macclesfield in an open, accountable and responsible manner.

6. How many Town and Parish councils do you think should be created in the current un-parished area of Macclesfield?



6. How many Town and Parish councils do you think should be created in the current un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Value	Count	Percent %
One	36	81.8%
Two	1	2.3%
Three	1	2.3%
Four	1	2.3%
Five	2	4.6%
Six	2	4.6%
Seven or more	1	2.3%

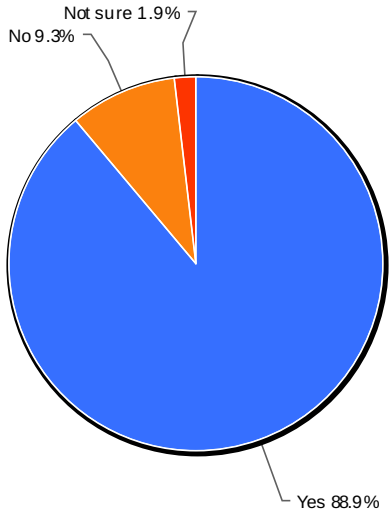
Statistics	
Total Responses	44

7. What area(s) do you think the new Town/Parish councils should be based on?

Count	Response

1	1 Town council with representatives from the current wards
1	Broadly wards covered by Charter Trustees
1	Central Macclesfield, other local towns have Parish councils
1	Core part of Macclesfield. All councillors within Macc should be covered
1	Existing Town Boundaries
1	Former Macclesfield Borough Council
1	If Broken Cross and Upton wanted separate representation 2 or 3 councils might be required.
1	Just one Parish Council for Macclesfield
4	Macclesfield
2	Macclesfield Town
1	Macclesfield and Tytherington
1	One
1	The current unparished area of Macclesfield
1	The entire area that is cirrently unparished
2	The entire unparished area
1	The old Corporation boundaries of Macclesfield pre- 1974.
1	The old MBC
1	The old unparished area of Macclesfield
1	Town centre wards, as per the Macclesfield Charter Trustees
1	Unparished area of Macclesfield
1	Unparished area of Macclesfield Town
1	Wards
1	Whole of Macclesfield - we don't need millions of layers!
1	You have identified seven but I would like Higher Hurdsfield to be included also
1	at the current Town Hall or near - maybe in one of the empty buildings?
1	the existing unparished areas covered by the 7 town wards
1	The area should be the old Macclesfield Town. The town council would take decisions but not until after full consultation in the wards. It would be good to have some discussion with parished areas nearlby
1	Probably a simple straight line division; it should not be so difficult to draw a line down three major roads. Outside the town, some Parish Councils include a mere 200 residents; that is too few; Bollington has a much bigger community; Poynton is very active in local issues and services.
1	The unparished area of Macclesfield. The Labour Party has no specific view at present in relation to either details of ward or the level of precept to be levied. We are addressing general principles but would be prepared to commet on those details should a Town Council be the wish of the people.
1	Macclesfield Town Centre and the encompassing estates upto the parish boundaries of Sutton, Henbury, Prestbury.
1	Geographical - North, South, East, West. The more people on a Committee the less likely to obtain consensus.
1	Macclesfield has been controlled by out of town councillors since MBC came to power in 1974? The town is big enough for our own council to have a say in and control of the running of Macclesfield.
1	Unless there are adjustments to boundaries of surrounding areas which have a parish council then the area covered by a town council must revert to the boundaries of the former Macclesfield Municipal Borough as at 31 March 1974. Adjustment of adjacent parish boundaries could give rise to resentment by residents of those parishes wishing to retain their identity and integrity.
1	Macclesfield (if necessary, voluntary ward subcommittees could look after the detailed items, e.g. allotments, public toilets, etc...)
1	The old corporation boundaries of Macclesfield, plus any additional new estates that want to join in.

8. Are you a resident of the un-parished area of Macclesfield?

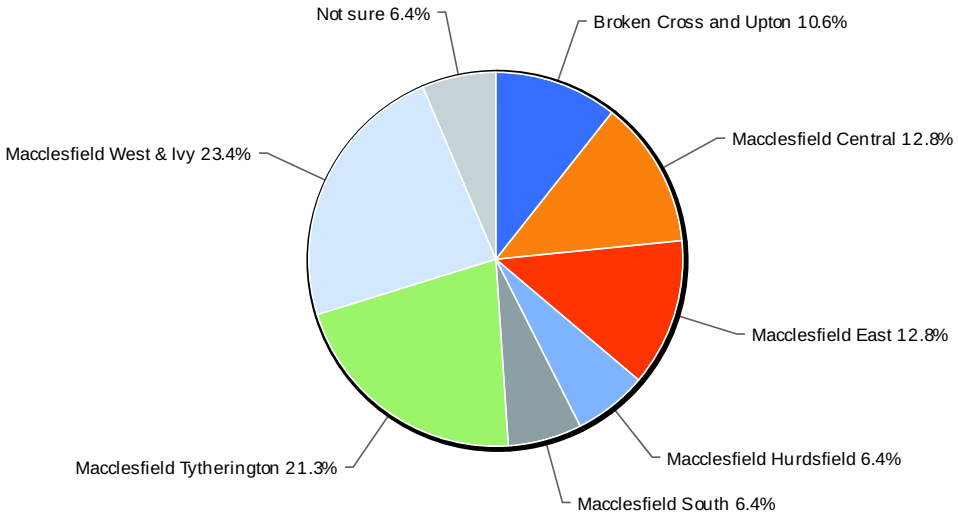


8. Are you a resident of the un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	48	88.9%
No	5	9.3%
Not sure	1	1.9%

Statistics	
Total Responses	54

9. Which Macclesfield Ward do you live in?



9. Which Macclesfield Ward do you live in?

Value	Count	Percent %
Broken Cross and Upton	5	10.6%
Macclesfield Central	6	12.8%
Macclesfield East	6	12.8%
Macclesfield Hurdsfield	3	6.4%
Macclesfield South	3	6.4%
Macclesfield Tytherington	10	21.3%
Macclesfield West & Ivy	11	23.4%

Statistics	
Total Responses	47

Not sure	3	6.4%

10. What is your postcode?

Count	Response
1	SK10
1	SK10 1DL
1	SK10 1HW
1	SK10 1LX
2	SK10 1QB
2	SK10 1QX
1	SK10 2EW
2	SK10 2HU
1	SK10 2JY
1	SK10 2PY
1	SK10 2SJ
1	SK10 3JB
1	SK10 3LG
1	SK10 3NP
2	SK10 3RN
1	SK11
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1	SK11 7RR
1	SK11 7XE
3	SK11 7YJ
1	SK11 7YW
1	SK11 8HX
1	SK11 8PL
1	SK11 8QH
1	SK11 8TH
1	SK11 8XT SK10 3NP
1	SK117DB
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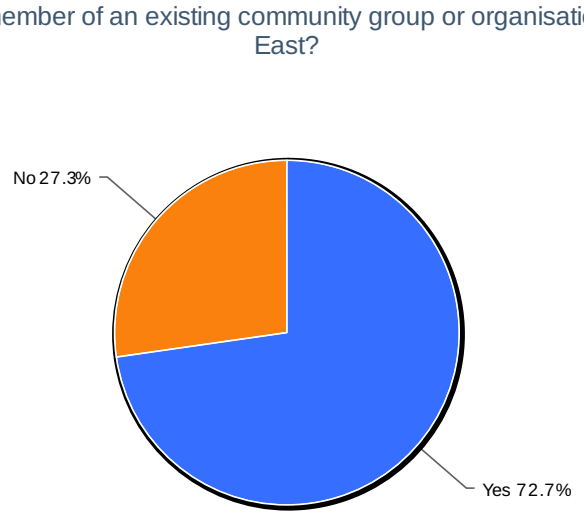

11. Are you a member of an existing community group or organisation in Cheshire East?

Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	40	72.7%
No	15	27.3%

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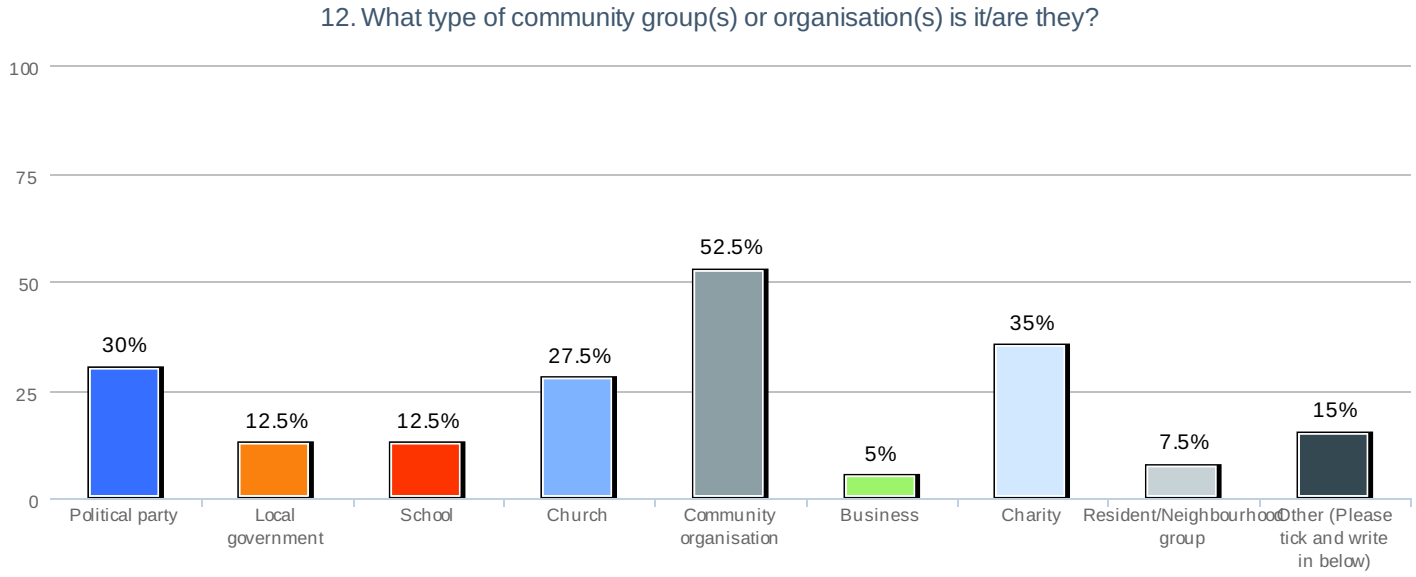
Total Responses	55



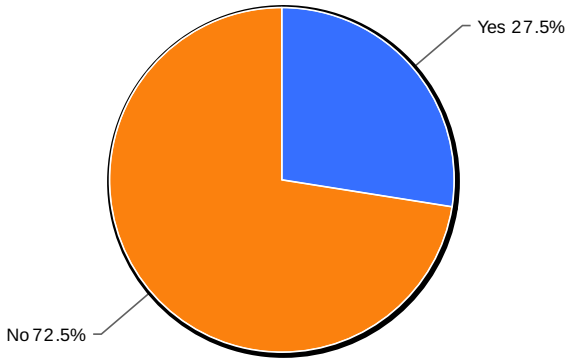
12. What type of community group(s) or organisation(s) is it/are they?

Value	Count	Percent %
Political party	12	30.0%
Local government	5	12.5%
School	5	12.5%
Media	0	0.0%

Statistics	
Total Responses	40

Church	11	27.5%
Community organisation	21	52.5%
Business	2	5.0%
Charity	14	35.0%
Resident/Neighbourhood group	3	7.5%
Other (Please tick and write in below)	6	15.0%

13. Are you responding on behalf of any of the community groups or organisations that you are a member of?



13. Are you responding on behalf of any of the community groups or organisations that you are a member of?

Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	11	27.5%
No	29	72.5%

Statistics	
Total Responses	40

14. In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?: Your name

Count	Response
1	Alift Harewood
1	Chris Campbell-Kelly
1	David Wightman (Revd)
1	Georgina Ryder
1	Gordon Sidery & Richard Watson
1	Jacquie Grinham
1	KEITH SMITH
1	Pat Featherstone
1	Stephanie Dakin
1	Walter Houston

14. In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?:Your role

Count	Response
1	Associate Vicar and Town Centre Minister
1	CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE MEMBER
1	Chief Officer
1	Church Warden
1	Clerk
1	Councillor (Labour)
1	Hon. Secretary
2	Secretary
1	Treasurer & Committee Member

14. In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?:Name of organisation

Count	Response
1	All Saints Church
1	Cheshire East CAB North
1	Cheshire East Council
1	Cheshire East Green Party
1	Friends of Macclesfield Silk Heritage
1	MACCLESFIELD CIVIC SOCIETY
1	Macclesfield Constituency Labour Party
1	Macclesfield Town Forum - Town Council Working Group
1	Prestbury Parish Council
1	St Michaels and All Angels Church

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For the attention of Councillor Marren's Department

Town Hall
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Dear Sirs

Re: **Councillor David Marren Comments**

Councillor Marren's comments as follows: "It is very important that the **residents of Macclesfield come forward and give us their feedback** as this will ensure that the final decision we take reflects their wishes.

"Cheshire East Council is committed to giving its residents more choice and control over services and resources."

If this could provide an opportunity for Macclesfield to have its own council, free from the political ties that limit Cheshire East`s ability to represent Macclesfield democratically. **I do wish to come forward and give my feedback**: "I would like to see someone like a Mr Granville Sellers (The Editor of the Community News) to take up the opportunity (if he so desires) – to run Macclesfield Council." I would prefer a man of his integrity, than the questionable Michael Jones (who was once a banker). Who appears to be making a hash of things, and yet, true to a banker's philosophy: excel at fobbing us all off by putting a positive spin on everything.

Yours faithfully

J D Brocklehurst

Judith Brocklehurst

`Lack of care`
It shows councillors and finance officers were not informed as the project`s estimated cost spiralled from **£650,000** to **£1.5m**.

It found there was a "serious failure of project management by some of the senior staff involved" and a "lack of due professional diligence and care".

Relationships were strained, different departments failed to work together and there was a "culture of mutual mistrust" between some officers and some councillors.

The investigator concluded there was no deliberate intention to mislead, but added it was understandable that some members of the public and councillors felt otherwise.

Resident Peter Yates, who raised concerns over the works, said: "Quite clearly in order to meet that deadline people had to sidestep a lot of the rules and regulations."

`Painful experience`
The report concludes officers failed to comply with regulations when awarding contracts for the work which started in October last year.

It recommends the council`s procurement team and legal officers ensure they are up to date with the law as the case demonstrated a "lack of basic understanding".

Despite this, some council officers were praised for trying to raise concerns over the project and urging colleagues not to go ahead without planning permission.

Council leader Michael Jones said the council has since changed systems and an agreement has now been reached in principal with local furniture retailer Arighi Bianchi to build a warehouse on the site.

He added: "**Despite its unwelcome impact on the council`s reputation, this painful experience has left a positive legacy**."

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Beryl Houghton [beryl@uhouse.fsnet.co.uk]
Sent: 05 July 2013 15:00
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

I only moved into this area in 2005. I am very struck by the fact that so many Macclesfield people are born and bred in the area. Everyone seems to know everyone from school days. They have a very keen feeling of ownership of the town. They all grieve for the old Town council, and for the way that the special character of the old inner town streets has been undervalued and in many caes lost. They are alarmed at the fact that there are so many derelict brownfield sites.

I happened to hear about and went to the consultative meeting at Hurdsfield school on Wednesday evening. There were about twenty people there mainly retireds.

As the evening went on I came to the conclusion that the whole exercise is a con. We were told that the surrounding areas, that were parished, had been complaining that Maxonians did not have to pay the precept that they paid on the top of Council Tax. So it was thought it would be a good idea to even things up by Maxonians having either a parish or a town council. The meetings are to give people the chance to say which they preferred. Which ever they choose there would be no entitlement to have a vote on anything serious. Cheshire East , in this time of hardship would be glad to off load responsibility for Public Conveniences, Christmas lights etc to the councils but not willing to relinquish car parks or anything that brought serious money in.I believe the precept would be in the region of at least £50 a year on top of council tax.

Macclesfield folk do want a say in what happens to their town , but there is nothing in these proposals that would give them any more say on the big issues than they already have. Cheshire East already consults with the locals but it ends there.

In the run up to the last local election all the candidates declared how they fully support what the local people want. However the Tory did admit that if it came to a vote he would not go against the wishes of his party leader.

There is something wrong with local government when a towns affairs are decided by outsiders.

You asked for my views and these are they. Beryl Houghton

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Keith Williams [kwllms247@gmail.com]
Sent: 13 July 2013 21:17
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macc Governance review

I attended one of your recent consultation meetings, information on the implications of adopting any the proposed options was thin, audience was invited to speculate on the basis of very little information
Cheshire East Councillors chairing the session acted as though the council was an autonomous body divorced from its electorate. It's our council, they should be responsive to our views and Cheshire East should be open to working with whatever Macc voters decides suits them best. Across the tiers of representation Cheshire East as the higher level authority should and must work collaborative with other lower tiers. Presentation made several implied threats of significantly increased charges etc.
Given that only trully representative option is for an elected town council that is the only option I can support

Keith Williams

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CHESHIRE EAST GREEN PARTY

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The Registration Service and Business Manager
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16 July 2013

Dear Mrs Parton,

I enclose a questionnaire in response to the Macclesfield governance review on behalf of Cheshire East Green Party. As the questionnaire does not include a field for respondents to state their reasons for preferring one of the given options to others, I am using this covering letter to do this.

We strongly favour the establishment of a single Town Council for Macclesfield because none of the other options are genuinely representative of the entire population. All of them are in one way or another self-selecting. Only through the establishment of a Town Council will we, the citizens of Macclesfield, be able to make our voice heard free of the filtering and distortion of special interests.

We look forward to taking part in the further stages of the consultation, and to the result, which we are confident will be in line with our views.

Yours sincerely

W. J. Houston

Macclesfield community governance review

Introduction

A Macclesfield Community Governance Review is currently being conducted to consider options for improved community engagement and local democracy - This review is expected to take 12 months to complete and will involve various stages of consultation. Information explaining the purpose and options for this review can be found in leaflets accompanying this survey - please read this before filling in the following questionnaire.

Within the first stage of the consultation we would like to know your views on what arrangements you feel would work best for Macclesfield. To influence the outcome from this first stage of consultation, **please respond by 5pm on 23rd July**. The second stage of consultation will be conducted during late September/early October 2013.

The outcome of the review and feedback received will be published on the Council's website in due course. For queries, or if you prefer to submit your comments in writing, please contact:

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Satisfaction with your local area

1) Generally speaking, within your local area how satisfied are you with...

Please select one option only in each row

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not sure
...local democracy?	O	O	O	O	✓	O
...how local services are currently delivered?	O	O	✓	O	O	O
...community engagement?	O	O	O	O	O	O

This question is not clear.

2) And how could Cheshire East Council improve any or all of these things?

Please write in below

Listen to people
institute a representative for council

Your preferred form of community governance for Macclesfield

3) Which form of local governance (as explained in the leaflet) do you think would be best for Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

No change..... O

Parish/Town council..... ✓

Community Forum..... O

Community Development Trust..... O

Neighbourhood Management..... O

Residents' and Tenants' Associations..... O

Community Associations..... O

Other *(please tick and write in below)*..... O

4) What role and/or services would you like this form of local governance to provide?

Please write in below

As many services as possible, subject to its powers.

5) Are there any other comments you would like to make about future community governance in Macclesfield?

Please write in below

It is important for the town to have a voice in relation to plans imposed by Cheshire East Council and others.

Town and parish councils

Please only answer questions 6 and 7 if you selected 'Town/Parish council' in question 3.

6) How many Town and Parish councils do you think should be created in the current un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

One..... ✓

Two..... O

Three..... O

Four..... O

Five..... O

Six..... O

Seven or more.... O

7) What area(s) do you think the new Town/Parish councils should be based on?

Please write in below

The current unparished area of Macclesfield.

About you

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Please select one option only

Yes..... ◉ – Go to Q9

No..... ○ – Go to Q11

Not sure..... ○ – Go to Q9

9) Which Macclesfield Ward do you live in?

Please select one option only

Broken Cross and Upton..... ○

Macclesfield Central..... ○

Macclesfield East..... ○

Macclesfield Hurdsfield..... ○

Macclesfield South..... ○

Macclesfield Tytherington..... ◉

Macclesfield West & Ivy..... ○

Not sure..... ○

10) What is your postcode?

Please write in below

SK10 [illegible]

11) Are you a member of an existing community group or organisation in Cheshire East?

Please select one option only

Yes..... ☑ – Go to Q12

No..... ○ – Survey complete

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Please select all that apply

Political party..... ☑

Local government..... ○

School..... ○

Media..... ○

Church..... ☑

Community organisation..... ☑

Business..... ○

Charity..... ○

Resident/Neighbourhood group..... ○

Other *(Please tick and write in below)*..... ○

13) Are you responding on behalf of any of the community groups or organisations that you are a member of?

Please select one option only

Yes..... ☑ – Go to Q14

No..... ○ – Survey complete

14) In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?

Please write in below

Your name.....	Wallis Haston.
Your role.....	Secretary.
Name of organisation.....	Cheshire East Green Party

Thank You!

Thank you for taking time to complete this consultation, your response is very important to us. Full outcomes from this consultation will be available on the council's website in due course.

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Rainow Parish Clerk [rainowparish@aol.com]
Sent: 18 July 2013 22:20
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Sirs

Rainow Parish Council would comment on the review as follows:

"Rainow Parish Council would support a single parish".

Regards.

Mrs Sarah Giller
Clerk to Rainow Parish Council
e: rainowparish@aol.com
т:01625 850532

Response to the Macclesfield Community Governance Review

On the 3rd July 2013 an advert appeared in the Macclesfield Express inviting members of the public to attend meetings at various venues in the town to hear about a review of governance in the Macclesfield community. I attended the meeting at Ivy Bank School on Wednesday 9th July. I was perturbed to find only **4** members of the public present BUT the number swelled to **7** by mid-meeting. There were 3 Cheshire East councillors (from Macc wards) present plus, I think, 3 members of Cheshire East's staff. As it was such a small meeting attendees were encouraged to have a say.

I had no idea what the topic was really about when I arrived but members of staff, Brian Reed and Lindsey Parton gave excellent presentations, which helped me enormously. I am aware that the only elected area council is Cheshire East and know that no local council exists, after the abolishment of the Macclesfield Borough Council. Now that the Cheshire County Council has gone we are left with the "half county" of Cheshire East as the only local elected assembly. As was explained Cheshire East has 84 elected councillors from wards all over Cheshire East but members of the public only hear about decisions taken by the much smaller number in the Cabinet.

I was aghast to find that Macclesfield Town is the only area in Cheshire East without an elected body, or bodies. All other areas have either parish or town councils. I'm pleased that these July meetings with the public are part of a process to address this issue. However, I'm very puzzled as to why this process was not started several years ago, then, perhaps, say a town council could have officially presented views from the Macclesfield public about the controversial Local Plan. Thus far Macc Town people have largely presented their views to the council on an individual basis. It seems that this carries little weight.

It is my view that the best solution for Macclesfield Town is to have a town council. To have a number of parish councils will not work as they will pursue only "parochial" interests. The town's people want the same things, a say in how the town is run and developed plus having sensible and reasonable dialogue about the town's countryside. There is plenty of very recent evidence to have a great reduction in the number of new properties built and absolutely NO justification for building on Green Belt land. None of this is NIMBYISM, it is simply that the world has changed drastically in the last few years. Reality must reign!

To sum up:

1. The meetings should have had more publicity and certainly advertised earlier, thus the potential for more people to be present and to contribute at the review meetings.
2. My preference is for a town council. It should have "teeth" but this may take a time to achieve.
3. The overall Cheshire East council seems unwieldy, thus a local town council can feed in local concerns for serious attention.
4. Not mentioned above. I object to the separation of stakeholders and the public. The stakeholders include developers who are only interested in making money out of our area. The public who live here are the MAIN stakeholders. They must be listened to at all times.
5. I have lived and worked in Macclesfield Town for 39 years. Any changes must reflect genuine concerns and the desires of local people.

Ray Perry
31 Thirlmere
Macclesfield
Cheshire SK11 7XY

July 2013

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: macclesfield clp [macclesfield.clp@which.net]
Sent: 22 July 2013 18:53
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield governance review

attn: Greg Holland and Linhdsey Parton

Thank you for Including Maccclesfield Constituency Labour Party amongst the official consultees to this review. We welcome the opportunity to take part in this process and have consulted members for their views.
Macclesfield CLP has unanimously agreed that we would wish to see a Town Council established in the unparished area of Macclesfield. The attached questionnaire reflects this view.

Should you require any further information , please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards
Pat Featherstone
Secretary, Macclesfield CLP

Macclesfield community governance review

Introduction

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The Registration Service and Business Manager
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ

E-mail: communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Satisfaction with your local area

1) Generally speaking, within your local area how satisfied are you with...

Please select one option only in each row

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not sure
...local democracy?	O	O	O	O	√	O
...how local services are currently delivered?	O	O	O	√	O	O
...community engagement?	O	O	O	√	O	O

2) And how could Cheshire East Council improve any or all of these things?

Please write in below

By creating a democratically elected town council for Macclesfield.

Additionally CEC should involve local councillors in decisions concerning local services.

Your preferred form of community governance for Macclesfield

3) Which form of local governance (as explained in the leaflet) do you think would be best for Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

No change..... O

Parish/Town council..... √

Community Forum..... O

Community Development Trust..... O

Neighbourhood Management..... O

Residents' and Tenants' Associations..... O

Community Associations..... O

Other *(please tick and write in below)*..... O

4) What role and/or services would you like this form of local governance to provide?

Please write in below

Markets, parks and green spaces, allotments, parking.

Co-ordinating improvements to the public realm eg. flower beds, floral arrangements and Christmas lights.

Town centre management.

Commenting on local planning applications.

Funding for community services and groups eg. Citizens Advice Bureau.

5) Are there any other comments you would like to make about future community governance in Macclesfield?

Please write in below

At the present time there is no coherent body, with legal powers and the ability to raise funds for local services,that can speak for the town of Macclesfield.

The Charter Trustees have a limited function as have the Macclesfield Forum, the Civic Society and the Silk Heritage Trust. The Macclesfield Local Area Partnership covers a wider area than unparished Macclesfield and has only a small highway budget.

Although a Local Service Delivery Committee has been created, this again has limited powers and has found itself unable to deal with issues other than that of the special levy for local services.

Following the formation of a town council for Crewe, Macclesfield is now the only area within Cheshire East which is not represented by either a town or parish council.

The Labour Party therefore strongly supports the introduction of a democratically elected Town Council, capable of raising a precept for local services, capable of long term planning for the town and capable of framing the aspirations of the people of Macclesfield in an open, accountable and responsible manner.

Town and parish councils

Please only answer questions 6 and 7 if you selected 'Town/Parish council' in question 3.

6) How many Town and Parish councils do you think should be created in the current un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

One..... √
Two..... O
Three..... O
Four..... O
Five..... O
Six..... O
Seven or more.... O

7) What area(s) do you think the new Town/Parish councils should be based on?

Please write in below

The unparished area of Macclesfield.

The Labour Party has no specific view at present in relation to either details of ward or the level of precept to be levied. We are addressing general principles but would be prepared to comment on those details should a Town Council be the wish of the people.

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Macclesfield East..... O

Macclesfield Hurdsfield..... O

Macclesfield South..... O

Macclesfield Tytherington..... O

Macclesfield West & Ivy..... O

Not sure..... O

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No..... O – Survey complete

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Please select all that apply

Political party.....	√
Local government.....	O
School.....	O
Media.....	O
Church.....	O
Community organisation.....	O
Business.....	O
Charity.....	O
Resident/Neighbourhood group.....	O
Other *(Please tick and write in below)*.....	O

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No..... O – Survey complete

14) In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?

Please write in below

Your name.....	Pat Featherstone
Your role.....	Secretary
Name of organisation.....	Macclesfield Constituency Labour Party

Thank You!

Thank you for taking time to complete this consultation, your response is very important to us. Full outcomes from this consultation will be available on the council's website in due course.

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Stephen Broadhead [stephen.broadhead39@gmail.com]
Sent: 22 July 2013 22:47
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Re: Local Representation

Dear Sir

It is my opinion that Macclesfield should have elected representatives. These elected representatives should reflect the wishes and aspirations of all the residents. I think that each ward in Macclesfield should have a local rep.

It is my opinion that the election of the above should take place in 2016. If elections are held in 2015 then there will be little difference between the local elected representatives and the local political parties. If the elected local reps are elected in 2016 there will be an opportunity to elect the person on their merits instead of the political party which they represent.

Elections held in 2016 will be seen as more locally important than in the year of the General Election where Councillors will be able to state the limited authority of the local reps.

Stephen Broadhead

2 Hollands Place

Macclesfield SK11 7DD

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: PARTON, Lindsey
Sent: 23 July 2013 11:35
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: FW: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

-----Original Message-----
From: Ken Edwards [mailto:ken@molepolole.freeserve.co.uk]
Sent: 23 July 2013 10:34
To: PARTON, Lindsey
Subject: Fw: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Lindsey,
I am sending this as a personal comment on the Governance Review for Macclesfield Consultation.

A Town council: A Service for the people of Macclesfield and a voice for the community.

I welcome the opportunity provided by Cheshire East Unitary Borough Council to review the governance of Macclesfield. The recent changes in the structure of local government have made such a review imperative in my view.

The creation of the large unitary Council Cheshire East coupled with stringent restrictions on local government expenditure and the consequent devolution policies followed by Cheshire East to Town and Parish Councils across the Borough have highlighted the isolated saituation of Macclesfield, as now, the only unparished area in the Borough.

Whereas across the Borough in every other area there is a properly constituted democratic body capable of speaking with an independent voice for their community the situation in Macclesfield is deeply confusing.

As your document points out the current situation for local governance in Macclesfield has the following elements:
1. The Charter Trustees. This is legally constituted body with specific but very limited responsibilities for maintaining the heritage of Macclesfield. They provide the ceremonial framework of a Mayor. In our view very poorly supported and with no permanent physical home.They have no power to take responsibility for any matters other than their narrow historical remit. They are made up of the Cheshire East Borough Councillors representing Macclesfield Wards.

2. A Macclesfield local Service Delivery Committee. This is a committee created by Cheshire East out of Macclesfield representatives whose sole and limited purpose is to recommend to the CE Cabinet a special levy for local services on Macclesfield resideents for local services. Its purposes is to recommend additiional local taxes to avoid the situation of double taxation. This committee has found it is unable to deal with any other matters as it has been specifically prevented from so doing by the cheshire East Constitutional committee.

3. A Macclesfield Briefing mechanism set up by Cheshire East involving Macclesfield Borough councuillors with those representing surrounding parishes like Gawsworth Bollington and Prestbury. This body has no powers.

4. The Macclesfield Local Area Partnership. This isd a boby made up of the unparished area of Macclesfield and 16 surrounding Parishes. It has no funds with the exception of a small highway budget and acts through persuasion for the area as a whole not for Macclesfield.

There are then a number of as hoc bodies such as the Macclesfield Forum, some Trusts such as the Silk Heritage Trust, the Civic Society that act for special groups of special interests in the Town.

As can be seen there is no coherent body with legal powers and the ability to raise funds for local services that can speak for Macclesfield as a whole.
Therefore I strongly support the introduction of a democratically elected, responsible body capable of raising a precept for local services, capable of long term planning for the Town and capable of framing the aspirations of the Macclesfield community as a whole in an open, accountable and responsible manner.

I believe a Macclesfield Town Council would fulfil this role.

Advantages:
1. Comprehensive: A Town Council would be elected every four years by all eligible voters in the current unparished area of Macclesfield.

2. Open: All Town Council meetings are open to the public.
3. Responsible: Council activities and councillors are subject to strict codes of conduct and clear standars in the way business is conducted.
4. Powerful. A Town council can levy a precept, apply for grants, take a strrong view on s106 and Community Levety exspenditure, support local voluntary groups, Trusts, Community Development Trusts and Residents Associations and if designated with the power of Well being and the power of comperence and Quality Status deliver any services agreed with the electorate.
5. Cheshire East would, of course, retain powers for strategic matters across the Borough but a Macclesfield Town council united with the 12 Cheshire East councillors is a far more powerful voice in relation to Chahire East than the Cheshire East Councillors on their own.
6. Finally the elctorate can change the nature of the Town Council and indeed change Town councillors should they wish to through the standard democratic process.
7. Reduce confusion: The Charter Trustees would be absorbed into the Town council; the Local Service Delivery Committee would no longer be needed. Cheshire East officers could brief the Town council on all matters relatng to Macclesfield. The Town council would directly support organisations such as the Silk Heritage Trust and the Macclesfield Forum.
8. A voice for the Town Above all A TMacclesfield town Council could create a local long term plan for the future of the town which would have to be taken into account in relation to all futire planning considerations and would act as a guide for local councillors supporting long term projects to benefit residents.

At the present stage of the consultation I put forward no specific view at present in relation to either details over warding or the level of precept that should be levied. Your Governance Review addresses general principles and I will be prepared to comment on those details if the people of Macclefield decide they would like to be governed locally through a Town Council.as is everywhere else in Cheshire East and in the majority of communities that recognise themselves as communities across the country.

Ken Edwards
15/07/2013

Regards
Ken

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Tim Pinder [T.Pinder@peaksplains.org]
Sent: 23 July 2013 11:51
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Peaks & Plains Response

Thankyou for providing us with an opportunity to comment on community governance in Macclesfield. We at Peaks & Plains, see ourselves as an active community player; working closely with a range of partners in a number of different governance settings; some formal, others less so.

We remain committed to playing our active part in the community, whatever the governance arrangements. We shall be pleased to engage with whatever structure is determined as a result of this review.

Tim Pinder

Tim Pinder, Chief Executive
Peaks & Plains Housing Trust
Ropewalks, Newton Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6QJ
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PARTON, Lindsey

From: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Sent: 24 July 2013 14:40
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: FW: Macclesfield Governance Review

-----Original Message-----
From: HOBBS, Sandra
Sent: 24 July 2013 14:29
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Governance Review

Dear Sir/Madam

I live in Macclesfield, in the Broken Cross and Upton ward. Having recently moved there from the Central Ward.

I am in favour of the formation of a parish council for Macclesfield, based on the current warding arrangements for Cheshire East Council.

I would like the parish council to have sufficient representation to be effective, so I would be grateful if careful consideration could be given to the number of parish councillors (based on statutory guidelines).

I feel that the formation of the council gives good local representation to the people of Macclesfield, and I would like to think that local people will feel that they can get involved by standing as candidates at the election.

It would help if sufficient powers/services could be devolved to the parish council to allow them to become an effective council, as I feel that only transferring a handful of services would lead to an ineffective council. Could careful consideration be given to allow the transfer of services such as the car parks to allow income generation which would be retained in the Macclesfield area. I would like to think that Macclesfield Parish Council would continue to run services such as toilet facilities, allotments, Christmas displays etc with the local residents and visitors in mind, but fear that without the raising of a large precept this will not happen, so the ability to generate income from paying services such as car parks would be very welcome.

I realise that the formation of a parish council will result in the raising of a precept to fund services, but feel that so long as this was not excessive this should be encouraged. If there is some way to cap the precept level this would be most welcome, as we would not wish to see the raising of a precept far above what was needed to fund services.

Is there any ability for the parish council to have more input into local issues such as planning applications? I realise that currently there are no powers which allow a parish council to make a decision on a planning application, but feel that the view of the parish council should certainly be taken into consideration when planning applications are made, as the councillors on the parish council are going to be local residents, with local knowledge.

I do not support the splitting of Macclesfield into smaller parish councils such as Tytherington parish as was suggested at the meeting I attended, as these residents live and use services in Macclesfield. I also feel that splitting the town in this way would be divisive and would lead to even smaller less effective councils.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of the review.

Kind regards, Sandra

Sandra Hobbs
Senior Electoral Services Officer

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Trevor Maddock [trevorjmaddock@googlemail.com]
Sent: 26 July 2013 11:00
To: PARTON, Lindsey
Cc: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Lindsey Parton, (Registration Service and Business Manager),

Sutton Parish Council considered the consultation issues in respect of the above matter and resolved as follows:

That it is more appropriate to allow the residents of Macclesfield to determine, from the options available, their own means of local representation and administration.

Please include this representation within the consultation process.

Kind regards,

Trevor J. Maddock,

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer,

Sutton Parish Council.

26/07/13

13.

Apologies for ignorance - learning curve is steep.
(Arcane knowledge)

Notes for meeting on 8th July Local Service Delivery Committee
Macclesfield Community Governance Review.

My Name is David Langley I own a residential property in Macclesfield Broken Cross and currently reside in Prestbury. Thank you Chair for allowing a moment for me to put forward some questions raised by your options for localism.
I am sure that any further extension of local governance will have to be based on the people of Macclesfield having not only a say in local management but also the financial ability to adopt those policies that will reflect those wishes.

There can be no local politics on the cheap any more, will we have the funding to be able to achieve favourable changes in our local administration?

I do not want to see more parishes or community trusts I want to see a local Macclesfield town council. The funding for that will have to come from government. There should be no impost on local council taxes or our national income taxes. The government wastes billions of pounds annually and loses billions through corporate tax avoidance, thereby losing the trust of many of us in this community. Parish councils can only do so much without the financial backing to crown their efforts.
I do appreciate the efforts East Cheshire Council makes on our behalf but ever since the dissolution of Macclesfield Borough on April the 1st 2009 we have been cap in hand for funding for growth. Macclesfield looks like a train wreck. Empty shops and a miserable shopping centre struggling for cash.
I am not looking for an expensive administration, with mayors and cars and foreign twinning. I want better social services, more funding for our local health teams, cash for the over stretched and brilliant A & E. I see our town council funding local builders, apprenticeships and better planning for the development of a town in an amazing geographical position to attract business. We must reduce business regulations enforced by remote civil servants, gold plating EU dictats. Please chair,

consider a Macclesfield town council, there is some really excellent commercial and community leadership here badly neglected by the lack of an appropriately funded town council which is a problem you are now belatedly addressing.
The youth of Macclesfield need to see possibilities opening up for them, We have to show them how we have a real future here giving them a solid foundation of civic responsibility and a belief in themselves.

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Macclesfield community governance review

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E-mail: communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Satisfaction with your local area

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Please select one option only in each row

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not sure
...local democracy?	O	O	O	O	⊗	O
...how local services are currently delivered?	O	⊗	O	O	O	O
...community engagement?	O	O	O	O	⊗	O

2) And how could Cheshire East Council improve any or all of these things?

Please write in below

SILK ROAD DEVELOPMENTS. THE CEC SHOULD RECOGNISE THE VOICE OF MACCLESFIELD PEOPLE – THE SECOND LARGEST POPULATION IN CHESHIRE EAST. WITH NO REAL VOICE.
3 OUT OF 4 MACCLESFIELD COUNCILLORS VOTED AGAINST THE SECTOR SILK DEVELOPMENT BUT PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF COUNCILLORS NEVER LIVING IN BOROUGH. GIVE US OUR RIGHTS BACK
ABOVE ALL PLANNING LOCALLY – VITAL

IT WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING NOT TO HAVE THE PUBLIC MEETING BETTER ADVERTISED – OTHERWISE I WOULD HAVE ATTENDED. – WHY NOT A BIG ADVERT IN LOCAL PAPER?
A FRIEND TOLD ME AFTER THE EVENT – MOST ANNOYING

Your preferred form of community governance for Macclesfield

3) Which form of local governance (as explained in the leaflet) do you think would be best for Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

No change..... O

~~Parish~~/Town council..... ✓

Community Forum..... O

Community Development Trust..... O

Neighbourhood Management..... O

Residents' and Tenants' Associations..... O

Community Associations..... O

Other *(please tick and write in below)*..... O

4) What role and/or services would you like this form of local governance to provide?

Please write in below

A VOICE OF AUTHORITY ON CEC TO REPRESENT THE LOCAL MACCLESFIELD POPULATION — E.G. FIRE STATION DOWN CLOSED ~~FROM~~ FOR TIME FRAME AFTER 7PM FOR 12 HOURS ONLY PARKING COVER FROM 7PM - 7AM — DANGEROUS ESPECIALLY AT UNITY MEWS MOTOR WAY ACCIDENTS

5) Are there any other comments you would like to make about future community governance in Macclesfield?

Please write in below

WITH A POPULATION AS LARGE AS MACCLESFIELD IT IS UNDEMOCRATIC WRONG NOT TO HAVE FULL CONTROL OF AFFAIRS
WHY WAS IT NOT PARISHED ALONG WITH OTHER AREAS IN CHESHIRE EAST. SANDBACH ETC. WHEN CEC FORMED ?

WE ARE A KEY AREA ON MAIN RAILWAY LINES COMMUTING TO CREWE.

Town and parish councils

Please only answer questions 6 and 7 if you selected 'Town/Parish council' in question 3.

6) How many Town and Parish councils do you think should be created in the current un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

One..... O

Two..... O

Three..... O

Four..... O

Five..... O

Six..... O

Seven or more.... O 8

7) What area(s) do you think the new Town/Parish councils should be based on?

Please write in below

Based upon existing wards in Macclesfield

About you

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8) Are you a resident of the un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

Yes..... ☑ – Go to Q9 FOR 52 YEARS - MOVED FROM SOUTH 1962

No..... ○ – Go to Q11

Not sure..... ○ – Go to Q9

9) Which Macclesfield Ward do you live in?

Please select one option only

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Macclesfield Tytherington..... ○

Macclesfield West & Ivy..... ○

Not sure..... ○

10) What is your postcode?

Please write in below

SK11 7EH

11) Are you a member of an existing community group or organisation in Cheshire East?

Please select one option only

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No..... ○ – Survey complete

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Community organisation..... ☑

Business..... ○

Charity..... ☑

Resident/Neighbourhood group..... ☑

Other *(Please tick and write in below)*..... ○

- ORGANISED TOWN "LITTER PICKS" FOR ADVANS IN CONJUNCTION WITH "HOLE CENTRE"
- MEMBER OF WILMSLOW GREEN SURGERY PATIENTS FORUM
- MEMBER OF MACCLESFIELD HOSPITAL TRUST
- SUPPORTER OF EAST CHESHIRE HOSPICE
- ELDER UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - CHURCH/PUBLIC CONCERNS.
- CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN MACCLESFIELD TOWN AFFAIRS, - NON POLITICAL

13) Are you responding on behalf of any of the community groups or organisations that you are a member of?

Please select one option only

Yes..... O – Go to Q14

No..... O – Survey complete

14) In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?

Please write in below

Your name.....	J.R.T SPENCER
Your role.....	ELDER
Name of organisation.....	UNITING (PRESBYTERIAN) CHURCH PARK GREEN FOR 45 YEARS

Thank You!

Thank you for taking time to complete this consultation, your response is very important to us. Full outcomes from this consultation will be available on the council's website in due course.

Community Governance Review Sub Committee
Briefing note

Current Position

The Macclesfield Community Governance Review is now at the end of the first stage of consultation with stakeholders and the public. This was agreed by the Sub- Committee to run from 24 June to 23 July 2013, but was subsequently extended to 30 July to allow sufficient time for feedback to be received from an additional public meeting, arranged at Macclesfield Town Hall on 22 July 2013. As part of the consultation process, contact was made with approximately 127 stakeholders, as identified by the Sub–Committee with assistance from local ward Members.

8 public meetings were held in each of the Borough Wards, including an additional meeting in the Macclesfield Central Ward. The majority of the meetings were held in the evening and varied in terms of levels of attendance. In total 114 people attended the various public meetings. Notes taken at the meetings have been circulated with the Sub-Committee agenda.

Publicity for the stage 1 consultation and public meetings has included press releases to local press and media and a published public notice in the Macclesfield Express. Information has also been provided on the website, with a link to the front page and designation as a “hot topic”, and by social media channels.

Assistance was also provided with publicity by the Thread e-newsletter and by Your- vibe who circulated information to local Youth Groups via their contacts.

A flyer/ poster was designed to publicise the meetings which was widely distributed with support from the LAP Team and the Macclesfield Town Centre Manager. Local supermarkets were also used to publicise the final meeting held on 22 July at Macclesfield Town Hall at the request of a local ward Councillor. Local Ward Councillors in many cases also distributed copies of the flyers within their wards. Each meeting venue was also requested to display the flyer in a prominent position to advertise the meeting date.

Exhibition boards publicising the review have been located in the Macclesfield Customer Centre and the LAP team have promoted the review at local meetings held during the consultation period and by handing out information on several days within the Grosvenor Centre.

An A4 and an A5 leaflet were prepared to support the review; together with a consultation feedback form which was made available electronically and in hard copy format.

The Sub Committee will meet as required during August to assess the feedback received to date; to agree the wording to be included on the ballot paper to be sent to all electors in September 2013 as part of the Stage 2 consultation; and to agree further publicity required.

In addition to the main A4 double sided leaflet, members may wish to also provide a summary A5 leaflet for dispatch with the ballot packs. Feedback from the public has shown that people have valued having more information, rather than less, on which to base their decision, and for this reason the sub-Committee may wish to consider posting out the fuller A4 version to electors in addition to a summary leaflet. The Sub Committee will need to agree an approval process for the final sign off of the ballot material and associated publicity in the event that it is not possible to conclude this work at the two meetings scheduled in August.

A copy of the print specification for the ballot and the proposed timescales have been circulated with the Sub Committee agenda.

During the stage 2 consultation it will still be open for anyone to respond to the general consultation and the online form on the website will remain active. All responses received will be collated for consideration at future sub committee meetings to aid the decision making process. Further work will be done to engage young people in the 6th Form colleges during the next stage of consultation as the importance of engaging young people has been recognised by the Sub Committee. All 16 and 17 year olds, included on the electoral register, will also be sent a ballot paper during the Stage 2 consultation.

Summary of Feedback from Stage 1 Consultation - as at 7 August 2013

90 responses have been received from the Stage 1 Consultation. In addition a further 165 people viewed the on-line consultation response form but then chose not to complete it.

The response from stakeholders has been lower than expected, as the results from the feedback show that the majority of respondents were not responding on behalf of a local organisation. Only 15 of the responses were from those identified on the stakeholders list. The Sub Committee may therefore wish, as part of the Stage 2 consultation, for Stakeholders to be contacted again to give them a further opportunity to comment and submit their views.

Analysis of Responses

With the exception of 12 responses, all the results have been analysed and included in the electronically generated summary report. A covering letter was also received from the Cheshire East Green Party and the Macclesfield Constituency Labour Party which have been included for information – but their completed consultation forms are included within the main electronic summary and do not need to be counted separately.

In summary, the 12 letters / emails returned demonstrate the following views:

J Brocklehurst	“This could provide an opportunity for Macclesfield to have its own council”.
B Houghton	No change
K Williams	Supports an elected town council
Rainow Parish Council	Supports a single parish
R Perry	Supports a Town Council for Macclesfield
S Broadhead	Macclesfield should have elected representatives. Each ward in Macclesfield should have a local rep.
K Edwards	Strongly supports the introduction of a democratically elected, responsible body capable of raising a precept for local services, capable of long term planning for the Town and capable of framing the aspirations of the Macclesfield community as a whole in an open, accountable and responsible manner. A Macclesfield Town Council would fulfil this role.
Peaks and Plains Housing Trust	Shall be pleased to engage with whatever structure is determined as a result of this review.
S Hobbs	In favour of a parish council for Macclesfield, based on the current warding arrangements for Cheshire East
Sutton Parish Council	It is more appropriate for the residents of Macclesfield to determine, from the options available, their own means of local representation and administration.
D Langley	Wants to see a local Macclesfield Town Council
J Spencer	Town Council would be the best form of local governance. Feels that 8 parish councils should be created based upon existing wards in Macclesfield.

In terms of the responses which have been separately analysed, there were 65 completed and 13 partially completed surveys. From these responses, in summary:

82.1% of those who responded to the question felt that a parish / town council was the best for Macclesfield.

81.8% of those who responded to the question felt that one Town/ Parish council should be created in the current unparished area of Macclesfield.

Lindsey Parton
Registration Service and Business Manager
Governance and Democratic Services
7 August 2013

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MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN
(updated 7 August 2013)

Task/activity	Decision-making process	Date
	Community Governance Review Sub Committee meetings	25 February 2013 11 April 2013 17 May 2013
Guidance summary Project Plan Map of Review Area Electorate figures Prepare consultation leaflets (A4 and A5) Prepare Consultation Feedback Form (online and hard copy versions) Update Website 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 and book venues	Consider summary of CGR guidance 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 Notice giving details of public meetings and press release; and Publicity for 1st stage consultation with stakeholders Publish Notice		June 2013 (*To commence as early as possible with advice from the Communications Team)*
Public engagement / publicity co-ordinated with assistance from Communications Team and LSP Manager		24 June – 23 July 2013
Public Meetings	Series of 8 meetings held across Unparished Area. (Majority of the meetings to be held at 7pm).	3,4,8,9,10,11,12 and 22 July 2013

MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - PROJECT PLAN
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Task/activity	Decision-making process	Date
Comments / submissions invited from interested parties on Options (4 week consultation period)	**Consultation Period (stage 1)**	24 June – 23 July 2013
All submissions / comments considered and evaluated. Collate representations		August 2013
	Community Governance Review Sub Committee meetings Consider outcomes from stage 1 consultation Agree Stage 2 Consultation	15th and 20th August 2013
Publish Notice of Ballot		2 September 2013
Conduct Ballot of Electors (3 weeks)	**Consultation Period (stage 2/ballot)**	23 September – 11 October 2013
Collate representations and prepare committee report		October 2013
	Community Governance Review Sub Committee meeting Make draft recommendations to Constitution Committee for consideration	October 2013
Prepare reports to Constitution Committee		November 2013
	Constitution Committee Submit draft recommendations to Full Council for approval	21 November 2013
Preparation of report to Council on draft recommendation (including any warding arrangements)	Formulate draft recommendation to Council	
	Full Council Approve draft recommendations for final stage of consultation	12 December 2013
Publicity for final stage consultation with stakeholders Publish Notice Produce literature and FAQs for final stage	Agree public notice for final stage consultation Agree literature for final stage	Mid December 2013 (3-4 *weeks before consultation starts)*

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Task/activity	Decision-making process	Date
Update Website		
Implement Consultation (3 weeks)	**Public Consultation Period (Final Stage)**	13 January – 31 January 2014
Preparation of analysis/evaluation of consultation outcome Develop final recommendations – to include Implementation Plan, interim arrangements and election arrangements Update Website	Analysis of consultation outcome Formation of final recommendation and Implementation Plan for consideration by Constitution Committee	
	Community Governance Review Sub Committee Consider outcomes of final stage consultation Make final recommendations to Constitution Committee for consideration	February 2014
Preparation of report to Constitution Committee detailing final recommendation for consideration.	Approval of final recommendation and Implementation Plan for consideration by Council.	
	Constitution Committee Submit final recommendations and draft reorganisation Order to Council	20 March 2014
Preparation of final recommendation and report to Council Implementation arrangements Draft Order and associated documents including maps, asset transfer and precept for first year budget. Implementation Plan including interim arrangements		
	Full Council Approve Reorganisation Order	10 April 2014
Re-organisation Order takes effect and new parish arrangements come into being		1 April 2015
Implementation of any changes in electoral arrangements		Thereafter
Any elections required		May 2015

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Macclesfield Community Governance Review
Specification for Printing Requirements

Date Required	Issued to electors on 23 September 2013 (return date 11 October 2013)
Council Contact Report of:	Lindsey Parton, Registration Service and Business Manager
Summary of Requirements	Ballot to electors of the unparished area of Macclesfield (40,521 electors) comprising: Folded A4, four sided, colour leaflet with map depicting a coloured outline in red; plus A5 double sided colour summary leaflet. A5 serial numbered ballot paper(s) with security marking; with option to tailor the style of ballot paper to 7 different geographical areas, with a preprinted identifier 1st class C5 Individually addressed outgoing envelope, over printed in black, to all electors 2nd class Return envelope Printer to arrange outgoing and incoming postage. Quote to explain options and costings. Receipt, opening and analysis of returned ballot papers
Timescales	The leaflet would be type set by the Council and submitted for printing by **27 August 2013**. Artwork for envelopes to be supplied by the printer for sign off by **2 September 2013.** Wording for the ballot paper(s) would be supplied by 27 August. Elector files to be transferred by secure email to printer by **13 September 2013**. Ballot packs to printed and to hit doorsteps from **23 September 2013 .** The deadline for replies to be **11 October 2013.** Analysis of responses would be required from the printers within two working days after the close of the consultation period.

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