

# Constitution Committee

## Agenda

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**Date:** Wednesday, 19th November, 2014  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

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**Contact:** Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer  
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5. **Macclesfield Community Governance Review** (Pages 11 - 88)

To determine the next steps of the Macclesfield Community Governance Review.

6. **Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts** (Pages 89 - 168)

To consider the recommendations of the Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee in respect of proposed changes to polling places

7. **Revisions to the Contract Procedure Rules** (Pages 169 - 176)

To consider revisions to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

8. **Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel** (Pages 177 - 186)

To receive the final report of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel.

**THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**

**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Constitution Committee**  
held on Thursday, 1st May, 2014 at Council Chamber - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield, SK10 1EA

**PRESENT**

Councillor A Martin (Chairman)  
Councillor D Marren (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, G Baxendale, P Groves, M Hardy (for Cllr Wait),  
S Hogben, S Jones, W Livesley, R Menlove, A Moran, B Murphy, D Newton  
and P Whiteley

**Officers**

Brian Reed, Head of Governance and Democratic Services  
Anita Bradley, Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer  
Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer  
Lindsey Parton, Registration Service and Business Manager  
Mark Nedderman, Senior Scrutiny Officer  
Leah Benson, Solicitor

**Also present**

Anthony Cross, Solicitor

**Apologies**

Councillor G Wait

**36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**37 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

**38 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be approved as  
a correct record.

**39 MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE**

The Committee considered the proposed arrangements and timescale for  
the second stage of consultation and for the remainder of the community  
governance review which was being conducted under the provisions of the

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Government Guidance.

The first stage of consultation had been conducted in June/July 2013 and had consisted of consultation with stakeholders and the public. The consultation had focussed on 7 options. Eight public meetings had been held, which had been attended by 114 people out of a possible electorate of 39,750 (ie 0.3%). 94 responses to the consultation had been received (0.24% of the electorate). 46 respondents had expressed a wish to see a Town Council while 10 had expressed a wish to see multiple parish councils. The Committee noted that little interest appeared to have been generated in the review to date.

On the basis of the feedback received, the Community Governance Sub-Committee had agreed that the second stage of consultation should focus upon the options of parishing and an enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee. With regard to parishing, electors would be given the opportunity to say whether they wished to see a single parish/town council for the whole of Macclesfield or a parish council based on their Borough Ward boundary.

The Sub-Committee, with input from the Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee, had proposed terms of reference for the option of an Enhanced Service Delivery Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

A 15 page leaflet to fully explain the two options had been developed by the Sub-Committee with the assistance of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC). The Sub-Committee sought the Committee's views on a shorter version of the leaflet to be sent out to all electors with the voting paper.

The wording for a postal voting paper had been devised by the Sub-Committee and was attached as Appendix 4 to the report for information. The proposed timetable for the second stage of consultation and the remainder of the review was attached at Appendix 5.

## **RESOLVED**

That

1. the progress made to date with the conduct and outcome of the first stage of consultation be noted;
2. the proposed arrangements and timescale for the second stage of consultation and for the remainder of the review be agreed, based on the proposed two options of parishing and an enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee, with parishing comprising either a single parish/ town council or 7 parish councils (based on existing Borough ward boundaries);



3. the proposed terms of reference for an enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee be agreed, and this form the basis of one of the two options for the second stage of public consultation;
4. the size and format of the explanatory leaflet to accompany the voting paper to electors be approved; and
5. the voting paper be amended to the extent that all references to 'parish (town) council' or 'parish council' are capitalised.

#### **40 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The Committee considered arrangements to undertake a review of polling districts and polling places.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 had introduced a statutory duty for local authorities to carry out a review of their parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007; and at least every four years thereafter. In accordance with this legislation, the Council had conducted its last Review in 2011 and a Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee had been appointed for this purpose.

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 had introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. The next compulsory review must now be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015. Subsequent compulsory reviews must then be completed every five years thereafter.

#### **RESOLVED**

That

1. authority be given for the publication of the notice of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review;
2. the Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee be convened to undertake the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2013; and
3. it be recommended to Council that the final decision concerning the outcome of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review be delegated to the Constitution Committee at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

#### **41 CHESHIRE/WIRRAL/MERSEYSIDE - JOINT SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee considered the adoption of a protocol for setting up joint scrutiny arrangements across Cheshire, Wirral and Merseyside to consider proposed substantial developments or variations in health services.

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations had introduced new arrangements to require a joint scrutiny committee to be established for the purposes of considering consultations by a relevant NHS body or provider of NHS funded Services where such proposals impacted on more than one local authority area and where more than one authority agreed that the proposal was a substantial development or variation in service (SDV).

Knowsley Borough Council, as lead authority on behalf of the Merseyside authorities, had developed a draft protocol, attached as an Appendix to the report, which proposed a framework for the operation of joint scrutiny across Cheshire, Merseyside and Wirral. The protocol would put in place arrangements to convene a joint health overview and scrutiny committee to be made up of each of the constituent local authorities that deemed a proposal to be an SDV. Cheshire, and Merseyside authorities had been invited to consider and adopt the protocol in order for it to be in place in time for the formal consultation process regarding changes to the provision of cancer services at the Clatterbridge Centre in Wirral.

## **RESOLVED**

That it be recommended to Council that

1. the draft joint scrutiny protocol as appended to the report be adopted; and
2. nominations to any joint scrutiny committees established in accordance with the protocol be made by the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (or successor body) in compliance with the proportionality requirements set out in the protocol.

## **42 COUNCIL CONSTITUTION - REVISIONS TO SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS**

The Committee considered a revised scheme of delegation to officers.

The revisions were required because of the revised Council Chief Officer Management Structure following the review of management roles and responsibilities, and the Council's decision to become a Strategic Commissioning Council with the creation of Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles for the provision of Council Services.

The main revisions reflected the Chief Officer Management changes, in particular the span of functions for which the Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning was now responsible. A number of additional amendments were reported and circulated at the meeting.

A rolling programme would be required in order to keep the Scheme of Delegation up to date and ensure that Directors established, operated and kept under review Local Schemes of Delegation within their departments. The Scheme of Delegation would also require appropriate revision as further Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles were developed.

## **RESOLVED**

That Council be recommended to

1. approve the revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers as appended to the report subject to the additional amendments reported at the meeting;
2. authorise the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to update the Council's Constitution accordingly by inclusion of the revised Scheme of Delegation;
3. authorise the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to undertake consequential drafting amendments to the remaining parts of the Council's Constitution to ensure consistency with the revised Scheme of Delegation; and
4. authorise a rolling programme approach to keep the Scheme of Delegation up to date.

## **43 THE COUNCIL'S DECISION-MAKING AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee considered a range of proposals concerning the Council's governance arrangements.

### *PDG/Scrutiny Review*

The Constitution Committee had appointed a cross-party member working group to conduct a review of the arrangements relating to the Council's scrutiny committees and policy development groups. The Working Group had appointed Professor Steve Leach and Professor Colin Copus of DeMontfort University to undertake the work required in respect of the review. Professors Leach and Copus were widely acknowledged for their expertise in scrutiny and other local government matters.

Professors Leach and Copus had presented their report to the PDG/Scrutiny Review Working Group on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The report was attached to the Committee's report as Appendix A. The Working Group had supported the recommendations in the report.

In considering the proposals, Members felt that the policy and performance commissions should be termed 'overview and scrutiny committees'.

Members also had regard to recommendation (12) of the Professors' report which stated that the chair and vice-chair of each commission should be held by councillors from different political parties and that in the medium term it would be advantageous if there were some sharing of commission chairs with opposition parties, provided that an appropriate behavioural protocol could be agreed.

*Size of Committees*

The Constitution Working Group had recently considered the merits of reducing the size of committees to free-up members' time and to make meetings shorter and more manageable. The Working Group had suggested the following reductions subject to further consideration:

<b>Committee (current size)</b>	<b>Proposed size</b>
Constitution Committee (14)	10
Strategic Planning Board (14)	12
Northern Planning Committee (14)	12
Southern Planning Committee (15)	12
Public Rights Of Way Committee (7)	5
Licensing Committee (15)	10
Lay Members Appointments Committee (7)	5
Local Authority School Governor Appointments Panel (8)	5
Appeals Sub-Committee (5)	3

No changes had been proposed to the size of the Audit and Governance and Staffing Committees.

In considering the proposed reductions, Members had regard to the fact that the Licensing Committee's sub-committees met very frequently and at relatively short notice and that the membership for each meeting was drawn from the membership of the parent committee. Any reduction in the size of the Licensing Committee would result in a smaller pool of members available for sub-committee meetings, making it more difficult for such meetings to be convened. Members concluded therefore that the Licensing Committee's membership should remain at 15 (and that consequently the quorum of the Committee should remain unchanged).

### *Terms of Reference of Committees*

The Committee considered revised terms of reference for the Staffing Committee, Audit and Governance Committee and Health and Wellbeing Board.

The background to each review was set out fully in the report.

The Staffing Committee at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 had considered revised terms of reference which were recommended to the Constitution Committee for approval by Council. These were circulated at the meeting and replaced the version attached to the report at Appendix C.

A number of additional amendments to the terms of reference of the Audit and Governance Committee were also proposed and agreed at the meeting. The terms of reference as attached to the report at Appendix D would be amended accordingly.

The Constitution Committee at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 had approved revised terms of reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board for submission to Council subject to certain amendments. The terms of reference as amended were attached to the report at Appendix E.

### *Cabinet Support Members*

In considering the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Council had noted the Panel's conclusion that in the absence of a job description or terms of reference, a Cabinet Support Member did not appear to have any individual responsibility in order to qualify for a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) under its criteria.

It was now considered opportune to review the role of Cabinet Support Members. A suggested list of responsibilities of those appointed by the Leader of the Council to undertake a support role for Cabinet Members was attached as Appendix F to the report. Given the comments of the IRP, it was considered appropriate for these roles to be defined in the Constitution, which would require a recommendation to Council.

The Leader had indicated that the title of those appointed to these roles should properly reflect their responsibilities; he had therefore allocated the title "Deputy Cabinet Member" to these positions.

The Committee was asked to determine whether, having regard to the recommendations of the Panel, and in the light of the roles in question now being clearly defined, SRAs should be paid to the newly-appointed Deputy Cabinet Members and, if so, whether these should mirror the arrangements which currently applied to Cabinet Support Members.

**RESOLVED**

That Council be recommended to approve the following:

1. the abolition of the Council's existing Scrutiny and Policy Development Group arrangements and the creation of five overview and scrutiny committees, reflecting Cheshire East Council's five strategic priorities: Communities, Economy, Life Skills, Environment and Health;
2. the adoption of the terms of reference, attached as Appendix B to the report, as the committees' terms of reference, with each committee having all relevant overview and scrutiny powers under the Local Government Act 2000; together with the appropriate committee having responsibility for the ASDV which best fits within the work of that committee;
3. the creation of an overarching Cheshire East Overview and Scrutiny Committee, having all relevant overview and scrutiny powers under the Local Government Act 2000, and the terms of reference and scrutiny powers appended to the report, with those additional responsibilities set out in recommendation 10 of the PDG/Scrutiny Review Report; the powers of this committee also to include the power to determine which overview and scrutiny committee should take responsibility for specific pieces of work where there may be uncertainty;
4. the designation of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deal with crime and disorder issues under the Police and Justice Act 2006; the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deal with scrutiny of Flood Risk Management arrangements under the Flood Risk Management Overview and Scrutiny (England) Regulations 2011; the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deal with health scrutiny requirements under the Health and Adult Social Care Act 2012;
5. that the Life Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the responsibility of co-opting faith and parent-governor representatives to deal with education matters;
6. the amendment of the existing call-in arrangements as set out in recommendation 13 of the PDG/Scrutiny Review Report, including the reduction in the number of Members required to trigger a call-in from 8-6 and the inclusion of provisions requiring reasons for call-in (as set out in the PDG/Scrutiny report) to be stipulated and the empowerment of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to be the arbiter if the justification for call-in is disputed;
7. that the number of Council Members who will be members of each of the five overview and scrutiny committees be eight (which may be supplemented by up to two members of the public);

8. that, in acknowledgement of recommendation 12 of the report by Professors Leach and Copus as set out in Appendix A, the Council move to a position where there is some sharing of committee chairs and vice chairs with opposition parties, subject to an appropriate behavioural protocol being adopted;
9. the Special Responsibility Allowances paid to the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the new overview and scrutiny committees be the same as those paid to the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Council's existing scrutiny committees;
10. the membership of those bodies referred to in paragraph 12.2 of the report be reduced as indicated in that paragraph with the exception of the Licensing Committee whose membership shall remain at 15 (and whose quorum as a consequence shall remain unchanged), with the quorum for planning boards and committees being reduced from 5 to 4 members;
11. the proposed terms of reference of the Staffing Committee as circulated at the meeting, and those of the Audit and Governance Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out in Appendices D and E respectively, be adopted as the terms of reference of those bodies subject to the further amendments to the Audit and Governance Committee's terms of reference as agreed at the meeting;
12. the responsibilities of Deputy Cabinet Members, as contained in Appendix F, be noted and included in the Constitution subject to any further drafting changes which might be made to reflect the discussion at the Committee's meeting and which might be put forward before consideration by Council;
13. given that a recommended job description is now in place in respect of the role of Deputy Cabinet Members, and having regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel presented to Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Special Responsibility Allowances be paid to the newly-appointed Deputy Cabinet Members in accordance with the arrangements which currently apply to Cabinet Support Members; and
14. the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make such consequential and other changes to the Council's Constitution as she considers necessary to give effect to the wishes of Council.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 2.15 pm

Councillor A Martin (Chairman)

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# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Constitution Committee

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Governance and Democratic Services
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Macclesfield Community Governance Review

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Attached to this report is the report submitted to the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee on 7 October 2014, and the minutes of that meeting.
- 1.2 In accordance with the decision of the Sub-Committee, a meeting of the Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee has been scheduled to take place on 12 November, and the informal views of that Committee will be sought and reported at the meeting.
- 1.3 This report
- 1.3.1 asks the Committee to determine the next steps of the review; and
- 1.3.2 sets out the practical considerations, should a draft recommendation be made by the Committee to full Council, to establish a Parish Council for Macclesfield.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Taking into account the feedback from the consultation, to determine the next steps of the Review.
- 2.2 Should the Committee's recommendation be to proceed with the establishment of a parish council for Macclesfield, then the Committee's recommendation to Council should include:
- a) What new parish or parishes (if any) should be constituted;
  - b) The name of the new parish;
  - c) Whether the parish should have a parish council;
  - d) Whether or not the parish council should have an alternative style (e.g. community, neighbourhood, village – which enables the parish council to be called by this name – but which would preclude the parish deciding to call itself a town council in the future);
  - e) What electoral arrangements should apply – (e.g. number of councillors and warding arrangements);

f) That Council grant delegated powers (to the Constitution Committee) to finally determine the outcome of the Community Governance Review, including all necessary powers to make the Reorganisation Order, and to decide all of those matters referred to in paragraph 10.5 of this report; and

g) That the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee continue to assist the Constitution Committee in respect of the working of the Community Governance Review as and when needed and particularly with reference to paragraph 10.8 of this report.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

3.1 The Review has now concluded two stages of public consultation and consideration now needs to be given to the next steps of the Review.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

4.1 Wards covering the unparished area of Macclesfield

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

5.1 As above.

### **6.0 Policy Implications**

6.1 None identified.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

7.1 As per the attached report to the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee on 7 October 2014.

### **8.0 Legal Implications**

8.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ('the Act') devolves the power to take decisions about matters such as the creation of parishes and their electoral arrangements to local government and local communities.

8.2 The Act provides for a principal council (in this case, Cheshire East Council) to carry out a community governance review at any time, as well as providing for certain circumstances in which a review must be carried out. The Act further allows principal councils to determine the terms of reference of a community governance review.

8.3 The Act requires consultation with local government electors in the area under review and others whom appear to the principal council to have an interest in the review.

8.4 Statutory Guidance is available on community governance reviews and must be followed by principal councils.

8.5 Consultation has been undertaken in respect of this proposal. The general principles that must be followed when consulting are well established:

- The consultation must be at a time when proposals are still at a formative stage.
- Consultation documents must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to enable intelligent consideration and response.
- Adequate time must be given for consideration and response.
- The product of consultation must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising any proposals

8.6 Whilst the Committee will only make recommendations and is therefore not the decision maker it is nevertheless important that the Committee is aware of the consultation results and takes them into account when considering this matter.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

9.1 As per the attached report to the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee on 7 October 2014.

## **10.0 Background and Options**

### **10.1 Legal Duties**

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places duties upon the Council with regard to the next stages of the Community Governance Review as follows:

- a) The Council must make recommendations;
- b) The recommendations must be published;
- c) The Council must take sufficient steps to ensure that persons interested are informed of those recommendations;
- d) The final decision must be published.

### **10.2 The Next Steps**

Following the consultation exercise, the Committee must now decide how the Community Governance Review should proceed. In order to do this, the product of the consultation exercise must be fully considered (see attached report to the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee on 7 October 2014). Whilst various options are open to the Committee, in terms of its recommendations, this report provides details of the steps which would be required to be taken should the Council decide to create a parish council for Macclesfield.

**10.3 If the Council decides to create a Parish Council for Macclesfield, the “recommendations” must include:**

- e) What new parish or parishes (if any) should be constituted;
- f) The name of the new parish;
- g) Whether the parish should have a parish council;
- h) Whether or not the parish council should have an alternative style (e.g. community, neighbourhood, village – this would enable the parish council to be called by this name – but would preclude the parish deciding to call itself a town council in the future).
- i) What electoral arrangements should apply – (e.g. number of councillors and warding arrangements).

**10.4 The Final Decision**

Having published / informed interested persons of the Council’s draft recommendations, the Council must then decide to what extent to give effect to the recommendations. The final decision is then made and published, and the Secretary of State and Electoral Commission informed.

**10.5 The Reorganisation Order**

A Reorganisation Order is required to bring the arrangements into effect. This is a sealed legal document. A Reorganisation Order comes into effect on 1 April in any year that it is made and includes:

- a) The date of effect – i.e. 1 April 2015;
- b) The date of the first elections and elections thereafter;
- c) The term of office of the Councillors;
- d) A map of the area;
- e) The name of the parish (which cannot be called a “Town” at this stage);
- f) The wards of the parish – and the Councillors to be elected for each ward;
- g) Provision for the annual meeting to be convened;
- h) The calculation of budget requirement for the first year;
- i) The transfer of property, rights and liabilities

**10.6 Options for the number of Parish Councillors**

In reaching a decision on the number of Councillors, the Council needs to ensure electoral equality. The best way to achieve this is to use the existing Borough Wards and ward boundaries. The following suggests the way in which this could be done:

Broken Cross and Upton	- 2 Borough Members	(6932 electors)
Macclesfield Central	- 2 Borough Members	(6529 electors)
Macclesfield East	- 1 Borough Member	(3582 electors)
Macclesfield Hurdsfield	- 1 Borough Member	(3487 electors)
Macclesfield South	- 2 Borough Members	(5891 electors)
Macclesfield Tytherington	- 2 Borough Members	(7149 electors)
Macclesfield West and Ivy	- 2 Borough Members	(6355 electors)

By using the Borough wards as the building blocks for a parish council, one option would be for the parish council to comprise the above wards with a total of 12 Members. An alternative option would be to multiply the number of members for each of the wards by two giving a total of 24 members.

### **10.7 Arrangements for Elections**

A date for the election of parish councillors would need to be included in the Reorganisation Order. If a decision is made for elections to be held on 7 May 2015, then the term of office for all councillors would be 4 years; and elections for all seats will then be held on the ordinary date for parish elections every four years thereafter;

Should a date later than 7 May 2015 be determined, then the term of office of the parish councillors would be curtailed to co-incide with the ordinary day of election in four year's time.

If elections were held on 7 May 2015, the cost of the elections would be absorbed by Cheshire East Council. If elections were held at later date, then the budget provision for the first year of operation (which must be specified in the Reorganisation Order) would need to be calculated to reflect this cost.

### **10.8 Practical Considerations for the decision making process**

- The Council is required to agree the draft recommendations and then the final decision (which is a function of the full council, unless delegated powers are given) ;
- Decisions are needed by the Committee to determine the detail to be included in the draft recommendation (as outlined in paragraph 10.2 above)
- To bring the Reorganisation Order into effect on 1 April 2015 – the final decision needs to be made by the end of February to co-incide with the budget setting process. There is a scheduled Council meeting on 26 February 2015. Alternatively the full council could determine to grant

delegated powers for the final decision to be made by the Constitution Committee.

- Further work will be urgently required by the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee, to recommend assets to be transferred, and to determine the budget requirement for the first year of operation (both of which must be detailed in the Reorganisation Order).

**10.9 Draft Timetable**

A suggested timescale (to accommodate a Reorganisation Order being made on 1 April 2015) and which would enable elections to be held on 7 May 2015 is set out below:

Meeting	Date	Decision Required / Action
Constitution Committee	19 November 2014	<p>To make a recommendation to Council, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What new parish should be constituted;</li> <li>b) The name of the new parish;</li> <li>c) Whether the parish should have a parish council;</li> <li>d) Whether or not the parish council should have an alternative style (e.g. community, neighbourhood, village – which enables the parish council to be called by this name – but precludes the parish deciding to call itself a town council in the future).</li> <li>e) What electoral arrangements should apply – (e.g. number of councillors and warding arrangements).</li> </ul>

Meeting	Date	Decision Required / Action
Council	11 December 2014	Council makes recommendation (as legally defined) and delegates power to the Constitution Committee in respect of the final decision
	December / January 2015	Legal requirement fulfilled to publish the recommendation and to notify those with an interest in the review
	December / January 2015	Work proceeds (via the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee) – to recommend assets to be transferred, and to determine the budget requirement for the first year of operation (both of which must be detailed in the Reorganisation Order).
	Early February 2015	Draft Reorganisation Order prepared
Council / Constitution Committee	26 February 2015	Final Decision Made (Or delegated authority given by Council to the Constitution Committee for the final decision to be made)  Detail of Reorganisation Order agreed
	End February 2015	Decision Published and Secretary of State & Electoral Commission informed  Order sealed by Head of Legal Services and Borough Solicitor
	1 April 2015	Order takes effect
	7 May 2015	Elections held

### 11.0 Access to Information

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

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# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Community Governance Review Sub Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 7 October 2014  
**Report of:** Head of Governance and Democratic Services  
**Subject/Title:** Macclesfield Community Governance Review

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Macclesfield Community Governance Review commenced in June 2013 with the Community Governance Review Sub Committee leading the review under powers delegated to it by the Constitution Committee. This report provides Members with an outline of the process followed in respect of this Review. It is based upon statutory guidance: "Guidance on Community Governance Reviews" issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Electoral Commission.
- 1.2 The first stage of consultation was conducted in June/ July 2013 and consisted of consultation with stakeholders and the public. The consultation focussed upon 7 different options (no change; Parish/ Town Council(s); Community Forums; Community Development Trusts; Neighbourhood Management; Residents' and Tenants' Organisations and Community Associations). Local organisations, (including businesses, political and religious organisations, and community groups) were contacted by letter and invited to express their views. 8 public meetings were held in each of the Borough wards, which were attended by 114 people out of a possible electorate of 39,750 (i.e. 0.3%). Publicity for the first stage of consultation included press releases to local press and media, a public notice in the Macclesfield Express, exhibition boards at the Town Hall and distribution of information on several days within the Grosvenor Centre. A consultation feedback form was made available in hard copy and electronic formats. Information was provided on the website and in various local newsletters. Flyers and public notices were widely distributed with assistance from local ward members, the Town Centre Manager and the Local Area Partnership Team.
- 1.3 92 responses to the stage 1 consultation were received (0.24% of the total electorate). Of these responses 68 expressed an opinion on the 7 proposed options. 44 people expressed a wish to see a Town Council; 10 people expressed a wish to see multiple parish councils; and 4 people wished to see no change.
- 1.4 On the basis of the feedback received from the Stage 1 consultation, the Sub Committee agreed that the second stage of consultation should be in respect of the options of Parishing, and an Enhanced Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee. The proposal for an Enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee stemmed from discussions at the various public meetings held

during the first stage of consultation. In terms of the option for Parishing, this was put forward for further consideration, as some level of support had been demonstrated for one or more parish councils to be created. The Sub Committee considered the communities and interests in Macclesfield, and subsequently agreed that electors in each ward should be given the opportunity to consider whether they wished to see a Single Parish / Town council created for the whole of Macclesfield, or a parish council based on their Borough Ward boundary; in addition to the option for an Enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee. This approach was endorsed by the Constitution Committee on 1 May 2014.

- 1.5 The second stage of consultation took place from 2 June to 28 July 2014.
- 1.6 A public notice was issued in the press at the start of the consultation period, and information about the Review was provided on the Council's website with a direct link from the front page. Copies of a more detailed 15 paged explanatory leaflet were also made available at Macclesfield Town Hall and at Macclesfield Library. A telephone point of contact was provided in the literature posted to all electors to assist with any queries. A4 notices to publicise the next stage of the Review were distributed locally with the assistance from the Town Centre Manager and copies were sent to local ward Councillors for their information.
- 1.7 All local government electors in the area, and all 16 and 17 year olds on the electoral register were sent a postal voting paper, and a four paged summary leaflet. Electors, and any person with an interest in the Review, were also able to submit written representations, by post or email during this period.
- 1.8 The results of the voting and representations received during this second stage of consultation are attached to this report (**Appendices A and B**). 6448 electors responded by returning their voting papers (16.15% of the electorate). 35 written representations were received.
- 1.9 The representations and feedback received from the Stage 1 Consultation were previously considered by the Sub Committee at meetings held on 15 August and 16 October 2013. A summary is attached (**Appendix C**). Copies of the individual representations received during the Stage 1 consultation are available for public inspection upon request. Copies are also deposited in the Members' Rooms at Westfields, Sandbach and at the Town Hall, Macclesfield.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Sub Committee is requested to consider the feedback received from the consultation and to make a recommendation to the Constitution Committee regarding the next steps of the Review.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

3.1.1 The Review has now concluded two stages of public consultation and consideration now needs to be given to the next steps of the Review.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

4.1 Wards covering the unparished area of Macclesfield.

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

5.1 As Above.

### **6.0 Policy Implications**

6.1 None identified.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

6.1 The cost associated with conducting the Community Governance Review will be required to be met from existing budgetary resources within Governance and Democratic Services.

### **7.0 Legal Implications**

7.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ('the Act') devolves the power to take decisions about matters such as the creation of parishes and their electoral arrangements to local government and local communities.

7.2 The Act provides for a principal council (in this case, Cheshire East Council) to carry out a community governance review at any time, as well as providing for certain circumstances in which a review must be carried out. The Act further allows principal councils to determine the terms of reference of a community governance review.

7.3 The Act requires consultation with local government electors in the area under review and others whom appear to the principal council to have an interest in the review.

7.4 Statutory Guidance is available on community governance reviews and must be followed by principal councils.

7.5 Consultation has been undertaken in respect of this proposal. The general principles that must be followed when consulting are well established:

- The consultation must be at a time when proposals are still at a formative stage.
- Consultation documents must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to enable intelligent consideration and response.

- Adequate time must be given for consideration and response.
- The product of consultation must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising any proposals

8.2 Whilst the Committee will only make recommendations and is therefore not the decision maker it is nevertheless important that the Committee is aware of the consultation results and takes them into account when considering this matter.

## **8.0 Risk Management**

8.1 The review has been conducted with due regard to the Government's Guidance on the conduct of Community Governance Reviews.

## **9.0 Background and Options**

9.1.1 There is a statutory requirement to consult local government electors in the area under review as part of any Community Government Review conducted, together with others with an interest in the Review. The Sub Committee therefore agreed to consult all electors in the unparished area of Macclesfield, for the second stage of consultation, by sending out a voting paper, based upon the options explained above. As emphasised in the report to the Constitution Committee on 1 May, the results of the consultation with electors should be treated as an advisory poll. This is purely a means of consultation, which should be considered along side other views and opinions received and evidence collected, having regard to the statutory key criteria:

*- that community governance in the area will be "reflective of the identities;*

*and*

*- that interests of the community in the area" and will be "effective and convenient".*

9.2 Key considerations in meeting the criteria as part of the Community Governance Review include:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion
- The size, population and boundaries of a local community Parishes should reflect distinctive and recognisable communities of interest with their own sense of identity
- The degree to which the proposals offer a sense of place and identity for all residents
- The ability to deliver quality services economically and efficiently providing users with a democratic voice
- The degree to which proposals would be viable in terms of a unit of local government providing at least some local services that are convenient, easy to reach and accessible to local people.

## 10.0 Access to Information

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

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Designation: Registration Service and Business Manager

Tel No: 01270 686477

Email: [lindsey.parton@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:lindsey.parton@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

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Ward Name	Total Number of electors	Total Number Voting	Total % voting
Broken Cross and Upton	6,932	1156	16.68%
Central	6,529	853	13.06%
East	3,582	594	16.58%
Hurdsfield	3,487	478	13.71%
South	5,891	848	14.39%
Tytherington	7,149	1473	20.60%
West and Ivy	6,355	1046	16.46%
Total	39,925	6448	16.15%

Number Voted for LSD	% Voted for LSD
320	4.62%
185	2.83%
93	2.60%
94	2.70%
194	3.29%
329	4.60%
234	3.68%
1449	3.63%

Number Voted for Parishing	% Voted for Parishing
821	11.84%
658	10.08%
492	13.74%
376	10.78%
634	10.76%
1122	15.69%
804	12.65%
4907	12.29%

Number Voting for Town Council	% Voting for Town Council
578	8.34%
490	7.50%
380	10.61%
208	5.97%
503	8.54%
664	9.29%
606	9.54%
3429	8.59%

Number Voting for Parish by Ward	% Voting for Parish by Ward
243	3.51%
168	2.57%
112	3.13%
168	4.82%
131	2.22%
458	6.41%
198	3.12%
1478	3.70%

Number of Invalids (including Spoils)	% Invalids (including Spoils)
15	0.22%
10	0.15%
9	0.25%
8	0.23%
20	0.34%
22	0.31%
8	0.13%
92	0.23%

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**MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW      Appendix B**

**STAGE 2 CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

	Name	Comments on Options	No Change/ Maintain Status Quo	Single Town Council	Parish by Ward	Enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee
1	Andrew Wilson			✓		
2	John Knight			✓		
3	Peter Mannion	No view expressed				
4	Chris Differing		✓			
5	Tim Andrew		✓			
6	Richard Gamwell		✓			
7	Robert Hanson	Should seek to save costs				
8	David Hamer	No view expressed				
9	Liz Braithwaite	No view expressed				
10	Liz Braithwaite	No view expressed				
11	Liz Braithwaite	Complaint				
12	Liz Braithwaite	No View expressed				
13	Margaret Stone	General comments				
14	David Woolliscroft	Would support Town Council option as second preference but not an ELSDC			✓	
15	Jonathan Wilkinson		✓			
16	Peter Nash			✓		
17	Harry Hodgkinson		✓			
18	John Goodsall		✓			

	Name	Comments on Options	No Change/ Maintain Status Quo	Single Town Council	Parish by Ward	Enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee
19	Chris Foster		✓			
20	Ray Perry			✓		
21	Laura Jones	Supports a Town Council including "greater Macclesfield" e.g. Sutton / Langleley etc		✓		
22	Graham Childs			✓		
23	Macclesfield Civic Society			✓		
24	Rita Ledger		✓			
25	David Wood	General comments				
26	Louise Congdon	Opposes the creation of parish councils				
27	Richard Watson			✓		
28	Carol Bowers	Outcome should achieve efficient services				
29	B Denerly		✓			
30	S Walmsley		✓			
31	D Collorick		✓			
32	Calvin Beck	Macclesfield would benefit from Parishing			Parishing supported (Note: No hard copy attached)	✓
33	Denis Ridyard					
34	Letter to D Rutley MP from John Perkins		✓			
35	Letter to D Rutley MP from Malcolm Wright		✓			

**Summary of 35 Responses received:**

No Change/ Maintain Status Quo	-	13
Single Town Council	-	8
Parish by Ward	-	1
Parishing Supported	-	1
Creation of Parishes opposed	-	1
Enhanced LSDC	-	1
No view expressed on Options	-	10



**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Andrew Wilson  
**Sent:** 20 May 2014 21:30  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Macclesfield Governance

I look forward to your proposals and urge you to recommend "Parishing" with a single town council to cover the unparished area. Not only will this make us consistent with the rest of the county, it is undoubtedly what the vast majority of people want. "Surely it's obvious" they say.

yours  
Andrew Wilson, Macclesfield

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** John Knight  
**Sent:** 23 June 2014 10:45  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Re: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

*Sorry - I omitted my address earlier;*

A Town Council for Macclesfield or a parish council for each ward?

Macclesfield is a recognised community - an ancient Cheshire borough, in fact. Residents by and large identify with the town itself, rather than with a local district - in fact, many areas of the town are not known by any name other than "Macclesfield".

While the town has a clear identity, with a recognised boundary, the same can not be said of its component wards. While Hurdsfield ward may largely correspond to a clearly-identified community, Tytherington ward includes large areas on the other side of the River Bollin, Broken Cross & Upton and West & Ivy each encompass at least two very disparate communities, while the rest (Central, South and East) are merely geographical divisions of the town itself.

Furthermore, wards change whenever a boundary review is needed to make allowances for shifting populations. So ward-based parishes would need to be reformed with every boundary review, which could mean some drastic changes if all the new housebuilding envisioned in the Local Plan goes ahead.

The town of Macclesfield needs a voice, which it has not had since 1974 (councillors from the town comprised only a minority on Macclesfield Borough Council, which also included Bollington, Poynton, Prestbury, Wilmslow & Knutsford, as well as many smaller communities). Matters such as town centre development and preserving the green belt concern the town as a whole.

The argument that smaller parish councils would mean a smaller precept (additional Council Tax) does not hold water; across Cheshire East, there is no correlation between population & precept. Crewe (with 36,000 electors) charges £28.86 and Wilmslow (19,088) charges £21.45, while Nantwich (11,453) charges a whopping £89.74, and Alderley Edge charges each of its 3693 electors £46.27.

Alternatively, Cheshire East Council is offering Macclesfield a "Enhanced Service Delivery Committee". When every other community in the borough has an elected local council to make decisions locally, and to represent them on important matters such as planning applications and highways, why should Macclesfield settle for less? Is our town not worthy of democracy? Could it be that Cheshire East Conservatives are worried that - like Crewe - Macclesfield may not give their party a majority?

John Knight  
Convenor, Cheshire East Green Party  
20 Fountain Street, Macclesfield SK10 1JN

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** peter mannion  
**Sent:** 07 July 2014 13:40  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** parish councils

I have just received a voting slip re the above. I once rang the town hall saying I would like to stand for mayor, oh only current councillors can stand i was told. Well would not the parish council just be the same people as are already councillors. why not say you can only sit on ONE council. and the Macclesfield Mayor can be one of the people of Macc not a councillor who might be from crewe.

Pete Mannion.

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** chris differing  
**Sent:** 07 July 2014 13:50  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

196 Oxford Road  
Macclesfield  
01625 43340

7th July 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,  
RE : MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Whilst a fragmented (more parish councils) might, on the face of it, give more detailed representation to the various 'pockets' of Macclesfield, I would not be in favour of such a proposal.

1. Having lived in France for 12 years, it was apparent that the many 'communes' were constantly fighting for representation, and funding, resulting in, largely, in-fighting and subsequent inaction...
2. In light of 1. (above) the financial implications may not justify the generosity of the offer.
3. Macclesfield is hardly Greater London, so fragmenting feedback to Cheshire East Council would, in my opinion, only serve 'NIMBY' interests...and, not least, too many individual opinions/preferences at odds with mainstream views.

Please continue to maintain an overall, generalised, pragmatic view on Council matters, and reject any proposals for change for change's sake.

By the same token, you are to be congratulated on the current general appearance and integrated operations within Macclesfield as a whole; which also seems to negate the need for a single Parish Council to be introduced.

In light of all the above - please maintain the status quo.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Differing.



**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Tim Andrew  
**Sent:** 07 July 2014 17:45  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Sirs,

I have today received and returned my voting form for the Macclesfield Community Governance Review. I did so with a complete lack of enthusiasm, as none of the three options reflected my wishes. This is sadly typical of the state of democracy in Britain at a local and national level: we are offered a limited range of options, none of which seem at all likely to address satisfactorily our main concerns. This has, in turn, led to the sense of detachment from the political process that is reflected in very low polling figures in local and national elections.

The three options offered in your Review will each cost more than current arrangements, but none will provide significantly increased local democracy in the most important areas. For me, as for many in Macclesfield, the major areas of concern are planning, traffic congestion and dangerously neglected roads, and the decline of the town centre. It is difficult to believe that any of the options in the Review would have significant impact in these areas: instead, we would be left at the mercy of Cheshire East, which has so far signally failed to impress.

Yours faithfully,

Timothy Andrew

278, Peter Street,  
Macclesfield, SK11 8EX

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Richard Gamwell  
**Sent:** 07 July 2014 21:09  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Macclesfield Community Governance Review - Voting paper for electors

Hi there!

Where's the "NO" or "NO CHANGE" vote option(s)??

As it is there is no choice, we get unwanted extra governance, in one form or other, at extra cost.

As I see it, if we do not vote it will not be counted, if we mark the paper No - it will not be counted - not very democratic.

Seems like only a few years ago we had a Borough of Macclesfield which was disbanded to form part of Cheshire East - based on this being the answer to all our local authority governance requirements and big was cost effective!

Why does an "existing" Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee need more money for the so called "enhanced" list of functions it "could" deliver - if it's not doing these now, what is it doing?

Or is this a cover for an increase in council tax by the back door to side step national government rules on council tax increases?

Looks like your out to wangle about a 5% council tax increase for no benefit to the locals.

You need to be reducing council tax not increasing it!

In your VOTE NOW! leaflet you ask three key questions:

It's NO, NO, NO, in my opinion, but no opportunity to say so!!!

What a waste - it all goes in the bin - contents of which presently get collected fortnightly - but for how much longer?

Regards.

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** R Hanson  
**Sent:** 08 July 2014 17:29  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Macclesfield Community Review

Sirs,

I have read with some interest the pamphlet on the above topic and would ask you to be a little clearer on the question of cost:

Under the two options put forward you advise of possible costs to residents of £5.52, £89.74, £25 or £19 plus £1.42 per year dependent of where the service was being performed and which of the two options was chosen.

What you do not clarify is the multiple of these sums. Is the charge per PTC, per household or per individual in the community?

As a retired qualified accountant with wide practical experience in the private sector both here and overseas I recommend that rather than entertaining schemes which will impose a greater financial burden on the ratepayer you should seek to save costs.

I await your reply.

Robert Hanson 01625 615691

Sent from my iPad

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** PARTON, Lindsey  
**Sent:** 09 July 2014 10:38  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** FW: Vote Now! ...What?

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**From:** David Hamer  
**Sent:** 08 July 2014 13:40  
**To:** PARTON, Lindsey  
**Subject:** Vote Now! ...What?

I spoke with one of your helpdesk operators this morning.

I was working at a client's house in Macclesfield yesterday, she showed me the mailing that she had had through and asked me if I knew anything about it? I scan read it and said no. She read it, said she couldn't make head nor tail of it, and put it to one side.

This morning I got the same mailing. I sat down, read it and came to a similar conclusion.

Can you advise me what previous presentation of information there has been on the subject of governance review, directly as an elector or otherwise in the press.

I am bemused that I should receive a complex leaflet with in some cases detailed information and jargon and in some areas vague 'arguments' without being aware of the governance issue previously.

Kind regards,

David Hamer  
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**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** PARTON, Lindsey  
**Sent:** 09 July 2014 10:38  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** FW: CHALC meetings

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**From:** !  
**Sent:** 08 July 2014 19:24  
**To:** PARTON, Lindsey  
**Subject:** CHALC meetings

Hi Lindsey,

Councillor Jackson advised me, when I contacted her about the Macclesfield Governance review, that there are open meetings on Wednesday 16th run by CHALC. I can't find any reference to these meetings on the Cheshire East website as of 19:00 on July 8th 2014, could you please advise as to where it is located? Also, given the short timescale before 'Stage 2 consultation' ends, could you give some prominence to these meetings, preferably on the 'Home' page but at the very least on the 'Consultation' page where the info about the faux vote is displayed.

Could you also treat this as feedback for the purposes of the review.

Regards, Liz Braithwaite 3 Drummers Keep SK11 8HH

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 July 2014 15:55  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Cc:** JACKSON, Janet (Councillor)  
**Subject:** Lack of information on open meetings for Local Governance

I wish to register three issues with the CHALC meetings that are to be held as part of Stage 2 consultation process for the Macclesfield Local Governance review.

1. There is no reference to the open meetings to be run by CHALC on July 16th on the Cheshire East website. This is not acceptable.
2. Of even more concern is that the desk staff at the council office do not have this information (I went in this morning)
3. The timing of the meetings is after the 'ballot' papers have been sent out, when all information/questions should be available before this in order that people can make an informed choice. I accept that the meetings are mentioned in today's Macc Express, again this is well after people have received 'ballot' papers, as I have said in previous feedback the paper has a relatively low circulation.

I will provide further feedback after the MiM meeting on Friday.

Regards, Liz Braithwaite (3 Drummers Keep SK11 8HH)

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18 JUL 2014

# Customer Feedback Form

Name: LIZ BRAITHWAITE

Address: 3 DRUMMERS KEEP  
BARRACKS SQUARE  
MACCLESFIELD SK11 8HH

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Subject: LOCAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Is this a :  Compliment  Suggestion  Complaint (Tick box)

Please give details of your compliment, suggestion or complaint:

CEC HAS NOT PUBLISHED DETAILS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON JULY 16TH 2014 AS PART OF THE STAGE 2 CONSULTATION ON THE WEBSITE, NOR HAS IT PROVIDED MACCLESFIELD TOWN HALL STAFF (FRONT DESK) WITH THIS INFORMATION. THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING FEEDBACK.  
(CONTINUED ON SEPARATE SHEET)

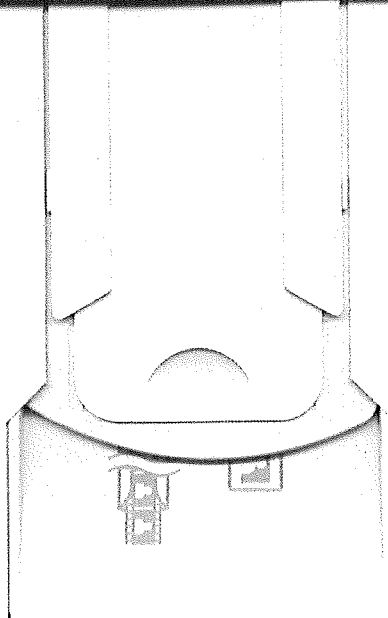
How would you prefer to be contacted in relation to this matter:

Telephone  Email  In writing (Tick box)

Have you contacted the Council before on this matter:  Yes  No (Tick box)

Signature: *L Braithwaite*

Date: 16/7/2014



## CUSTOMER COMPLAINT (CONTINUED)

Although the details have been published in the Macclesfield Express this is not an efficient or accurate way of communicating with those directly affected by the review. I.E. The Macclesfield Express has a weekly circulation of @10,000 (official figures from the abc Regional Publications circulation certificate)

The stated target area for sales extends beyond the areas directly affected by the review e.g. Bollington, Poynton, Prestbury etc. etc.

Using CEC's figures on electors per ward I estimate that the number of electors in the Macclesfield Express target area is

@ 71,400 (@ 31,000 of whom are outside the review area).

Therefore the chances of an elector buying a Macclesfield Express are < 1 in 7, with no way of knowing whether they live in ~~an~~ the area affected by the review.

I have raised this also by reviewing the <sup>community governance</sup> web page and had an email dated 10th July 2014 stating that the Web Team (Nikebi) would contact Lindsey (Panton) to ask for the information so that they could add it to the website. As of today this hasn't happened. I ~~also~~ also telephoned CHALC on Friday 11th July to ask why the meetings were not publicised on the CEC website, they were also going to contact CEC. There is nothing on CHALC's own website on this issue either.

The only time I have heard the meetings publicised was at the Mill business breakfast, again a small, untargetted audience.

In summary I feel that this is an unacceptable way to run a consultation, at best it is shoddy and at worst a deliberate attempt to withhold information.

I will be providing feedback on the review separately, this issue is about the open meetings.

Signed - E.Abrahamson 16th July 2014



**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 22 July 2014 23:12  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Feedback on Macclesfield Community Governance Review  
**Attachments:** Feedback for Stage 2 Macclesfield Community Governance Review.docx

Please find attached feedback on the latest stage of the review. I also wish my complaint dated 16/7/2014, deposited at Macclesfield Town Hall, to be included as feedback.

Regards, Liz Braithwaite (3 Drummers Keep SK11 8HH)



Views on Stage 2 of the Macclesfield Community Governance Review.

From Liz Braithwaite 3 Drummers Keep Macclesfield SK11 8HH.

Please note that I have provided some email feedback already. I have also registered a complaint in writing, dated 16/7/2014 on a Customer Feedback Form, on the lack of publicity surrounding the CHALC open meetings and the failure of the review team to put the details on CEC's website despite requests from myself and CHALC. I wish this complaint to be included as feedback to the consultation.

Some of the views require an answer please.

So, where to start? I guess with the voting paper that to all intents and purposes looked like a vote on the final outcome. The accompanying literature did not mention anywhere that it was part of Stage 2 of the consultation. The summary of 'main differences between a Single Parish/Town council and 7 smaller parish councils' is biased in the extreme, particularly the last section on precepts that states that those of us living in the Town centre may effectively subsidise other areas. In my view this is an attempt to influence the outcome without concrete information to back up the statements made. In fact the whole leaflet is littered with 'it is likely', 'may', 'would most likely', 'could', 'potential to be able'. How can anyone make an informed decision on this basis?

Re. Option 2, the leaflet description of the role of the LSDC does not match that on CEC's website i.e.

To make representations to Cabinet and Council about the delivery of local services in the area and to monitor local services where a town or parish council acting under local devolution arrangements would have been expected to do so (but not otherwise).

Saying that you can enhance a committee that has only met once this year and has no further meetings scheduled is disingenuous. Also, as it cannot have assets transferred to it where will they be transferred to? (ref. the option on advising on preparatory measures for the devolution and transfer of assets). Minutes from the 26 Nov 2013 meeting show that unless the terms of reference for an ELSDC are guaranteed then being a council consultee on planning is impossible:

**"30 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

The Head of Governance and Democratic Services reported to the meeting that he had been informed of the intention of a member of the public to address the Committee upon concerns relating to the Local Plan.

In anticipation of this, he advised the Committee, and members of the public present at the meeting, that the terms of reference of the Committee did not permit it to formally deal with Local Plan matters.

He further advised that, whilst members of the public may have attended the meeting in anticipation of being able to speak about Local Plan issues, and whilst the Committee might be interested to hear what they might have to say, such

representations would not be formally recorded, nor would they be regarded as being submitted or made as part of the Local Plan process.”

Without any terms of reference for an ELSDC it is impossible to make an informed decision.

The voting papers arrived before any publicity and well before the aforementioned CHALC open meetings. The timing of the open meetings was at the request of CEC, according to the CHALC presenter. The lack of publicity (even the Town Hall staff knew nothing about them) is not conducive to an effective consultation and could be viewed as an attempt to discourage participation. Compare this to the presentation that CEC officers gave to the Make it Macclesfield business breakfast, where the attendees were given a less than complete version of Stage 1 of the consultation, and were positively encouraged to give feedback. Given that CEC has a relationship with MiM I question whether this is ethical?

The voting paper itself was confusing, you ignored previous feedback on how to simplify it into a single question vote.

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**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Margaret Stone  
**Sent:** 13 July 2014 11:21  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Review 2014

Hello

I have lived in Macclesfield for two years only so am still a newcomer but I am interested in what happens here.

In my view there are two main issues, 1 cars and parking and 2 street cleaning, bins etc.

I really approve of the double yellow lines on Prestbury Road near the Crematorium as there was always a blockage there and the traffic now flows freely but the whole issue of parking needs to be addressed especially with so much on road parking. The terrace house is a good unit but has the draw back of parking. In Abram, Wigan, they have "lost" a couple of houses in a row and created off road parking for residents and limited visitor access and it works really well. I realise that this may not be possible but does show some lateral thinking.

Parking for the town's employees needs to be considered and kept away from residential streets eg. the streets around the MADS theatre where there is adequate space at weekends for residents so the week time chaos must be working people parking there.

The Macclesfield system of waste management is really good and the recycling levels are high and something to be proud of, but the sight of rows of bins on the pavement is not. It is difficult to get pushchairs or wheelchairs past these bins, it can mean going out onto the road. Along with the bins is the issue of street cleaning, leaf clearing and hedge cutting, all important for pedestrian safety and the look of the place.

If these issues could be addressed it would make Macclesfield an even more attractive place to live.

Thank you

Margaret Stone (Mrs)  
14 Barracks Square  
SK11 8HF

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** David Woolliscroft ]  
**Sent:** 13 July 2014 14:29  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Parishing Macclesfield

I have reviewed your options for a second tier of local government. Whilst voting for small parish council (Broken Cross/Upton) I would be content with a single Macclesfield wide Council. What is entirely inappropriate is a sub-set of CEC - unelected, unaccountable and unacceptable.

Since the behemoth of CEC was formed, tiny villages have had second tier representation – Henbury, Marton, North Rode etc and yet the large population of Macclesfield has had to rely on remote, elected representative who are largely far too busy on important CEC things to pay real attention to local issues in Macc.

It really isn't rocket science and I have always been surprised that there has been little visible effort to introduce a Macc Town Council – no doubt somebody has been busy but the overall effect has not been very visible.

Of course there is a cost – but there are central requirements (such as insurance) which really should be carried centrally – there is surely no need for parish councils to carry expensive insurance cover; admin costs could be kept to a minimum by using a volunteer clerk – too much of the cost of a parish council is the clerk salary;

Over to you

David Woolliscroft  
116 Prestbury Road  
Macclesfield  
SK10 3BN

01625 420142

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** JONATHAN WILKINSON  
**Sent:** 14 July 2014 15:58  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Sir,

I have recently received a voting paper in connection with the above but as the only options provided involve spending more taxpayers' money I am unable to vote. To allow for a democratic choice the Council should have given me the chance to vote for the status quo.

When the merger of Macclesfield with other authorities to form Cheshire East was "sold" to residents it was to be more cost effective without loss of democracy. Why should ratepayers now have to contribute upwards of £25 per year to be properly represented when I have a Councillor who should already be doing that?

Then there is the proposal that Macclesfield should pay for services that principally benefit Macclesfield Town residents. Again, the formation of Cheshire East was supposed to be about pooling of resources and at the time any suggestions that any part of the Council area would receive a different level of service were strongly refuted. What has changed?

All in all this appears to me to be a way for the Council to increase Council Tax by stealth whilst claiming that the "headline" payment has not changed.

Please accept this as my vote for "none of the above".

Yours faithfully,  
Jonathan Wilkinson

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Peter Nash  
**Sent:** 21 July 2014 18:25  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Community Governance Review - Macclesfield

Sir

Having read your leaflet "Do you want more say in Macclesfield?" and having given the matter much thought I have come to the conclusion that Macclesfield should have a Town Council.

The enhanced local service delivery committee (ELSDC) might have more powers than the existing local service delivery committee (LSDC) but these are unspecified and I am told that although a cross-party group of LSDC members did propose some terms of reference and more powers for such a body a while ago, the proposal they tabled was rejected by Cheshire East Council's Governance Committee. This option is therefore shrouded in doubt. Aside from this uncertainty, CEBC would remain legally responsible for any acts or omissions committed by an enhanced LSDC and good governance would dictate that it retained close oversight and a potential veto, resulting in more costly and more bureaucratic administration. There would also inevitably be times when the ELSDC might propose a particular course of action which would not find favour with CEBC given the latter's wider brief for the whole Borough and its need to programme its activities for the greater good of the whole Borough. I further understand that the LSDC has not met for over six months, suggesting that it is currently an ineffective body.

The proposal for 7 parishes in Macclesfield makes no sense at all given the homogeneous nature of the town and the fact that many of the facilities/services which might be provided locally are only situated in one of the 7 wards - and particularly Macclesfield Central which includes the town centre. Aside from the additional expense of having to employ 7 parish clerks, it would be necessary for the Parish Councils to continually meet together to discuss what should happen to, and who should fund, any given initiative or service. This is a recipe for delay, inefficiency and potential conflict. The number of councillors needed would also be excessive under this option. Nor is it clear whether there would be one Mayor or seven (or indeed 1 Mayor for Macclesfield Central and 6 Chairmen for the other parishes).

So far as I can judge, there would be a cost to the residents, whichever option is taken - since Macclesfield gains currently at the expense of the rest of Cheshire East which is parished. The 7 parish option is likely to be most expensive given its duplicated administration and the ELSDC option would appear to be the next most expensive, given it will be dependent on (and have to pay for) the Cheshire East procurement regime. Further, for the reasons stated above, the ELSDC would have to be carefully monitored by CEBC and this duplication will inevitably both create cost and implementation delay. A properly and efficiently run Town Council on the other hand should be able to act in the most cost effective manner - and should it not do so, then its electors can replace it through the ballot box if they so chose.

A Town Council therefore appears to be the best, most democratic and most efficient option. It would be a body with which all Macclesfield residents could identify and it could act on behalf of the whole town in those matters for which it had responsibility. It would also be able to express clear views on behalf of the whole town to Cheshire East Borough Council and other agencies which might have responsibilities for matters or services which might directly affect the town. In short, one Town Council would enable the



town to act with one voice and channel its energies into those matters which the town's residents regard to be a priority.

I hope my views can be added to those which are being expressed in this consultation.

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Regards

Peter Nash

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M: 0758 369 2889

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Harry Hodkinson  
**Sent:** 23 July 2014 00:17  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Re: Vote options for Governance review

The Only 2 options available will cost the rate payers extra money at a time when this can be ill afforded.

There should have been an option offering no change. We already pay for one council in Crewe, there is no justification for raising a levy on the ratepayers for an additional layer of local government. Sums suggested are not backed up by any facts, they are examples that bear no relevance as to what will eventually happen. This is not offering options

The options offered are unfair to Macclesfield rate payers, your options are pay for this one or pay for that one, how can this be right?

Harry Hodkinson

On Tuesday, 22 July 2014, 12:45, COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
<[CommunityGovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:CommunityGovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Hodkinson

I will be able to accept an email from you expressing your views.

It would be helpful if you could explain why you do not agree with the options on the ballot paper, and to explain what alternative you would prefer.

Kind Regards  
Lindsey

**Lindsey Parton**  
**Registration Service and Business Manager**

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**From:** Harry Hodkinson  
**Sent:** 21 July 2014 14:49  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Vote options for Governance review

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** GRAHAM, Gemma  
**Sent:** 23 July 2014 08:51  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Customer Query

Hi,


I received a call from someone on the elections line on Monday at 17:00 asking about the community governance voting form. He was reluctant to send an e-mail, so I said I would send one for him. I have been unable to send this e-mail till now as I was annual leave yesterday. The customer wanted to know that if he wants to 'keep the status quo' and not spend any more money, not make any change to the current system, which box on the voting form does he have to tick?


Can you please reply to him on his e-mail address: [johngoodsall@gmail.com](mailto:johngoodsall@gmail.com)

Many Thanks,

**Gemma Graham**  
Customer Service Advisor

Customer Services | Cheshire East Council  
Macclesfield Town Hall | Cheshire | SK10 1EA

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I don't agree with either option 1 or option 2, how do I indicate this on the voting form? Your help will be appreciated

Harry Hodkinson

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**From:** Chris Foster  
**Sent:** 24 July 2014 17:17  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Re: Macclesfield local governance - response to consultation

Dear Ms. Parton,

Thank you for the additional information, and for your prompt reply. As far as this consultation exercise is concerned, I would make the following comments to the Council:

- 1 - It seems to be poor practice to represent a consultation exercise as an election, as the "voting paper" circulated in Macclesfield does.
- 2 - It also seems to be poor practice to identify 3 options as preferred over all others on the basis of a preliminary consultation which elicited responses from some 60 - 70 respondents, as was apparently done in this case. Not only is it impossible to believe that such a group could constitute a representative sample of Macclesfield residents, it could conceivably not extend beyond the Council's own employees.
- 3- On the substantive issue of what structure should be put in place, I would prefer for there to be no change at all. In general, local government in the UK is pretty much a misnomer for local administration, because local authorities do little other than administer central government policy within a remit that allows very little scope for interpretation and none for local policy-making. In that circumstance, there is no case for multiple tiers of authorities to be created, especially given that these inevitably introduce additional costs into the system; Cheshire East's presentation of 3 options each involving extra charges for Macclesfield citizens underlines the inevitability of such additional costs arising. In other words, having created a unitary authority in Cheshire East, there is no benefit to be gained in the current system of UK governance from creating any lower tier of formal entities, whether named an "extended committee" or a town council, that would justify the cost associated with their administration, so I am opposed to any such development.

Kind regards,  
C.J.Foster,  
387 Park Lane,  
Macclesfield,  
Cheshire

On 17/07/2014 17:18, COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW wrote:

Dear Mr Foster

Thank you for your email.

The consultation is open to anyone to submit their views. This does not need to be restricted to the three options. I think in point 1 of your email, this would in effect be a case for maintaining the status quo/ no change. The information provided tries to portray the possibility that even if the status quo is maintained, that in the future a Special Expense Levy could be raised – this would be charged to, and be for, services provided solely for the benefit of Macclesfield residents. However, no decision to this effect has been taken at this stage.

If you would like to submit a view which is different to the options set out on the voting paper, you can do this by email (or by letter if you prefer) – and I will ensure that your views are put forward to the Council for consideration. It would add weight to your representations if you could explain the reasons for your views.

I have attached a leaflet which you might find of interest, which explains in the appendices what statutory powers are available to parish councils, and gives some examples of the functions undertaken by some parish councils locally. Although all of these powers are available (under various Statutes) – it does vary greater from parish council to parish council as to what services they choose to deliver in practice. This is why the costs passed onto residents, as a Parish Council Tax, also vary considerably.

I hope this information is of help, but please get in touch if you require more details.

Kind Regards  
Lindsey

Lindsey Parton  
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**From:** Chris Foster  
**Sent:** 16 July 2014 21:51  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Macclesfield local governance

Dear Sir/Madam,

I received the leaflet publicising the consultation about Macclesfield governance. Please can you clarify some points for me:

1 - If the current arrangement - which may involve a dedicated committee for the town but does not involve a charge beyond the Charter Trustees charge - is legal, why is it not being offered as an option?

2 - If this is no more than a consultation, is Cheshire East within its rights to restrict respondents to 3 options only? As I understand it these 3 are in any case derived from the opinions of some 100 citizens, hardly a substantial sample. How do we submit different views?

3 - The leaflet is careful to state what powers a Town/Parish Council would not have. Exactly what powers, apart from owning assets, would it have were it to come into being? In other words, what could it DO in practice, apart from lobbying Cheshire East?

Thank you in advance for your guidance,

C.J.Foster,  
387 Park Lane,

### Do you want more say in Macclesfield?

I have read the latest publication using the above title. I believe that devolving services from the Cheshire East Council to the most appropriate Macclesfield local government is the right thing to do. I know that what is currently in place for Macclesfield is a group of Charter Trustees and a Local Service Delivery Committee. I do not believe this is right for Macclesfield. Macclesfield is a town and therefore should – indeed, must have a town council. All other towns in the Cheshire East area have town councils. All villages have parish councils. Disgracefully Macclesfield has no elected local government. Macclesfield has councillors elected specifically to serve on the Cheshire East Borough Council. We also have an imposed Local Service Delivery Committee made up of Cheshire East – Macclesfield councillors. This committee was unknown to us until about a year ago thus we, the electors, thought we were just governed by Cheshire East Council for all things!

**The Enhanced Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee:** The basic committee exists but enhancement has not been described. I believe this committee was created in 2009. I attended one of its meetings earlier this year as an observer from the public. Nothing was achieved, one councillor left early in disgust and two councillors said they did not know why they were present. Several years down the line this situation, to put it mildly, is DISTURBING! The Local Service Delivery Committee has no legal powers and is thus toothless!

**Macclesfield Charter Trustees:** This is a ceremonial group, with no powers, thus hardly of use to the town. If a town council, representing the whole of the Macclesfield area, was put in place then the Chairman of this council would have the title of Mayor thus allowing for continuity.

**Splitting the town into 7 small parishes:** This would be a nightmare! Why do it? More councillors overall will be required and common interests for the whole town would mean **more** meetings involving representatives from each **parish/ward** council.

**Town council:** This is the only sensible and fair solution. At nearly 40,000 electors make it the largest town in the Cheshire East area. All other towns, although smaller, have town councils, which seem to have been running smoothly for years. Take Macclesfield's neighbouring town of Congleton, with nearly 22,000 electors. They recently issued the Congleton Town Council report for the year 2013. It's very impressive and shows quite clearly what a town council can do. Mayoral duties are performed successfully through this council. I believe it to be a blueprint for the Macclesfield community.

Parish councils for villages do work but have been in existence for generations. One of Macclesfield's neighbouring villages, Gawsorth, has had a civil parish council since **1866!**

Why should Macclesfield Town suffer from inferior solutions? In the past there was a borough council embracing the town and outlying villages. O.K., those days have gone but there is no reason why Macclesfield should not run its own affairs. If there is a precept, I do NOT think this will put electors off the idea of a town council. Examples of precepts given in the latest documents are rather similar BUT these town councils exist and seem to run smoothly.

**And so to sum up:** Macclesfield Town should have a town council. Nothing else will work in the best interests of its residents. Having a town council will make it similar to other Cheshire East town councils. It is a mystery to Macclesfield Town residents why discussions as to its governance future has only been done in the last 12 months. Other towns and indeed village parish councils have been operating efficiently and successfully for years. Election of a town council will be both DEMOCRATIC & very efficient, if Congleton is anything to go by!

Ray J Perry

31 Thirlmere, Macclesfield, SK11 7XY

24<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** laura donington  
**Sent:** 25 July 2014 13:14  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** re governance of Macclesfield

I wish to vote for a single town council to cover Macclesfield, including 'greater Macclesfield'.

Laura Jones  
6 Clarke Lane  
Langley  
Macclesfield  
SK11 0NE



**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** laura donington  
**Sent:** 25 July 2014 15:57  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Re: voting for governance of Macclesfield

Thank you very much for your reply. I guess my feeling is that the whole area of greater Macclesfield needs a stronger voice in its own future. There is a lot of political apathy, and from the responses I have got when I have asked people, it is at least partly because people don't feel they have a voice that will be heard. 'What's the point. They will do what they want, whatever.'

I have sent an email stating my preference.

Many thanks

Laura Jones

On 25 Jul 2014, at 15:23, COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW wrote:

> Dear Ms Jones  
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 > Thank you for your email and for taking the time to respond with your views.  
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 > The review being undertaken covers the currently unparished area of Macclesfield and there is a statutory requirement for local government electors in the area under review to be consulted. This is reason why a voting paper, seeking the views from electors in the unparished area, has been sent out.  
 >  
 > Having said that, the consultation itself is open to anyone with an interest in the review to make representations and these will be considered along side any voting papers returned.  
 >  
 > I will present your views to the Council and these will be taken into account in formulating a draft outcome for the review.  
 >  
 > Kind Regards  
 > Lindsey  
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 > From: laura donington  
 > Sent: 25 July 2014 13:14  
 > To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

> Subject: voting for governance of Macclesfield

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> Dear Cheshire East Council and Elections Office

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> I want to complain about what seems to be a serious error in the way you have handled your consultation about Macclesfield Community Governance. In fact I can't quite believe what I have been told, which is that since I live in Langley, I am already in a Parish, and therefore my views are not being sought.

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> If this is true then you are pre-empting the outcome of the consultation by assuming the result will be based on existing Parishes and ward boundaries. If there were to be a preference for a whole town governance structure (a Town Council) presumably its remit would cover the wider Macclesfield town area including villages such as Langley and Sutton and their parish councils. We should therefore be included in any consultation. Certainly there are many of us who live in these parts of greater Macclesfield who have a view about the need for greater powers and say for Macclesfield as an entity, especially given the way that planning decisions can be made with little or no reference to the community of Macclesfield\*\*.

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> I would appreciate an explanation as to why we haven't been included in the consultation if this is actually true.

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> Yours sincerely

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> Laura Jones

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> 6 Clarke Lane

> Langley

> Macclesfield

> SK11 0NE

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> \*\*(How many Macclesfield councillors are on the Planning Panel that  
> decided to go ahead with the decision to destroy the heart of  
> Macclesfield by giving permission for a hideous shopping mall which  
> will take the heart out of the town and probably be a white  
> elephant??)

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**From:** GRAHAM CHILDS  
**Sent:** 25 July 2014 17:43  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Community Governance review of Macclesfield

Dear Sir/Madam

I support the formation of a single Town Council for Macclesfield.

It is one of the occasions when Macclesfield should not be different from the rest; It should be like other towns in Cheshire East and have a Town Council.

The town Council would give us a better voice and ought to be more sensitive in running local services.

Thank you for consulting local residents ,

Graham Childs  
36 Lime Grove  
Macclesfield  
SK10 1LX



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Keith Smith – 57 Orme Crescent – Tytherington – Macclesfield – SK10 2HU – 01625 424101

Ms Lindsey Parton, Registration Service and Business Manager

Governance and Democratic Services, Cheshire East Council.

Dear Ms Parton

**GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR MACCLESFIELD**

Further to the recent consultation exercise and issue of ballot papers to Macclesfield residents I am writing with some further representations on behalf of the Civic Society.

Our position is clear in that we favour a single town council but acknowledge that others have a different point of view. Almost concurrently with the consultation exercise we sponsored and distributed a leaflet to the electors of Macclesfield outlining the advantages of a single town council. I enclose a copy of the leaflet for the information of the Constitution Committee though I am sure you have already obtained a copy.

One issue that has been downplayed is that of democratic equity. If all other parts of Cheshire East have a town or parish council why is it that Macclesfield may be denied the same on the grounds of (it is alleged by opponents) being an extra layer of bureaucracy – surely it is only giving to Macclesfield what applies elsewhere? With regard to the allegation that a town council would lead to additional expense and suffer from a lack of powers to influence events, surely only time will tell. It would be for the elected town council to decide how active it wished to be and what level of precept to levy in support of its aspirations. What cannot be denied is that it would have democratic legitimacy and access to extensive powers and opportunities. The allegation of unnecessary expense is not an absolute choice between a precept and no additional charges as the double taxation issue would mean, in the end, a special expenses levy for Macclesfield residents – the argument should therefore be seen as one about levels of charge and not absolute positions of charge or no charge.

Our concern over multiple parishing is that splitting the town into 7 parishes would mean that the whole would be considerably less than the sum of its parts. Residents of outlying parishes would in essence “free-ride” on the centre of the town in terms of using services and facilities yet would contribute little in terms of resources. For example a town centre parish might want to provide extensive Christmas decorations or events which would be enjoyed by all residents of the town yet primarily financed by a small number. Such an outcome would lack cohesion and inclusivity.

Set against this concern we do accept that whatever parish option is selected it would help address a democratic deficit and enable wider participation by the election of locally based councillors acting in the best interest of their respective parish (as is the case elsewhere in Cheshire East).

Although it cannot be insisted upon we consider that prospective parish/town councillors should not be selected from existing Cheshire East Members but rather from the general population. Elected Members of a parish/town and Cheshire East could be faced with dilemmas regarding issues and policies – where would their primary loyalty lie? The result could be unwelcome conflicts of interest.

*Macclesfield Civic Society*

*Working for a town to be proud of*

Keith Smith – 57 Orme Crescent – Tytherington – Macclesfield – SK10 2HU – 01625 424101

Turning to the alternative option of an enhanced Local Service Delivery Committee for Macclesfield [LSDC] we have listened to the discussion and examined the written material presented to the public. We remain unconvinced that this option offers any advantage over the current (unsatisfactory) situation in terms of democratic deficit quite apart from the legal and administrative uncertainties that could result from its adoption. The legal opinions given seem to indicate that this option would not allow provision of services or management of assets by the LSDC as it would remain a sub-committee of Cheshire East Council – in effect councillors could end up negotiating or arguing with themselves (wearing in effect two hats) by attempting to promote local interests against their primary loyalty to Cheshire East Council as a corporate body. Similarly the financial and resourcing issues remain sketchy – all we heard was a remark made, as an aside, that the special levy on Macclesfield residents would be bound to be less than any town council precept because all the fixed overheads would be borne by Cheshire East – really? If this is such an advantage why does it not seem to apply elsewhere? If the LSDC is such a good solution why has it not been brought forward earlier so it could be judged by its results?

With best wishes I remain

Yours sincerely

*Keith Smith*

Chairman, Macclesfield Civic Society

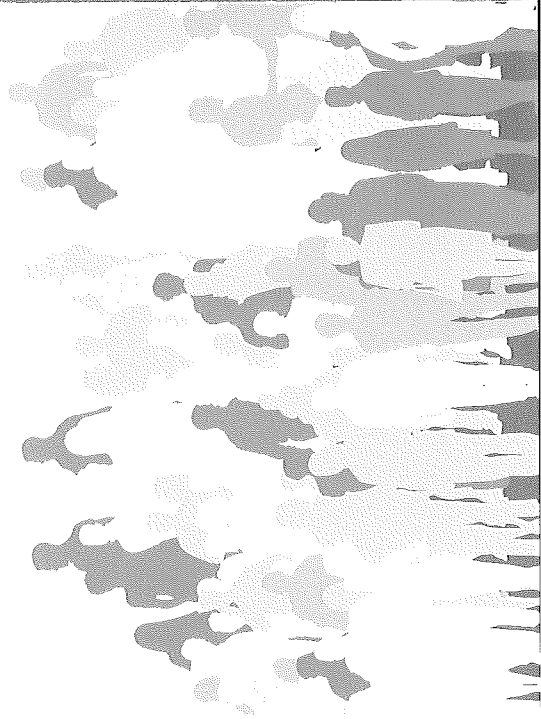
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## What's this all about?

For the last 750 years, Macclesfield has had some form of local government based in the town, making local decisions for local people. That all changed in 2009 when Cheshire East was created.

We are proud of  
our town and  
we want it to be  
**better for everyone**

We believe we need one independent body which can make a difference in the town and speak up for Macclesfield's 52,000 residents.



## Your vote counts

The decision as to whether or not Macclesfield should have a Town Council is now down to you and the town's other electors.

We hope you agree with the merits of having such a body, as highlighted in this leaflet, and that it is the best way to represent Macclesfield's local interests.

You should receive a ballot paper through the post.

Please find the time to cast your vote – even if you don't agree with us.

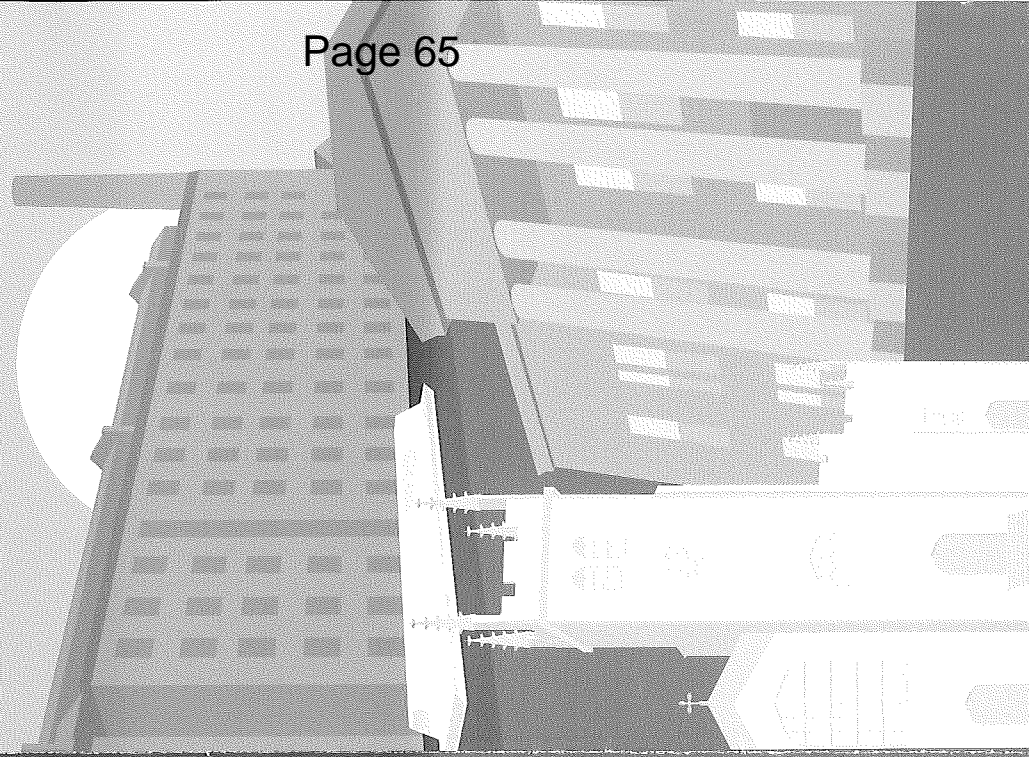
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IN MACCLESFIELD





## What would a Town Council do?

Town Councils can provide local services which are not otherwise provided by Cheshire East Council. They may include things like markets, local events, allotments, public toilets, tourist information, street cleaning and planters.

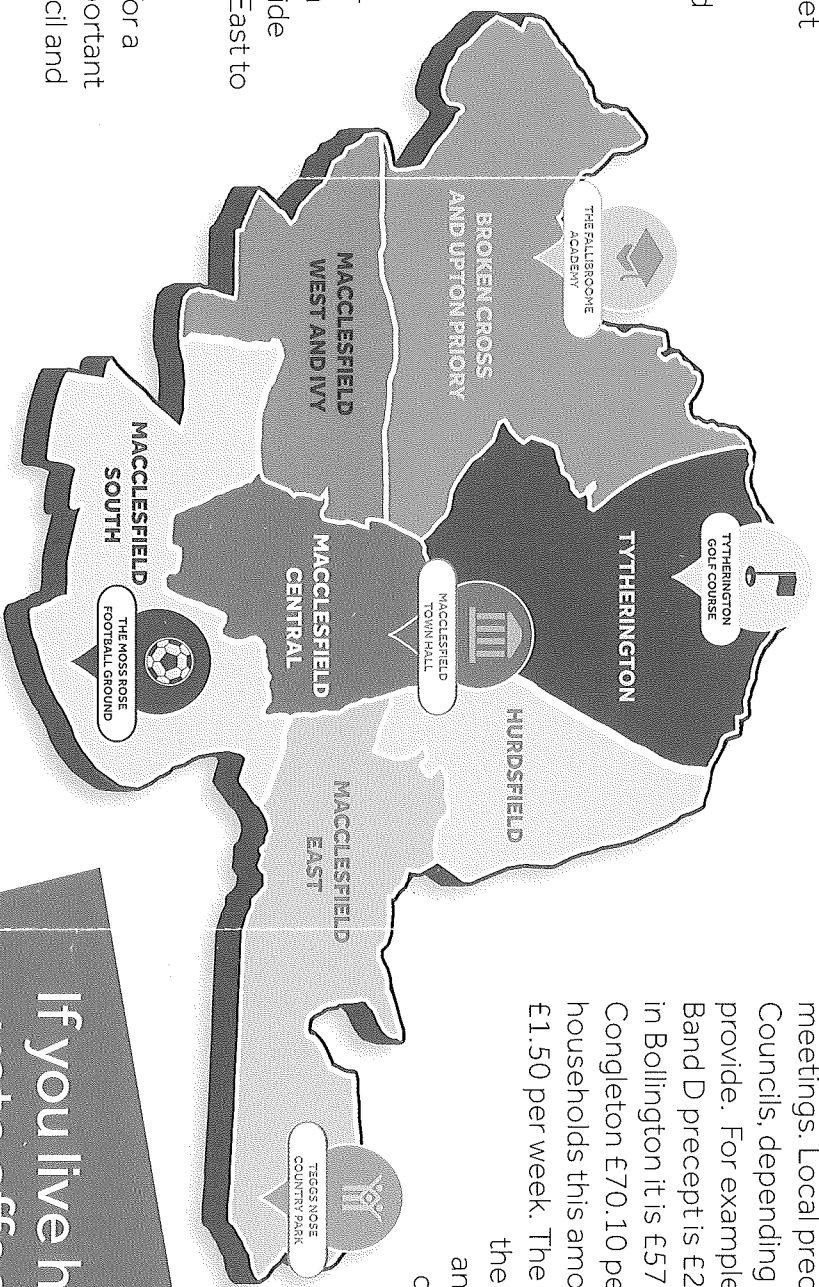
Many Town Councils elect a Mayor and some, like Bollington and Congleton, actively market their towns to attract tourists and boost local trade. Most also provide grants to local community groups to enable them to fulfil their objectives.

The successful Town Councils are those which work closely in Partnership with others including their business communities. The services a Macclesfield Town Council might provide would be a matter for it and Cheshire East to agree in due course.

Equally important, is the opportunity for a Town Council to voice its views on important local issues – and Cheshire East Council and others would have to listen to it.

**Example** Wilmslow Town Council has been able to persuade Cheshire East to make some important changes to its forthcoming Local Plan that will affect Wilmslow residents.

With a major town centre redevelopment to be implemented and important planning issues surrounding new housing, we believe that a Town Council for Macclesfield cannot come soon enough.

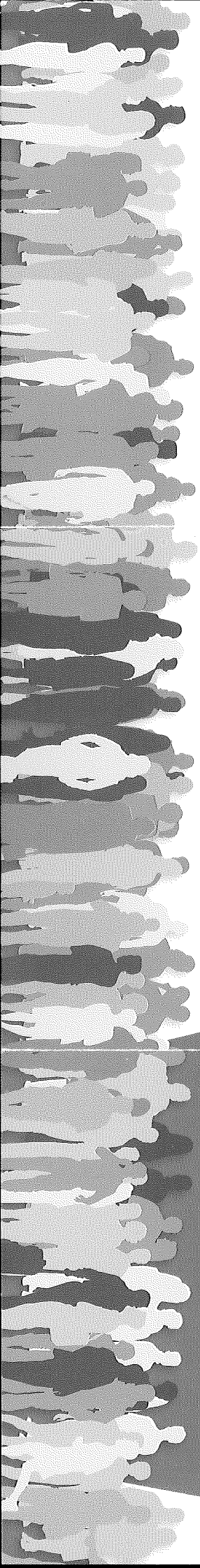


## And what will it cost?

Most Town Councils have between 12 and 16 councillors, elected by their residents. All the local Town Councillors in East Cheshire are unpaid and they don't receive any expenses for attending Council meetings. Local precepts vary between Councils, depending on the services they provide. For example, in Wilmslow the Band D precept is £21.45 per annum, in Bollington it is £57 per annum and in Congleton £70.10 per annum. For most households this amounts to less than £1.50 per week. The precepts are added to

the annual Council Tax bill and paid with the other charges Cheshire East makes each year.

**If you live here this vote affects you**





**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** e-mail r.ledgar2006  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 11:08  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Macclesfield community governance review

Hi

I am far from well informed on this subject, but would like to ask how this review is different from the last one when Macclesfield Borough Council was painfully disbanded (for those staff who went through the process and feared for their jobs and livelihood) and became Cheshire East, is this not going to cost money to make yet further changes to how our services are provided? I thought it had been decided how this was best done.

Could the finance that this review will involve not go into supplying the community services without you all having to have new titles?

I hope this doesn't sound negative, but it sounds like it will involve a lot of work to change things and there are existing organisations in the community which work very well yet have no funding to enable them to continue, I would rather they were supported instead of a council review being funded.

Thank you

Rita Ledgar, resident in Macclesfield

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 14:22  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** MACCLESFIELXD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Dear Sir/Madam,

My self and my partner have voted and sent our papers off hoping that the Second Class pre-paid envelopes reach the destination on time. We feel a little pesimistic about this so we hope there is some leeway in administrating the final count.

I wanted to tell you that several of our friends and neighbours (including several of us who have worked for local governments) have struggled to understand the wording of the explanatory leaflet that accompanied the voting paper.

I took the trouble to go into Macclesfield Library and get some copies of the fuller explanation and we did find this much more helpful. It does worry me that many people relying on the leaflet will remain rather confused about the options.

Yours sincerely,

David Wood  
29 Brynton Road,  
Macclesfield, SK10 3AF

Tel: 01625 429156

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Louise Congdon  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 14:40  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Governance review

To who it may concern,

I oppose the creation of Parish Councils for Macclesfield.

Best Regards,

Louise Congdon  
8 Ripon Close  
Macclesfield  
SK10 2WQ

Sent from my iPad

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MACCLESFIELD TOWN GOVERNANCE CONSULTATION

In addition to voting on the Governance options, which I have already done, I also wish to record my views about the options on the table at the present time.

I have now been to both presentations and committee meetings during the Cheshire East Council review of the arrangements for the governance of Macclesfield. I have also read the documentation you have produced with interest and visited the displays at the Visitor Information Centre. It is interesting to note the relative lack of coverage in the media re articles and letters. What however was striking were the views of those present in the audience. Quite a number of members of the public that I talked to at meetings were well informed about the issues. The impression I was left with was that many felt that the various views presented were enthusiastic, the word passionate was even used, but people seemed to be expecting a lead but not finding one. In fact they found the information supplied and the voting paper far from clear.

Of the three options the ward-based parish council choice has least to offer from my viewpoint. It should be remembered that the Boundary Commission in warding the Town would have tried to avoid boundaries which split communities. This does not mean of course that each ward comprises a single community. In fact several of the CEBC wards comprise areas of quite different character – one example being West and Ivy which includes the Weston estate and the quite different old Macclesfield Borough Council Ivy ward. These two areas have absolutely nothing in common with each other. Tytherington ward is another example including as it does the area around Westminster road and Coare Street, which feels like part of the Town centre rather than Tytherington.

Seven parish councils each with their own clerk represent both duplication and waste. Importantly Central ward could well finish up with higher precept because of the greater number of facilities it would have to support. Since the whole Town would use these facilities this would be quite inequitable.

The enhanced local service delivery committee has been described in most detail in the voting papers for no apparent reason, unless perhaps because it may be thought of as an unknown quantity. Certainly some strong claims have been made for this solution. I have however a number of concerns with the proposal. The committee would exist primarily to concern itself with the usual area-based statutory functions of Cheshire East Council as well as the additional role outlined in the voting paper. One can imagine difficulties for members trying to pursue issues outside this remit. Would the supporting officers feel their time was not being properly used and rule the issue out of order? It is difficult to see how for example an ELSDC could apply or assist others to apply for a lottery grant within the presently proposed remit. The lack of any direct control of local services and the additional workload falling on already busy councillors are frequently-voiced criticisms for which there does not seem to be a response, and the present LSDC hardly ever meets. More significantly there is no ability within the ELSDC remit that accompanied the voting paper giving the Committee the power to prepare a neighbourhood plan. This is a major shortcoming in my view.

Having considered all of the above together with the list of powers vested in Town councils I conclude that what Macclesfield needs at the present time is a single council for the whole Town. This would give Macclesfield its own distinctive voice able not only to articulate concerns but also to respond constructively to planning applications, seek lottery funding for improvements, monitor and comment on the Town Centre development as further design proposals appear, and organise the production of a neighbourhood plan.

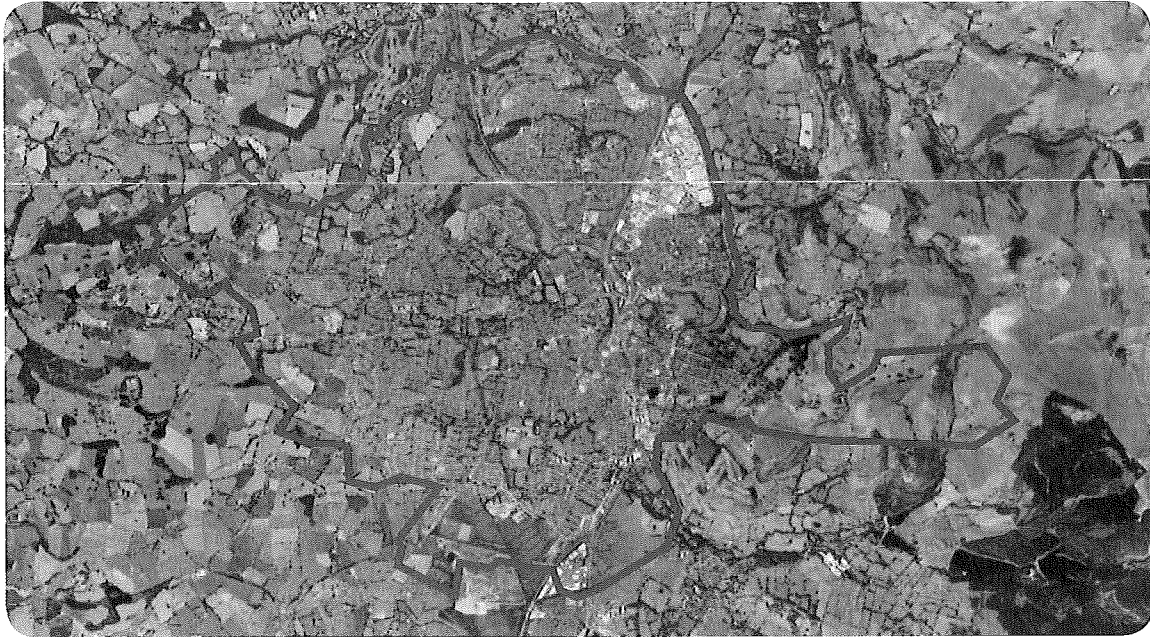
Thank you for the opportunity to express an opinion on these issues. I hope that what will come out of this process will be a stronger democratic voice for Macclesfield Town.

Richard Watson  
24 Stapleton Road  
Macclesfield SK10 3NP

27<sup>th</sup> July 2014

# VOTE NOW!

Please use your vote to have your say!



A **Macclesfield Community Governance Review** is currently being conducted to consider options for improved community engagement.

**We would like to know your views on what arrangements would work best for Macclesfield.**

The best way of deciding what's best for Macclesfield is to consider three key questions:

- Will it improve community engagement?
- Will it deliver better local democracy?
- Can it delivery local services in a more effective and convenient way?

**As well as returning the enclosed voting paper, you can also respond in writing to:**  
Registration Service and Business Manager, Cheshire East Council, Governance and Democratic Services/ Ground Floor (Westfields), C/O Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

Or by email to [communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

To request more information please visit our website  
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/maccgovreview](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/maccgovreview)

or contact us by:

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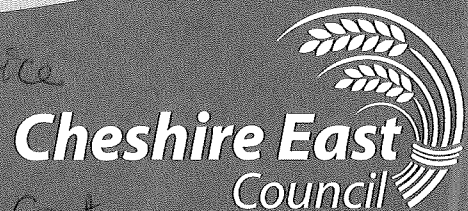
Telephone: **0300 123 5016**

Leaflets can also be collected from Macclesfield Town Hall and Macclesfield Library.

The outcome should achieve efficient services in a cost effective manner for the area. Evidence of this not happening is in the reorganisation of the Register Service (only @ Crewe) & the Tax Office moving

*Please see house of Leasford*

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**What are the options for Macclesfield?**

**Option 1 - Parishing**

You may see the words Parish / Town Council(s) (PCTs) used separately but they mean the same thing). PTCs are the most local form of government and can represent areas ranging from around 100 to 40,000+ people. They are based on an area which has real community identity and residents are represented by elected local parish councillors. If they choose to do so PTCs can deliver services to improve the area (e.g. public toilets, allotments, Christmas lighting, floral arrangements, bus shelters, burial grounds, litter bins, tourism, traffic calming and public transport schemes). The Localism Act 2011 gives greater powers to Parish / Town Councils including the preparation of a neighbourhood development plan which becomes part of the local development plan for the area.

A single Parish / Town Council could be established to cover the whole of the unparished area of Macclesfield; or a number of Parish Councils, of smaller geographical area, could be formed. It is suggested that 7 of these could be created, based upon the existing Borough Ward Boundaries (i.e. for the areas of Broken Cross and Upton; Macclesfield Central; Macclesfield East; Macclesfield Hurdsfield; Macclesfield South; Macclesfield Tytherington and Macclesfield West and Ivy).

If Parish / Town Council(s) were formed, Cheshire East Council would remain responsible for major services such as social care, highways, education admissions, children’s services, environmental protection, planning decisions etc. and Cheshire East Councillors would continue to represent their wards. The formation of a Parish / Town Council(s) would not replicate the former arrangements in place (prior to 2009) of a Macclesfield Borough Council. If Parish / Town Council(s) were created which covered the whole of the unparished area of Macclesfield, then the existing Charter Trustees (which carry out civic and ceremonial functions and the mayoralty) would be dissolved.

**In summary the main differences between a Single Parish / Town Council and 7 smaller parish Councils are:**

<b>Single Parish / Town Council</b>	<b>7 x smaller Parish Councils</b>
39,750 electors	Ranging from 3,470 electors to 7,107 electors
Area would be warded – and you would vote for Parish Councillors to be elected for your ward, to sit on the Parish / Town Council	You would vote for Parish Councillors to be elected for all the seats available for your Parish Council
A decision would need to be made as to how many Parish / Town Councillors should be elected. It is likely that the number of Councillors would either be 12 or upto 24.	Each Parish Council is required to have a minimum of 5 Parish Councillors. If for example each of the 7 Parish Councils had 8 Parish Council seats, there would then be 56 Parish Councillors in total for the whole of Macclesfield.

Single Parish / Town Council	7 x smaller Parish Councils
<p>May benefit from economies of scale e.g. ability to run services for a larger area; possibly a stronger voice to make representations etc.</p>	<p>Can develop an in depth knowledge of the needs of the area. May be easier to secure a shared vision for continual improvement for a small specific area.</p>
<p>A larger precept would most likely be raised; which could lead to a higher amount of tax per band D property – but the Parish / Town Council would have the potential to be able to deliver a wider range of services for a larger area. The cost of delivering services and facilities would be spread evenly across all electors in the Macclesfield area.</p>	<p>A smaller precept would most likely be raised, and the amount of tax per band D property could be smaller – but the capacity for smaller Parish Councils to run services would be reduced. Those living in the town centre Parish Council area may pay for (and effectively subsidise) services and facilities used by residents from the surrounding Macclesfield Parish Councils.</p>

**Cost:** Costs would be met by setting a council tax. Costs vary depending on the size of PTCs and services they deliver. The costs to residents for PTCs in Cheshire East range from £5.52 for Aston by Budworth Parish; to £89.74 for Nantwich Town Council. The tax for newly created Crewe Town Council for example, which is of comparable size to Macclesfield is £28.96.

**Option 2 - An Enhanced Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee**

This option is to continue with current arrangements, which includes working with all the existing organisations and the Macclesfield Charter Trustees (which carry out ceremonial functions, such as visits by the Mayor), and to enhance the role of the Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee.

The existing Macclesfield Service Delivery Committee was set up by the Council as Macclesfield currently has no Parish / Town Council(s). It is run by 12 Cheshire East Councillors who were elected to serve Macclesfield's town wards. The Committee doesn't currently represent the interests of the local community on things such as planning applications and highways matters. It has been set up in its current form to consider and advise the Council on the quality, quantity and cost of service provision in Macclesfield.



This option proposes that the role of the existing Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee be enhanced. Examples of the functions it could deliver are:

- To investigate and monitor Services and to make recommendations to Cabinet on the level of service provision
- To provide advice and recommend to Cabinet on issues and needs of Macclesfield
- To be a Council consultee on matters and decisions relating to the area of Macclesfield such as planning and traffic management
- To liaise and cooperate with local organisations to pursue the wellbeing of the unparished area
- To nominate representatives from its membership to serve on local bodies
- To advise and liaise with Cheshire East Council on preparatory measures for the devolution and transfer of assets
- To consider the cost implications of the development and transfer of services to the unparished area.
- To encourage provision of leisure facilities
- To make recommendations with regard to local grant aid applications
- To formulate schemes to utilise developer contributions under section 106 of the Town and country Planning Act
- To approve street names serving new developments
- To investigate and make recommendations to cabinet in relation to local car parks, markets, community centres, parks, allotments, visitor centres and toilets
- To receive presentations on key strategic initiatives; and to invite representatives from relevant organisations to provide updates on current performance / initiatives and to answer questions by the committee or members of the public.

**Cost:** In the future, the cost of some services provided principally for the benefit of Macclesfield Town residents may be met from an additional tax, as part of the Council Tax set for Macclesfield residents, (called a Special Expense) rather than through the Cheshire East Council Tax. The cost of running the Enhanced Macclesfield Service Delivery Committee would be included in this tax. Based on providing a particular range of services, council tax for a town council could be in the order of £25 per year. Alternatively, if the same services were managed by a Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee and a special expense was calculated, this would be in the order of £19 per year (in addition to the Charter Trustee charge of £1.42 per band D Property). The actual council tax for a Parish/ Town council, or Special Expense Levy for a Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee, would be dependent on the costs of the service levels provided.

**(NOTE: An Enhanced Service Delivery Committee would be a committee of Cheshire East Council, rather than being a separate legal entity as is the case for Parish / Town Councils. This means that no assets can be transferred to this Committee)**

1) Reorganisation of the Register Service for the area means that Cheshire East is no longer active (only Cheshire West ie Crewe). How is it cost effective to have an employee travel to Crewe to register a ceremony @ Hollin Hall for example? What about the clients using the service?

Carole M Baines.

8 Ryebank Way, Macclesfield. SK10 2LJ.

17, 2014

62 Amberley Road  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire SK11 8LX

Telephone : 01625 426851

Dear Sir,

Your Macclesfield Community Governance Review pamphlets, we in Amberley Road consider to be an attempt to create more handsomely rewarded positions within Council, and increased rate costs with an excuse to introduce outside town Planners. We do not want our attractive town-centre replaced with these hideous 21<sup>st</sup> century concrete structures. Noting U.K. Enrage in Stockport as recipients of our completed forms, a stealthy intro, how much have their wasteful services cost the Council? This town is jammed with traffic. A better light is urgently required for junction of Joy Lane Park Lane Congleton Rd traffic cannot proceed and prevents onward traffic proceeding to Park Lane. Whoever is responsible, Wakeny Wakeny!

Sincerely, J. E. Seales

- B. DENNERLY 64 AMBERLEY RD - Bob Dennerly
- S. WALMSLEY 47 AMBERLEY RD - Elizabeth Walmsley
- D. COLHORICK 41 AMBERLEY RD - Dan Colhorick

**PARTON, Lindsey**

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**From:** Denis Ridyard  
**Sent:** 24 July 2014 11:07  
**To:** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Subject:** Vote now

My vote is 1a

DAVID RUTLEY MP



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Mr Mike Suarez  
Chief Executive  
Cheshire East Council  
Westfields  
Middlewich Road  
Sandbach  
Cheshire CW11 1HZ

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**Re: Mr John Perkins of 9 Fern Lea Drive, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 8PQ**

Please find enclosed an email I have received from the above constituent regarding the Macclesfield Community Governance Review.

I should be most grateful for your comments on the issues raised.

Thank you for your help with this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

*David Rutley*

*DR*

David Rutley MP

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**From:** John A Perkin  
**Sent:** 09 July 2014 18:20  
**To:** [communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** RUTLEY, David  
**Subject:** RE: MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW  
**Importance:** High  
**Sensitivity:** Private

From

**John Perkins**  
**9 Fern Lea Drive**  
**Macclesfield**  
**Cheshire**  
**SK11 8PQ**

**01625 612081**

To

**Registration Service & Business Manager**  
**Cheshire East Council - Governance & Democratic Services**  
**Ground Floor (Westfields)**  
**C/O Municipal Buildings**  
**Earle Street**  
**Crewe**  
**CW1 2BJ**

**CC David Rutley - Member of Parliament for Macclesfield**  
**([davidrutley.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:davidrutley.mp@parliament.uk))**

**RE MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

**Is this a must have?**

Having just received the Voting Papers for "The Local Governance Review" and every member of my family also getting individual copies I wonder if someone can put the Blurb into every day language that can be understood?

I get the jist that Macclesfield appears to be the only community in the Cheshire East area that does not have its own unique unit that sits to talk about and maybe run local facilities.

From what I can see from the Paper work provided there are a number of options to change this and each one comes with an **increased** cost to the **Council Tax Payer!!**

Sample costs quoted seem to indicate an increased cash flow to someone of between £99,000 and £115.000 a year (or even more) and this seems extortionate!

There does not appear to be a NO COST option or a Do Nothing Option

Which I believe should also be offered.

Currently we supposedly have representatives (Councillors) sitting on the Cheshire East Council who should be doing what I feel is the main work described in the paperwork but I do feel that these Councillors are not truly representing the people in their Wards.

Their communication with the Population of the Ward is minimal to say the least and as such I do wonder what they know about the Feelings, Thoughts, and Requirements of their Wards?

Maybe they only relate to the people that they know that vote for them and that is not necessarily an inclusive view of what the Ward is needing and experiencing.

So from the Paper work I cannot see how any of the proposals will in reality change anything in that what is really needed is for the PEOPLE to be able to voice their Feelings and requirements and have representatives that can take those points forward with some strength and ensure that these requirements and feelings are fairly presented to the Powers That Be.

To enable this maybe we do need a group of people from across the local communities that are not politically motivated who can sit regularly within open forums taking the Views, Worries, Needs, etc of the local community. This can then be translated into action plans and hopefully implemented in a way that sees the Plans being presented to Full Council for consideration.

If this cannot be provided then I do not see any point in having yet another layer of administration that is going to cost us more just for the sake of matching other Towns etc.

Maybe I am seeing this all wrong but nowhere in the Voting Documentation does it mention better communication with the population and how that will be achieved.

Perhaps some one could explain it better as none of my family understand what has been sent out!

Yours sincerely

John Perkins

DAVID RUTLEY MP



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*L. Rutley*

**Re: Mr Malcolm Wright of 44 Hamble Way, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 3RN**

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I should be most grateful for your comments on the issues raised.

Thank you for your help with this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

*David Rutley*

*DR*

David Rutley MP

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**From:** malcolm wright  
**Sent:** 09 July 2014 14:06  
**To:** RUTLEY, David  
**Subject:** macclesfield community governance review

Dear David,

Recently I have received a voting pack regarding the Macclesfield Governance Review.

It sets out 2 options for Local Governance each with a cost associated with it.

option 1 – parishes cost £28  
option 2 – Enhanced Local Service Delivery £25

It seems to me that there should be a Option 3 Leave the system alone and save yourself £25-£28 per year.

From the voting form i have to choose between option 1 and 2 and end up paying either way.

Please can you look in to this for me as when I phoned the help line they couldn't tell me who to write to to clarify the situation.

Kind Regards,

Malcolm Wright  
44 hamble way  
Macclesfield  
SK10 3RN



**MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**  
**STAGE 1 CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

92 responses were received to the stage 1 consultation, of which 68 expressed a view on the options as detailed below.

Name	Comments on Options	No Change/ Maintain Status Quo	Single Town Council	Multiple Parishes	Other
Individual representations received by email / letter		x1	x8	x1	x2 no views expressed on the options
Summary of Responses from the on line / hand copy feedback forms		x2	x36	x8	1x community forum 3x Community Development Trust 2x community associations 2x other
2x late representations reported to CGR Sub Committee on 16 Oct 2013		x1		x1	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>x4</b>	<b>x44</b>	<b>x10</b>	<b>x10</b>

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## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Community Governance Review Sub-Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 7th October, 2014 in The Tatton Room - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

### **PRESENT**

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

Councillors J Jackson, B Murphy and P Whiteley.

### **Councillors in attendance:**

Councillors K Edwards, L Jeuda, D Neilson and L Smetham.

### **Officers in attendance:**

Lindsey Parton – Registration Services and Business Manager  
Rose Hignett – Senior Electoral Services Officer  
Brian Reed – Head of Governance and Democratic Services  
Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

## **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor D Marren be confirmed as Chairman, and Councillor P Groves as Vice-chairman, of the Community Review Sub-Committee for the 2014/15 municipal year.

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Baxendale.

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

**Keith Smith**, representing Macclesfield Civic Society, said they had been disappointed in the turnout but it could be seen from the votes cast that an LSDC was not a popular choice. The majority was in favour of a parishing in some form with a single Town Council being the preferred option; this is what should be recommended to the Constitution Committee. He questioned why Macclesfield was the only area that did not have a lower tier authority of its own.

**Liz Braithwaite** supported the views expressed by Keith Smith. She referred to information on the Cheshire East website that said Town and Parish Councils were a critical part of local government infrastructure, with a significant range of

powers and duties and a key role in representing communities. 113 communities already had their own Town and Parish Councils and there was no reason why Macclesfield should be any different.

In response to a question as to why there had not been any public meetings during the consultation period she was advised that in the light of the low turnout at meetings during the stage one consultation, with approx. 114 members of the public attending, it had been felt more appropriate to use the direct mail method which ensured every household was reached.

**Roy Spoors**, of the CAB, spoke in respect of Macclesfield's position as a market town, with an influence beyond the central parishes, and he considered a wider area should have been consulted. He said that in their correspondence a number of people had made the point that they were confused about the options available and there was a question therefore regarding the way in which the information had been conveyed and whether the process had fully engaged the public.

With specific reference to the CAB he said that during the past 3 years they had lost 50% of their funding and Cheshire East Council was now its main source. However, strong partnerships had been developed with existing Town Councils, providing very positive feedback and assistance with funding, and the lack of a Town Council in Macclesfield was a problem. He did not see why it should be different to elsewhere and stressed that if there was not to be Town Council then the Sub-Committee should consider running a fresh consultation with the wider community.

In response to questions concerning publicity for the stage two consultation the Registration and Business Services Manager summarised the measures employed, which had included information on the website, public notice in the local press, leaflets distributed via the Town Centre Manager and placed in the customer centres and local libraries, notices, and assistance from the communications team.

## **5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2014 be approved as a correct record.

## **6 MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider the outcome and feedback received from the Macclesfield Community Governance Review consultation in order to make a recommendation to the Constitution Committee regarding the next steps of the review.

The Review had commenced in June 2013 and the report included an outline of the process followed, and the results of the stage 1 consultation, on the basis of which the second stage had been carried out on the options of either Parishing or an Enhanced Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee (ELSDC).

The second stage of the consultation had been carried out between 2 June and 28 July this year and a summary of the voting and the representations received was attached to the report; in total 16.15% of voting papers had been returned with an additional 35 written representations.

In discussing the outcome of the consultation it was requested that the existing Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee should be asked for its views. Concern was expressed, however, that this was outside their terms of reference and that the decision rested with the Constitution Committee. In the light of Officer advice it was agreed that, although this did fall outside the remit of the Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee, it would be very useful to seek such a view informally and for members of the Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee to then be invited to attend the meeting of the Constitution Committee to advise it of their views.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee (LSDC) be informally consulted on the outcome of the consultation of the Macclesfield Community Governance Review, and that the informal views of the LSDC be reported to the next meeting of the Constitution Committee in order to inform the decision making process.
2. That the members of the LSDC be invited to attend the next meeting of the Constitution Committee to express their view.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.20 am

Councillor D Marren (Chairman)

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# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Constitution Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
**Report of:** Head of Governance and Democratic Services  
**Subject/Title:** Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Attached to this report is the report submitted to the Polling Arrangements Sub-Committee on 7 October 2014 (**Appendix 1**), and the minutes of that meeting (**Appendix 2**).
- 1.2 The Constitution Committee has been given delegated powers by Council to agree the final outcome for the Polling Places and Polling Districts Review. The need for the Review has arisen from the provisions of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 and must be completed by 31 January 2015.
- 1.3 The Sub-Committee, at its meeting on 7 October 2014 considered representations received from the public, together with a submission from the Acting Returning Officer. Having considered the representations received, the Sub-Committee has made recommendations for the Committee to consider (**Appendix 3**).
- 1.4 This report provides an update of matters which have arisen since the Sub-Committee meeting, which require consideration by the Committee, in addition to the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 **a)** That the recommendations of the Polling Arrangements Sub-Committee in respect of proposed changes to polling places, be agreed and implemented as set out in Appendix 3 of the report submitted, including the proposed change from Congleton Leisure Centre to St Stephen's Church Centre;
- b)** That Rood Hill Methodist Church, Derby Street, Congleton be designated as a Polling Place to replace St Mary's Pre School, Belgrave Avenue (Polling District Ref CNW2); and
- c)** That that Polling District CON4 to be amalgamated with Polling District COS2 in the Congleton East Ward.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee has considered all representations received, and the Acting Returning Officer's submission, and has now made recommendations to the Committee for approval (**Appendix 3**).

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All.

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 All.

### **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1 None.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 Costs incurred will be met from existing budgets.

### **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 None.

### **9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 Undertaking this Review is a statutory duty which must be completed by the deadline of 31 January 2015.

### **10.0 Background and Options**

- 10.1 The attached report submitted to the Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee sets out the background and required stages of the Review.

- 10.2 The matters which have arisen since the Sub-Committee meeting, which require consideration by the Committee, in addition to the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee are set out below:

- a) In considering the Acting Returning Officer's recommendation in respect of moving from Congleton Leisure Centre to St Stephens Church Centre, the Sub-Committee asked officers to explore the area of Brunswick Wharf Deport to see whether there were any alternative options for a suitable polling place within this area. Officers have since investigated this request and report that this area is a working site, which has no suitable premises, and which would not be suitable for polling purposes for health and safety reasons. The Committee is therefore asked to consider the recommendation for the future use of St Stephens Church Centre;



- b) The Elections Office has recently been informed that St Mary's Pre-School, Belgrave Avenue, Congleton is unavailable for future use (Polling District CNW2). It is therefore recommended to move the polling Place to Rood Hill Methodist Church, Derby Street, Congleton, which is deemed to be a good alternative venue.
- c) The Committee is asked to agree a technical change to a Polling District Code. There is currently a Register of Electors (Polling District CON4) which has only five properties listed. This has arisen due to uncertainty about where these properties would wish to vote. The road on which the properties are located has access to two polling stations. The residents previously voted at Buglawton School, but this was quite a distance away. For the last few elections they have voted at Mossley Village Hall, where electors in Polling District COS2 vote, and this arrangement has proved to be satisfactory. The Committee is therefore asked to agree that Polling District CON4 be amalgamated with Polling District COS2, in the Congleton East Ward. This is an administrative change, which would have no impact upon electors.

10.3 Once the Committee has made its final decision on the most appropriate polling districts and polling places, any necessary alterations will be made to the electoral register and arrangements will be made to publish the conclusions of the Review.

#### **11.0 Access to Information**

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

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# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Governance and Democratic Services
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 At its meeting on 1 May 2014 the Constitution Committee authorised the publication of the notice of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review, and authorised the conduct of this review by the Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee. Full Council subsequently agreed to delegate the final decision for the outcome of the review to the Constitution Committee on 27 November 2014 (prior to 1 December 2014, which is the statutory publication date for annual register of electors).
- 1.2 Local authorities have always been required to divide their area into Polling Districts for the purposes of elections, to designate Polling Places for these Polling Districts, and to keep these under review. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a statutory duty for local authorities to carry out a review of their parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places by 31 December 2007; and at least every four years thereafter. In accordance with this legislation the Council conducted its last Review in 2011 and a Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee (with delegated powers to undertake the review) was appointed for this purpose.
- 1.3 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. The next compulsory review must now be completed by 31 January 2015. Subsequent compulsory reviews must then be completed every five years thereafter.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 To recommend a proposal to the Constitution Committee for Polling District and Polling Places arrangements, taking into account representations received.

### 3.0 Wards Affected

- 3.1 All wards are affected.

### 4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 As above.

## **5.0 Policy Implications**

5.1 None.

## **6.0 Financial Implications**

6.1 Costs incurred will be met from existing budgets.

## **7.0 Legal Implications**

7.1 None.

## **8.0 Risk Management**

8.1 Undertaking this Review is a statutory duty which must be completed by the deadline of 31 January 2015.

## **9.0 Background**

9.1 A **Polling District** is the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts within which a Polling Place can be determined which is convenient to electors.

9.2 A **Polling Place** is the building or area in which Polling Stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

9.3 The **Polling Station** is the room or building where the poll takes place which is chosen by the Returning Officer for the election.

9.4 The Review has four stages:-

### Stage 1 – Notification of the review

The first stage of the process involves giving notice of the Review. Notice was published at the end of June 2014 and interested parties, including elected members and disability groups, were notified of the review.

### Stage 2 – Consultation

The consultation stage is for representations and comments to be made on the existing and proposed arrangements for Polling Districts and Places. There are two parts to this:

- A compulsory submission from the (Acting) Returning Officer of the Parliamentary Constituencies; and
- Submissions from electors and other interested persons and bodies.

### Stage 3 – Concluding the Review

Following the consultation stage, the Authority must make its final decisions on the most appropriate polling districts and polling places. The Electoral Registration Officer must then make any necessary alterations to

the electoral register and publish a notice stating that the alterations have been made.

Stage 4 – Publishing the conclusions of the Review

Once the Council has agreed the proposals, details of the new polling districts and polling places must be made available to the public. These should be made available at the local authority offices, in at least one conspicuous place in the constituencies and on the Council's website together with the reasons for choosing each particular polling district and polling place.

- 9.5 A schedule of proposed recommendations for changes to Polling Places is attached to this report (**Appendix A**), together with a copy of the (Acting) Returning Officer's submission (**Appendix B**). Proposals have been drafted to incorporate a summary of representations received.

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## **Schedule of Polling Places With Initial Proposals and Representations**

Electoral Area	ALDERLEY EDGE	Electorate		Initial Proposal
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3DF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ALDERLEY EDGE METHODIST CHURCH				
CHAPEL ROAD				
ALDERLEY EDGE				
CHESHIRE				
SK9 7DU				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3DG1</b>	###		Unable to use The Festival Hall this year. Proposing to use The Scout Hall nearby for this election
ALDERLEY EDGE FESTIVAL HALL				
TALBOT ROAD				
ALDERLEY EDGE				
SK9 7HR				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3DH1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST PHILIPS CHURCH PARISH ROOMS				
CHURCH LANE				
ALDERLEY EDGE				
SK9 7UZ				



<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>ALSAGER</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ALEA</b>	862		Propose no changes
ALSAGER CIVIC CENTRE	<b>ALEB</b>	###		Propose no changes
LAWTON ROAD	<b>ALEE</b>	###		Propose no changes
ALSAGER				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 2AE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ALEC</b>	###		Propose no changes
EXCALIBUR PRIMARY SCHOOL				
IVY LANE				
ALSAGER				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 2RQ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ALED</b>	###		Propose no changes
PIKEMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
PIKEMERE ROAD				
ALSAGER				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 2SW				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ALEF</b>	###		Propose no changes
CRANBERRY ACADEMY	<b>ALEG</b>	###		Propose no changes
CRANBERRY LANE				
ALSAGER				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 2LE				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>AUDLEM</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FH1</b>	104		Propose no changes
BROOMHALL AND SOUND METHODIST CHAPEL	<b>1FH6</b>	42		Propose no changes
NEWTOWN	<b>3FH3</b>	97		Propose no changes
SOUND	<b>3FH4</b>	169		Propose no changes
NANTWICH	<b>3FH7</b>	179		Propose no changes
CW5 8BU				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GK1</b>	202		Propose no changes
HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL	<b>3EL1</b>	411		Propose no changes
AUDLEM ROAD				
HANKELow				
CREWE				
CW3 0JE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EA1</b>	###		Propose no changes
AUDLEM VILLAGE HALL				
CHESHIRE STREET				
AUDLEM				
CREWE				
CW3 0AH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EU6</b>	179		Propose no changes
LIGHTWOOD GREEN METHODIST CHAPEL	<b>3EV6</b>	169		Propose no changes
LIGHTWOOD GREEN				
AUDLEM				
CREWE				
CW3 0EP				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EW6</b>	615		Propose no changes
ST ANDREWS METHODIST CHURCH				
WRENBURY ROAD				
ASTON				
NANTWICH				
CW5 6DQ				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>BOLLINGTON</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4EA1</b>	607		Propose no changes
SHRIGLEY COURT	<b>4EC1</b>	###		Propose no changes
CHURCH STREET				
BOLLINGTON				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 5PY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4EB1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST JOHNS SCHOOL				
GRIMSHAW LANE				
BOLLINGTON				
SK10 5LY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4ED1</b>	897		Propose no changes
BOLLINGTON CIVIC HALL				
PALMERSTON STREET				
BOLLINGTON				
CHESHIRE				
SK10 5JX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4EE1</b>	###		Propose no changes
BOLLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE				
56 OVENHOUSE LANE				
BOLLINGTON				
SK10 5EY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4FC1</b>	607		Propose no changes
HURDSFIELD SUNDAY SCHOOL				
RAINOW ROAD				
HIGHER HURDSFIELD				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 2PF				

Electoral Area	BRERETON RURAL			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts AST6</b>	505		Propose no changes
SMALLWOOD VILLAGE HALL				
SCHOOL LANE				
SMALLWOOD				
SANDBACH				
CW11 2UR				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts BRE1</b>	990		Propose no changes
BRERETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL				
SCHOOL LANE				
BRERETON GREEN				
SANDBACH				
CW11 1RW				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts BRE2</b>	155		Propose no changes
BRADWALL VILLAGE HALL				
BRADWALL ROAD				
BRADWALL				
SANDBACH				
CW11 1RG				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts BRE3</b>	208		Propose no changes
CHIMNEY HOUSE HOTEL				
CHURCH LANE				
SANDBACH				
CW11 4ST				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts AST3</b>	312		Davenport Church no longer available. Propose to use Somerford Business Court (Testplant Offices)
DAVENPORT METHODIST CHURCH				
OFF HOLMES CHAPEL ROAD				
DAVENPORT				
CONGLETON				
CW12 4SS				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts BRE4</b>	297		Propose no changes
WARMINGHAM AND DISTRICT PARISH HALL	<b>3FK6</b>	197		Propose no changes
SCHOOL LANE				
WARMINGHAM				
SANDBACH				
CW11 3QN				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts DAN4</b>	244		Propose no changes
SWETTENHAM CLUB	<b>AST4</b>	122		Propose no changes

SWETTENHAM ROAD	<b>AST5</b>	144		Propose no changes
SWETTENHAM				
CONGLETON				
CW12 2LA				

<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts LAW3</b>	528		Propose no changes
ST PHILIPS CHURCH HALL	<b>LAW4</b>	225		Propose no changes
ALSAGER ROAD				
HASSALL GREEN				
SANDBACH				
CW11 4YB				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>BROKEN CROSS AND UPTON</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AD1</b>	955	Propose no changes
LATTER DAY SAINTS CHURCH	<b>4AD3</b>	###	Propose no changes
JUNCTION VICTORIA ROAD			
PRIORY LANE			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 3JE			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AD2</b>	###	Propose no changes
MACCLESFIELD CRICKET CLUB			
VICTORIA ROAD			
MACCLESFIELD			
CHESHIRE			
SK10 3JA			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AF1</b>	925	Propose no changes
BROKEN CROSS METHODIST CHURCH	<b>4AF3</b>	###	Propose no changes
CHELFORD ROAD			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 3JR			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AF2</b>	###	Propose no changes
UPTON PRIORY SCHOOL			
BERWICK CLOSE			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 3ED			

Electoral Area	BUNBURY			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EB1</b>	356		Propose no changes
THE TOLLEMACHE ARMS	<b>3EF1</b>	221		Propose no changes
CHESTER ROAD				
ALPRAHAM				
TARPORLEY CW6 9JE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3ED1</b>	###		Propose no changes
JUBILEE PAVILION				
BUNBURY JUBILEE PLAYGROUND				
BUNBURY LANE				
BUNBURY CW6 9QP				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EH6</b>	368		Propose no changes
CHURCH MINSHULL VILLAGE HALL	<b>3EJ6</b>	141		Propose no changes
CROSS LANE	<b>3EJ7</b>	166		Propose no changes
CHURCH MINSHULL	<b>3FJ7</b>	184		Representation from Minshull Vernon & District Parish Council that these Electors return to vote at St Peters Community Hall
CW5 6DY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EN6</b>	52		Propose no changes
BARBRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL	<b>3EN7</b>	179		Propose no changes
OLD CHESTER ROAD	<b>3ES1</b>	124		Propose no changes
BARBRIDGE				
NANTWICH				
CW5 6AZ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3FA5</b>	240		Propose no changes
ACTON VILLAGE HALL	<b>3FA7</b>	79		Propose no changes
CHESTER ROAD				
ACTON				
NANTWICH CW5 8LG				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3FB7</b>	104		Representation to use the use of the new Worleston Village Hall. Recommended that we move to this venue when it has been completed. Hopefully in time for May 2015. But for future elections if not.
ST OSWALDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>3FB8</b>	176		
CHURCH ROAD	<b>3FB9</b>	146		
WORLESTON				
NANTWICH				
CW5 6DP				



<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CHELFORD</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CD1</b>	64		Propose no changes
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL, TOFT				
TOFT ROAD				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 6DH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CJ1</b>	130		Propose no changes
THE HALL AT MARTHALL	<b>3CO1</b>	283		Propose no changes
SANDLEBRIDGE LANE				
MARTHALL				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 7SB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CN1</b>	84		Propose no changes
LOWER PEOVER C OF E SCHOOL				
THE COBBLES				
LOWER PEOVER				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 9PZ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CR1</b>	553		Propose no changes
PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL				
PLUMLEY				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 0TR				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CS1</b>	556		Propose no changes
OVER PEOVER VILLAGE HALL				
OFF STOCKS LANE				
OVER PEOVER				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 9HD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3DA1</b>	###		Propose no changes
CHELFORD VILLAGE HALL	<b>3DA2</b>	120		Propose no changes
KNUTSFORD ROAD				
CHELFORD				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 9AS				

<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3DB1</b>	468		Propose no changes
NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH HALL				
CHURCH LANE				
CONGLETON ROAD				
NETHER ALDERLEY				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 4TW				

Electoral Area	CONGLETON EAST			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts COB1</b>	###		Representation to use alternative building
BUGLAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>COB2</b>	###		Propose use of Buglawton Scout Hall, St Johns Road, Buglawton
BUXTON OLD ROAD				
BUGLAWTON				
CONGLETON				
CHESHIRE CW12 2EL				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts CON1</b>	###		Representation to use St Stephens Church Centre, propose use of this centre
CONGLETON LEISURE CENTRE	<b>CON3</b>	105		
WORRALL STREET				
CONGLETON				
CHESHIRE				
CW12 1DT				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts CON2</b>	###		Propose no changes
BROMLEY FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE				
EDINBURGH ROAD				
CONGLETON				
CW12 3EN				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts COS2</b>	###		Propose no changes
MOSSLEY VILLAGE HALL	<b>COS3</b>	###		Propose no changes
LEEK ROAD	<b>CON4</b>	6		Propose Merge with COS2
CONGLETON				
CW12 3HX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts COS1</b>	###		Propose no changes
WELLSPRING METHODIST CHURCH	<b>COS4</b>	###		Propose no changes
CANAL ROAD				
CONGLETON				
CW12 3AP				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CONGLETON WEST</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts CNW2</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST MARYS RC PRE- SCHOOL				
BELGRAVE AVENUE				
CONGLETON				
CW12 1HT				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts CNW3</b>	###		Propose no changes
EATON BANK ACADEMY				
JACKSON ROAD				
CONGLETON				
CW12 1NT				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts COC1</b>	###		Propose no changes
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH HALL				
WAGG STREET				
CONGLETON				
CHESHIRE				
CW12 4BA				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts COC2</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST JOHN AMBULANCE CENTRE	<b>COC3</b>	###		Propose no changes
WEST ROAD				
CONGLETON				
CW12 4ES				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts COW1</b>	###		Propose no changes
QUINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>COW3</b>	998		Propose no changes
ULLSWATER ROAD				
CONGLETON				
CW12 4LX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts COW2</b>	###		Propose no changes
BLACK FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>COW4</b>	###		Propose no changes
LONGDOWN ROAD				
CONGLETON				
CW12 4QJ				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CREWE CENTRAL</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1AB1</b>	###		Propose no changes
BEECHWOOD SCHOOL				
MEREDITH STREET				
CREWE				
CW1 2PW				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1AE1</b>	###		Propose no changes. NB: Wilson House Scout HQ is an old outdated building, however there is no alternative Polling Station in the area at the present time.
WILSON HOUSE SCOUT HQ				
85 FORD LANE				
CREWE				
CW1 3EH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1AF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
GODDARD COURT				
GODDARD STREET				
CREWE				
CW1 3BD				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CREWE EAST</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1AC1</b>	792		Propose no changes
BRIERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL				
MIRION STREET				
CREWE				
CW1 2AZ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts:</b>			
17TH SWC CREWE SCOUT HALL	<b>1AD1</b>	###		Representation from an elector that it is quite a way for some Electors. No other
QUEEN STREET	<b>1CE1</b>	###		
CREWE				
CHESHIRE				
CW1 4AU				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1CD1</b>	###		Coppenhall Working Mens Club used for the last couple of Elections
COPPENHALL WORKING MENS CLUB				It may be possible to move to the new Methodist Church in North Street if
103 NORTH STREET				completed and available. Church not completed at present, recommend that we
CREWE				
CW1 4NJ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1CF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
MONKS COPPENHALL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL				
REMER STREET				
CREWE				
CW1 4LY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
HUNGERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>1DF3</b>	###		Propose no changes
SCHOOL CRESCENT				
CREWE				
CW1 5HA				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DF2</b>	###		Propose no changes
SYDNEY ARMS ANNEX				
SYDNEY ROAD				
CREWE				
CW1 5LY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DG1</b>	405		Propose no changes
CREWE BOWLING CLUB				
21A STANHOPE AVENUE				
CREWE				



<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CREWE NORTH</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1CB1</b>	###		Propose no changes
COPPENHALL METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE	<b>1CB2</b>	965		Propose no changes
BRADFIELD ROAD				
CREWE CW1 3RB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1CC2</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST MICHAELS COMMUNITY ACADEMY				
HOLLAND STREET				
CREWE				
CW1 3SL				
<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CREWE SOUTH</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BD2</b>	439		Propose no changes
VINE TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
DANE BANK AVENUE				
CREWE				
CW2 8AD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BD3</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST STEPHENS METHODIST CHURCH HALL				
GAINSBOROUGH ROAD				
CREWE				
CW2 7PH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DA1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST ANDREWS SCOUT HALL				
131 BEDFORD STREET				
CREWE				
CW2 6JB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DB1</b>	###		Propose no changes
PEBBLE BROOK CHILDRENS CENTRE				
BALMORAL AVENUE				
CREWE				
CW2 6PL				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DC1</b>	950		Propose no changes
YMCA				
189 GRESTDY ROAD				
CREWE				
CW2 6EL				



<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DE1</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
UNION STREET BAPTIST CHURCH				
UNION STREET				
CREWE				
CW2 7LP				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GM2</b>	<b>580</b>		Propose no changes
NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH				
45 FULLER DRIVE				
WISTASTON				
CREWE CW2 6TH				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CREWE ST. BARNABAS</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BE1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
UNDERWOOD WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>1CA1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
NEWCASTLE STREET	<b>1BER</b>	956		Propose no changes.
CREWE				
CHESHIRE				
CW1 3LF				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>CREWE WEST</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BA1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
WISTASTON GREEN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL	<b>1BAR</b>	934		Propose no changes.
MORETON ROAD				
CREWE				
CW2 8QS				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BF1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
THE GEORGES COMMUNITY CENTRE				
WEST STREET				
CREWE				
CW2 8SH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BB2</b>	720		Propose no changes
WEST LODGE				
QUEENS PARK				
VICTORIA AVENUE				
CREWE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BC1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL				
79 STEWART STREET				
CREWE				
CW2 8LX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1BD1</b>	###		Propose no changes
GAINSBOROUGH PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL				
BELGRAVE ROAD				
CREWE				
CW2 7NH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1DD1</b>	890		Propose no changes
EDLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL				
79 STEWART STREET				
CREWE				
CW2 8LX				
<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>DANE VALLEY</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts DAN1</b>	###		Propose no changes

GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL	<b>DAN2</b>	165		Propose no changes
MAIN ROAD	<b>DAN5</b>	821		Propose no changes
GOOSTREY				
CW4 8PE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts DAN3</b>	975		Propose no changes
CRANAGE VILLAGE HALL				
KNUTSFORD ROAD				
CRANAGE				
CREWE				
CW4 8EQ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts HCE1</b>	###		Propose no changes
HOLMES CHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL				
MIDDLEWICH ROAD				
HOLMES CHAPEL				
CW4 7EB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts HCE2</b>	###		Propose no changes
HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL				
SELKIRK DRIVE				
HOLMES CHAPEL				
CW4 7DX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts HCE3</b>	###		Representation from Councillor Gilbert to move from the Methodist Church to the Lib
HOLMES CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH	<b>HCE4</b>	25		New register for the new estate off Marsh Lane, propose that these
KNUTSFORD ROAD				go to vote at Holmes Chapel Library
HOLMES CHAPEL				
CW4 7DE				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>DISLEY</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4FA1</b>	504		Propose no changes
LUIGI MOTOR SERVICES				
BUXTON ROAD				
DISLEY				
STOCKPORT				
SK12 2PY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4FB1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
DISLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE	<b>4FB2</b>	###		Propose no changes.
BUXTON OLD ROAD				
DISLEY				
SK12 2AA				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>GAWSWORTH</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GA1</b>	334		Propose no changes
BOSLEY ST MARYS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
LEEK ROAD				
BOSLEY				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 0NX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GC1</b>	353		Propose no changes
EATON CHURCH HALL				
MACCLESFIELD ROAD				
EATON				
CONGLETON				
CW12 2NQ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GD1</b>	969		Propose no changes
GAWSWORTH PARISH HALL				
CHURCH LANE				
GAWSWORTH				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 9RJ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GE1</b>	483		Propose no changes
HENBURY CHURCH HALL				
CHURCH LANE				
HENBURY				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 9NN				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GF6</b>	178		Propose no changes
MARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL				
SCHOOL LANE				
MARTON				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 9HD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GH6</b>	188		Propose no changes
DAINTRY HALL SCHOOL				
NORTH RODE				
CONGLETON				
CW12 2PF				

<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GJ6</b>	290		Propose no changes
SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL				
CONGLETON ROAD				
SIDDINGTON				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 9JR				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GN1</b>	463		Propose no changes
LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH HALL				
SALTERS LANE				
LOWER WITHINGTON				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 9DY				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>HANDFORTH</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EA1</b>	514		Propose no changes
A.T.C. HUT				
COURTNEY GREEN				
DEAN DRIVE				
WILMSLOW				
SK9 2EY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EE1</b>	###		Propose no changes
DEAN ROW COMMUNITY CENTRE				
DEAN ROW ROAD				
WILMSLOW				
SK9 2TA				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
HANDFORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE				
OLD ROAD				
HANDFORTH				
SK9 3AB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EG1</b>	967		Propose no changes
MERITON ROAD PAVILION				
MERITON ROAD				
HANDFORTH				
SK9 3HB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EH1</b>	###		Proposed no changes.
ST MARYS METHODIST CHURCH HALL				
WILMSLOW ROAD				
HANDFORTH				
SK9 3JX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EJ1</b>	###		Propose no changes
WILMSLOW GRANGE CP & NURSERY SCHOOL				
ULLSWATER ROAD				
HANDFORTH				
WILMSLOW				
SK9 3NG				



Electoral Area	HASLINGTON			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GF1</b>	796		Propose no changes
WESTON CHURCH HALL	<b>1GG1</b>	201		Propose no changes
CEMETERY ROAD				
WESTON				
CREWE				
CW2 5LQ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 2GA6</b>	169		Propose no changes
BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL				
RADWAY GREEN ROAD				
BARTHOMLEY				
CREWE				
CW2 5PE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 2GB1</b>	172		Propose no changes
ST MICHAELS CHURCH				
NARROW LANE				
CREWE GREEN				
CREWE				
CW1 5UN				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 2GC1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
YOXALL VILLAGE HALL	<b>2GC2</b>	###		Propose no changes.
CREWE ROAD	<b>2GC3</b>	###		Propose no changes.
HASLINGTON				
CW1 5QY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 2GD1</b>	281		Propose no changes.
OAKHANGER METHODIST CHAPEL				
BUTTERTONS LANE				
OAKHANGER				
CREWE				
CW1 5UU				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 2GE1</b>	###		Propose no changes
WINTERLEY METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM				
CREWE ROAD				
WINTERLEY				
SANDBACH				
CW11 4RP				

Electoral Area	HIGH LEGH			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CA1</b>	147		Propose no changes
LITTLE BOLLINGTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>3CA2</b>	139		Propose no changes
LYMM ROAD				
LITTLE BOLLINGTON				
ALTRINCHAM				
WA14 4SZ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CC6</b>	253		Propose no changes
THE COACH HOUSE				
ARLEY HALL				
NORTHWICH				
CW9 6NA				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CG1</b>	###		Propose no changes
HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL				
WEST LANE				
HIGH LEGH				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 6LR				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CK1</b>	508		Propose no changes
MERE PARISH CLUB				
WARRINGTON ROAD				
MERE				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 0PU				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CL1</b>	158		Propose no changes
BUCKLOW GARAGE				
CHESTER ROAD				
BUCKLOW HILL				
KNUTSFORD				
CHESHIRE				
WA16 6RL				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CT1</b>	622		Propose no changes
PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL				
PICKMERE LANE				
PICKMERE				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 0JL				

<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CV1</b>	347		Propose no changes
TABLEY PARISH HALL				
OLD HALL LANE				
TABLEY				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 OPW				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>KNUTSFORD</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3BA1</b>	###		Return to Knutsford Civic Centre from St Johns
KNUTSFORD CIVIC CENTRE	<b>3BAR</b>	###		Return to Knutsford Civic Centre from St Johns
TOFT ROAD				
KNUTSFORD				
CHESHIRE				
WA16 0PE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3BB1</b>	930		The School is currently having extensive work done and a request has been that for the May 2015 elections St Vincents School across the road be used. Returning to Manor Park on future occasions
MANOR PARK SCHOOL				
MANOR PARK NORTH				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 8DB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3BBR</b>	###		Propose no changes other than to have an additional polling station from Manor Park for 2015
ST VINCENTS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL				
MANOR PARK SOUTH				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 8AL				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3BC1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST JOHNS WOOD MILLENNIUM CENTRE				
LONGRIDGE				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 8PA				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3BD1</b>	###		Propose no changes
KNUTSFORD LEISURE CENTRE				
WESTFIELD DRIVE				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 OBL				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3BE1</b>	716		Propose no changes.
BEXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>3BF1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
BLACKHILL LANE				
KNUTSFORD				
CHESHIRE				
WA16 9DB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3BF2</b>	###		

TOFT CRICKET PAVILION				Toft Cricket Pavilion has advised for the second year that the venue is unavailable again for 2015. Booths Hall worked well with no complaints and it is recommended that we return to Booths Hall again. It could possibly be considered as a permanent arrangement.
BOOTHS HALL, CHELFORD ROAD				
KNUTSFORD				
CHESHIRE WA16 8QP				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>LEIGHTON</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3FJ5</b>	568		Propose no changes
LEIGHTON ACADEMY	<b>1FJ4</b>	377		Propose no changes
MINSHULL NEW ROAD	<b>3FJ2</b>	67		Propose no changes
CREWE				
CW1 3PP				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3FJ3</b>	###		Propose no changes
MABLINS LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>3FJ6</b>	###		Propose no changes
MABLINS LANE				
CREWE				
CW1 3YR				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MACCLESFIELD CENTRAL</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BA1</b>	558	Propose no changes
NEWBIGGIN WAY COMMUNITY ROOM			
NEWBIGGIN WAY			
LONGACRE STREET			
MACCLESFIELD SK10 1AR			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BA2</b>	419	Propose no changes
MACCLESFIELD METHODIST CHURCH			
WESTMINSTER ROAD			
JUNCTION KING EDWARD STREET/ MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 1BX			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BB1</b>	929	Propose no changes
PHOENIX HALL			
WHISTON STREET			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK11 6QQ			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BB2</b>	###	Propose no changes
SENIOR CITIZENS HALL			
DUKE STREET			
MACCLESFIELD SK11 6UR			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BBR</b>	###	Propose no changes
FERMAIN YOUTH CENTRE			
BESWICK STREET			
OFF OXFORD ROAD			
MACCLESFIELD			
CHESHIRE SK11 8JG			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CD1</b>	###	Propose no changes
RYLES HOUSE			
RIDGE VIEW			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK11 8BZ			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CE1</b>	513	Propose no changes
ST GEORGES STREET BAPTIST CHURCH			
ST GEORGES STREET			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK11 6TG			

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MACCLESFIELD EAST</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST PETERS CHURCH				
WINDMILL STREET				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 7HS				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CG1</b>	893		Propose no changes
MORTON JUBILEE HALL	<b>4CH1</b>	###		Propose no changes
UNION ROAD				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 7BN				



<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MACCLESFIELD HURDSFIELD</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AB1</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
HURDSFIELD LIBRARY				
7 HURDSFIELD GREEN				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 2RJ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AB2</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL				
197A HURDSFIELD ROAD				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 2PX				

<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AB3</b>	893		Propose no changes
HURDSFIELD CP SCHOOL				
7 HURDSFIELD GREEN				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 2PX				
<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MACCLESFIELD SOUTH</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BF2</b>	###		Propose no changes
IVY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>4CAR</b>	###		Propose no changes
VALLEY ROAD	<b>4BFR</b>	484		Propose no changes
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 8PB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CA1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST BARNABAS CHURCH HALL				
LYME AVENUE				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 7RS				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CB1</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST EDWARDS COMMUNITY HALL				
145 LONDON ROAD				
MACCLESFIELD				
CHESHIRE				
SK11 6RL				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CBR</b>	457		Propose no changes
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH				
CALAMINE STREET				
MACCLESFIELD				
CHESHIRE				
SK11 7HU				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MACCLESFIELD TYTHERINGTON</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AA1</b>	###	Propose no changes
TYTHERINGTON FAMILY WORSHIP CHURCH	<b>4AAR</b>	###	Propose no changes
SANDWICH DRIVE	<b>4AA4</b>	76	Propose move back as there is some issues with Tytherington High School.
DORCHESTER WAY			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 2UD			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AA2</b>	###	Propose no changes
MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>4AA3</b>	715	Propose move back as there is some issues with Tytherington High School.
TYTHERINGTON DRIVE			
TYTHERINGTON			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 2HJ			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AC1</b>	956	Propose no changes
MACCLESFIELD METHODIST CHURCH			
WESTMINSTER ROAD			
JUNCTION KING EDWARD STREET/ MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 1BX			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4AE1</b>	###	Propose no changes
BOLLINBROOK CE(A) PRIMARY SCHOOL			
ABBEY ROAD			
MACCLESFIELD			
CHESHIRE			
SK10 3AT			

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MACCLESFIELD WEST AND IVY</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BC1</b>	###	Propose no changes
WESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE	<b>4BE1</b>	###	Propose no changes
EARLSWAY			
MACCLESFIELD SK11 8RL			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BD1</b>	###	Propose no changes
ST JOHNS CHURCH			
WILWICK LANE			
MACCLESFIELD			
CHESHIRE			
SK11 8RS			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4BF1</b>	###	Proposed no changes
ST JOHNS EVANGELIST PRIMARY SCHOOL			A request from an Elector to vote at Fermain Youth Centre, however, Macclesfield Central vote at this Polling Place.
BESWICK STREET			
IVY ROAD			
MACCLESFIELD			
CHESHIRE			
SK11 8QN			

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MIDDLEWICH</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts MIAA</b>	###		Propose no changes
MIDDLEWICH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB				
FINNEYS LANE				
MIDDLEWICH				
CW10 9DR				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts MIAB</b>	###		Propose no changes
MIDDLEWICH CIVIC HALL	<b>MIAH</b>	###		Propose no changes
CIVIC WAY				
MIDDLEWICH				
CW10 9AS				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts MIAC</b>	###		Propose no changes
ST MARYS PARISH HALL				
NEW KING STREET				
MIDDLEWICH				
CW10 9EB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts MIAE</b>	###		Propose no changes
CLEDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL				
GEORGE VI AVENUE				
MIDDLEWICH				
CW10 0DD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts MIAF</b>	###		Propose no changes
MIDDLEWICH METHODIST CHURCH	<b>MIAJ</b>	###		Propose no changes
BOOTH LANE				
MIDDLEWICH				
CW10 0EF				

<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts MIAG</b>	###		Propose no changes
MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL				
KING EDWARD STREET				
MIDDLEWICH				
CW10 9BU				
<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>MOBBERLEY</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CB6</b>	221		Propose no changes
ASHLEY SCHOOL				
SUNNYSIDE NURSERY				
BACK LANE				
ASHLEY				
ALTRINCHAM				
WA15 0QH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CH1</b>	159		Propose no changes
THE DAVID LEWIS CENTRE	<b>3DE1</b>	636		Propose no changes
LEVERHULME HALL				
MILL LANE				
WARFORD				
ALDERLEY EDGE				
SK9 7UD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CM1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
RAJAR BUILDING	<b>3CMR</b>	###		Propose no changes
TOWN LANE				
MOBBERLEY				
CHESHIRE				
WA16 7ER				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3CU1</b>	116		Propose no changes
EGERTON HALL	<b>3CU7</b>	21		Propose no changes
ROSTHERNE LANE				
ROSTHERNE				
KNUTSFORD				
WA16 6RZ				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>NANTWICH NORTH AND WEST</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1NA0</b>	###	Propose no changes
WYCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>1NA6</b>	###	Propose no changes
MANOR ROAD			
NANTWICH			
CW5 5LX			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1NA1</b>	###	Propose no changes
NANTWICH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB			
WEAVER STADIUM			
WATERLODE			
NANTWICH			
CW5 5BS			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1NA2</b>	###	Propose no changes
MILLFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL			
MARSH LANE			
NANTWICH			
CW5 4HP			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1NA3</b>	###	Propose no changes
GUY HARVEY YOUTH CLUB	<b>1NAC</b>	918	Propose no changes
BIRCHIN LANE			
NANTWICH			
CW5 6ET			

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>NANTWICH SOUTH AND STAPELEY</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FC1</b>	###	Propose no changes.
STAPELEY COMMUNITY HALL	<b>1FCR</b>	981	Propose no changes
PEAR TREE FIELD			
STAPELEY			
NANTWICH			
CHESHIRE			
CW5 7GW			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FC2</b>	385	Propose no changes
STAPELEY GRANGE WILDLIFE CENTRE AND CATTERY	<b>1FC6</b>	42	Propose no changes
LONDON ROAD			
STAPELEY			
NANTWICH			
CW5 7JW			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1NA4</b>	###	Propose no changes
NANTWICH METHODIST CHURCH			
HOSPITAL STREET			
NANTWICH			
CW5 5RP			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1NA5</b>	###	Propose no changes
NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES	<b>1NAR</b>	###	Propose no changes
BROOKFIELD HALL			
SHREWBRIDGE ROAD			
NANTWICH			
CW5 7AB			



Electoral Area	ODD RODE			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts AST1</b>	418		A request from the Parish Council to use the Village Hall instead of the School
ASTBURY ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>AST2</b>	136		Propose that Astbury Village Hall is used instead of the School.
SCHOOL LANE				
ASTBURY				
CONGLETON				
CW12 4RG				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts LAW1</b>	###		Propose no changes
LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL	<b>LAW2</b>	825		Propose no changes
LIVERPOOL ROAD WEST				
CHURCH LAWTON				
ST7 3DA				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ORD1</b>	###		Propose no changes
RODE HEATH VILLAGE HALL				
SANDBACH ROAD				
RODE HEATH				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 3SB				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ORD2</b>	###		Propose no changes
SCHOLAR GREEN COMMUNITY HALL				
CHURCH LANE				
SCHOLAR GREEN				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 3QQ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ORD3</b>	963		Propose no changes
MOUNT PLEASANT METHODIST SCHOOLROOM				
CHAPEL STREET				
MOUNT PLEASANT				
MOW COP				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 3NY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts ORD5</b>	349		Propose no changes
MOW COP COMMUNITY CHURCH				
TOP STATION ROAD				
MOW COP				
STOKE ON TRENT				
ST7 3NH				

Electoral Area	POYNTON EAST AND POTT SHRIGLEY		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4FD1</b>	262	Propose no changes
KETTLESHULME MEMORIAL HALL	<b>4FD7</b>	28	Propose no changes
MACCLESFIELD ROAD			
KETTLESHULME			
HIGH PEAK			
SK23 7QU			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4FE2</b>	211	Propose no changes
POTT SHRIGLEY SCHOOL - VILLAGE HALL			
SHRIGLEY ROAD			
POTT SHRIGLEY			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 5RT			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JC1</b>	###	Propose no changes
THE WILLOWS SUITE			
WILLOW CLOSE			
OFF PARK LANE			
POYNTON			
CHESHIRE SK12 1RG			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JD1</b>	###	Propose no changes
POYNTON CIVIC HALL	<b>4JDR</b>	###	Propose no changes
PARK LANE			
POYNTON SK12 1RB			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JE1</b>	###	Propose no changes
WORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL			
BIRCH ROAD			
POYNTON			
STOCKPORT			
SK12 1QA			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JF1</b>	903	Propose no changes
ST MARTINS CHURCH HALL	<b>4FB6</b>	84	Propose no changes
SHRIGLEY ROAD NORTH			
HIGHER POYNTON			
STOCKPORT			
SK12 1TE			

Electoral Area	POYNTON WEST AND ADLINGTON		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JA1</b>	512	Propose no changes
ADLINGTON VILLAGE HALL	<b>4JB1</b>	388	Propose no changes
MILL LANE			
ADLINGTON			
MACCLESFIELD			
SK10 4LF			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JC2</b>	###	Propose no changes
ST PAULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL			
MARLEY ROAD			
POYNTON			
SK12 1LY			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JG1</b>	###	Propose no changes
LOWER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>4JG2</b>	###	Propose no changes
HAZELBADGE ROAD			
POYNTON			
SK12 1HE			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4JH1</b>	###	Propose no changes
LOSTOCK HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL			
MALLARD CRESCENT			
POYNTON			
SK12 1XG			

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>PRESTBURY</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3DC1</b>	253		Propose no changes
OVER ALDERLEY READING ROOM				
BIRTLES LANE				
OVER ALDERLEY				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 4RX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4HE1</b>	421		Propose no changes
MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW VILLAGE HALL	<b>4HE2</b>	82		Propose no changes
WILMSLOW OLD ROAD				
MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 4QP				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4HF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
PRESTBURY GUIDE HQ				
END OF BOLLIN GROVE				
PRESTBURY				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 4JJ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4HF2</b>	85		Propose no changes
PRESTBURY VILLAGE HALL	<b>4HF3</b>	###		Propose no changes
MACCLESFIELD ROAD				
PRESTBURY				
SK10 4BW				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>SANDBACH ELWORTH</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAN3</b>	###		Propose no changes
ELWORTH HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL				
LAWTON WAY				
ELWORTH				
SANDBACH				
CW11 1TE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAW1</b>	865		Propose no changes
ELWORTH SCOUT HALL	<b>SAW2</b>	###		Propose no changes
SCHOOL LANE				NEW DEVELOPMENT
ELWORTH				
SANDBACH				
CW11 3HU				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>SANDBACH ETTILEY HEATH AND WHEELOCK</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAW3</b>	<b>###</b>	Propose no changes
ETTILEY HEATH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE			NEW DEVELOPMENT
ELTON ROAD			
SANDBACH			
CHESHIRE			
CW11 3NE			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAW4</b>	<b>###</b>	Propose no changes
WHEELOCK METHODIST CHURCH HALL			NEW DEVELOPMENT
CREWE ROAD			
WHEELOCK			
SANDBACH			
CW11 3RT			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAWR</b>	<b>814</b>	Propose no changes
WHEELOCK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL			SANDBACH COMMUNITY PRIMARY may have to be used for 2015 due to building works
CREWE ROAD			
WHEELOCK			
SANDBACH			
CHESHIRE			
CW11 3RT			

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>SANDBACH HEATH AND EAST</b>		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAE1</b>	###	Propose no changes
SANDBACH HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL	<b>SAEC</b>	###	Propose no changes
HEATH ROAD			
SANDBACH			
CW11 2LE			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAE3</b>	###	Propose no changes
SANDBACH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL			
CREWE ROAD			
SANDBACH			
CW11 4NS			

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>SANDBACH TOWN</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAE2</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
MASONIC HALL				
THE COMMONS				
SANDBACH				
CHESHIRE CW11 1FJ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAN1</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
OFFLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL				
OFFLEY ROAD				
SANDBACH				
CW11 1GY				



<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts SAN2</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
SANDBACH RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB				
BRADWALL ROAD				
SANDBACH				
CW11 1RA				
<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>SHAVINGTON</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GM1</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
SHAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL	<b>1GMR</b>	<b>###</b>		Propose no changes
MAIN ROAD				
SHAVINGTON				
CREWE				
CW2 5DP				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>SUTTON</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4CC1</b>	568		Propose no changes
LYME GREEN SETTLEMENT				
LYME GREEN				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 0LD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4FF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
RAINOW INSTITUTE				
STOCKS LANE				
RAINOW				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK10 5XE				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GG6</b>	56		Propose no changes
WILDBOARCLOUGH CHURCH ROOMS	<b>4GL6</b>	100		Propose no changes
BANKING EDGE				
WILDBOARCLOUGH				
MACCLESFIELD SK11 0BD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GK1</b>	866		Propose no changes
ST JAMES CHURCH HALL	<b>4GK6</b>	344		Propose no changes
CHURCH LANE				
SUTTON				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 0DS				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GM6</b>	140		Propose no changes
WINCLE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
WINCLE				
MACCLESFIELD				
SK11 0QH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 4GO1</b>	472		Propose no changes
LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL				
MAIN ROAD				
LANGLEY				
SK11 0DQ				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>WILLASTON AND ROPE</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FD1</b>	###		
ST JOHNS METHODIST CHURCH HALL	<b>1FDC</b>	757		Representation from the Nursery to use an alternative venue. Propose to use Acacia Suite at Willaston Masonic Hall.
WYBUNBURY ROAD	<b>1FDR</b>	294		
WILLASTON				
CW5 7JF				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FD2</b>	401		Propose no changes
WILLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL				
WYBUNBURY ROAD				
WILLASTON				
CW5 7JF				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FE1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL				
LAIDON AVENUE				
WISTASTON				
CREWE				
CW2 6RU				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>WILMSLOW DEAN ROW</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EB1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
DEAN ROW COMMUNITY CENTRE	<b>8EC1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
RINGSTEAD DRIVE				
DEAN ROW ROAD				
WILMSLOW				
SK9 2TA				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8ED1</b>	780		Propose no changes
DEAN ROW VILLAGE HALL				
BROWNS LANE				
WILMSLOW				
SK9 2BR				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>WILMSLOW EAST</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FA1</b>	###		Propose no changes.
ST JOHNS LINDOW CHURCH ROOMS				
KNUTSFORD ROAD				
WILMSLOW				
SK9 6EL				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FE1</b>	807		Propose no changes
WILMSLOW LEISURE CENTRE	<b>8FF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
RECTORY FIELDS				
WILMSLOW				
SK9 1BU				

Electoral Area	WILMSLOW LACEY GREEN		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EK1</b>	###	Propose no changes
LACEY GREEN PAVILION			
CLOUGH AVENUE			
LACEY GREEN			
WILMSLOW			
SK9 4BU			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8EK</b>	###	Propose no changes
WILMSLOW PARISH HALL			
CLIFF ROAD			
WILMSLOW			
SK9 4AA			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FK1</b>	592	Propose no changes
STYAL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB			
ALTRINCHAM ROAD			
STYAL			
WILMSLOW			
SK9 4JE			

Electoral Area	WILMSLOW WEST AND CHORLEY		
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3DD1</b>	369	Propose no changes
CHORLEY VILLAGE HALL			
KNUTSFORD ROAD			
CHORLEY			
ALDERLEY EDGE			
SK9 7SF			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FB1</b>	###	Ashdene School has asked for an alternative arrangement to be made. Electoral Services investigating the Cricket Pavilion on Upcast Lane as a potential alternative
ASHDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>8FBR</b>	###	
THORESWAY ROAD			
WILMSLOW			
SK9 6LJ			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FC1</b>	###	Propose no changes
WILMSLOW UNITED REFORMED CHURCH			
CHAPEL LANE			
WILMSLOW			
SK9 1PR			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FG1</b>	###	Propose no changes
ST ANNES CHURCH HALL			
NURSERY LANE			
WILMSLOW			
CHESHIRE			
SK9 5EY			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FHR</b>	###	Propose no changes
WILMSLOW GUILD			
1 BOURNE STREET			
WILMSLOW			
CHESHIRE			
SK9 5HD			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FH1</b>	791	Propose no changes
THE RUGBY CLUB			
KINGS ROAD			
WILMSLOW			
SK9 5PZ			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 8FJ1</b>	162	Propose no changes
MORLEY GREEN CLUB			
MOBBERLEY ROAD			

MORLEY GREEN				
WILMSLOW				
CHESHIRE				
SK9 5NT				



<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>WISTASTON</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FD2</b>	401		Propose no changes
WILLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL				
DERWENT CLOSE				
WILLASTON				
NANTWICH				
CHESHIRE CW5 6QQ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FE2</b>	###		Propose no changes
WELLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH				
BROOKLAND AVENUE				
WISTASTON				
CREWE				
CW2 8EJ				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FF1</b>	###		Propose no changes
WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL	<b>1FFR</b>	###		Propose no changes
CHURCH LANE				
WISTASTON				
CREWE				
CW2 8ER				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FG1</b>	###		Propose no changes
WISTASTON GREEN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL				
MORETON ROAD				
CREWE				
CW2 8QS				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FG2</b>	818		Propose no changes
VINE TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
DANE BANK AVENUE				
CREWE				
CW2 8AD				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1FJ1</b>	587		Propose no changes
THE GEORGES COMMUNITY CENTRE				
WEST STREET				
CREWE				
CW2 8SH				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>WRENBURY</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EC1</b>	183		Propose no changes
BICKERTON VILLAGE HALL	<b>3EC2</b>	187		Propose no changes
LONG LANE	<b>3EC8</b>	59		Propose no changes
BICKERTON	<b>3EO6</b>	106		Propose no changes
MALPAS				
CESHIRE				
SY14 8AU				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EE1</b>	464		Propose no changes
ACTON VILLAGE HALL	<b>3FA6</b>	54		Propose no changes
CHESTER ROAD				
ACTON				
CW5 8LG				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EK6</b>	137		Propose no changes
GOODWILL HALL	<b>3EK7</b>	132		Propose no changes
WREXHAM ROAD				
FADDILEY				
CREWE				
CW5 8HY				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EG1</b>	106		Propose no changes
CHOLMONDELEY BOWLING PAVILION	<b>3EQ1</b>	87		Propose no changes
WRENBURY ROAD				
CHOLMONDELEY				
MALPAS				
CESHIRE				
SY14 8HN				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EM6</b>	129		Propose no changes
PECKFORTON VILLAGE ROOM				
HILL LANE				
PECKFORTON				
CW6 9TN				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3EP6</b>	163		Propose no changes
JUBILEE PAVILION	<b>3EP7</b>	341		Propose no changes
BUNBURY JUBILEE PLAYGROUND				
BUNBURY LANE				
BUNBURY CW6 9QP				

<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3ER6</b>	204		Propose no changes
MARBURY VILLAGE HALL	<b>3ER8</b>	171		Propose no changes
SCHOOL LANE	<b>3ER9</b>	76		Propose no changes
MARBURY				
WHITCHURCH				
SY13 4LH				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 3ET1</b>	954		Propose no changes
ST MARGARETS CHURCH HALL	<b>3FH8</b>	216		Propose no changes
CHOLMONDELEY ROAD				
WRENBURY				
CW5 8HG				

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>WYBUNBURY</b>			
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GG2</b>	671		Propose no changes
HOUGH VILLAGE HALL	<b>1GG3</b>	686		Propose no changes
COBBS LANE	<b>1GFR</b>	764		Propose no changes
HOUGH				
CREWE				
CW2 5JN				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GH6</b>	126		Propose no changes
BLAKENHALL VILLAGE HALL	<b>1GH7</b>	73		Propose no changes
MILL LANE	<b>1GH8</b>	37		Propose no changes
BLAKENHALL				
NANTWICH				
CW5 7NP				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GJ6</b>	126		Propose no changes
BRIDGEMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>1GJ7</b>	18		Propose no changes
BRIDGEMERE LANE	<b>1GJ8</b>	131		Propose no changes
BRIDGEMERE				
NANTWICH				
CW5 7PX				
<b>Place Name and Address:</b>	<b>Polling Districts 1GL6</b>	282		Propose no changes
ST CHADS CHURCH HALL	<b>1GN1</b>	###		Propose no changes
MAIN ROAD	<b>1GN6</b>	108		Propose no changes
WYBUNBURY				
NANTWICH				
CW5 7LS				

POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING STATION	SUGGESTED POLLING STATION	WARD	REASON
3BA1, 3BAR	Knutsford Civic Centre	Knutsford Civic Centre Tatton Room.	Knutsford	Recommendation return to new room at Knutsford Civic Centre
3BB1	Manor Park School	St Vincents Catholic School (Temporary Arrangement)	Knutsford	Building work is taking place at Manor Park School. Recommended that the Polling Station moves over the road to St Vincents Catholic School. For this year.
3BF2	Toft Cricket Club	Booths Hall	Knutsford	Cricket Club unavailable again for 2015. Recommendation that we move to Booths Hall permanently
SAWR	Wheelock Primary School	Close school for election day	Sandbach Ettiley Heath & Wheelock	Building works will be taking place until 2015. May have to consider closing School
1FD1 1FDC 1FDR	St Johns Church Hall	Willaston Masonic Hall Acacia Suite (Permanent Arrangement)	Willaston & Rope	Following requests from the Pre School propose to move to Willaston Masonic Hall
3DG1	Alderley Edge Festival Hall	Alderley Edge Scout Hall (Temporary Arrangement)	Alderley Edge	The Festival Hall is unavailable this year. But we are looking at obtaining the Scout Hall close to the Festival Hall. Still awaiting confirmation
HCE3 HCE4	Holmes Chapel Methodist Church or Holmes Chapel Library (permanent arrangement)	Holmes Chapel Methodist Church and Holmes Chapel Library	Dane Valley	Councillor Gilbert has asked that we look at moving from the Church to the Library, both are suitable venues. No issues at the European Election. It would be better to use the Library for the new development on HCE4. Councillor Gilbert has asked about sending both to the Library
HCE2	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	Dane Valley	Recommend use the brand new Training and Conference Suite.
1AD1, 1CE1	17 <sup>th</sup> SWC Crewe Scout Hall, Queen Street, Crewe (permanent arrangement)	17 <sup>th</sup> SWC Crewe Scout Hall, Queen Street, Crewe (permanent arrangement)	Crewe East	An elector commented it was too far to travel. Propose No Change.
1CD1	Coppenhall Methodist Church (North Street)	Coppenhall Working Mens Club (temporary arrangement)	Crewe East	Recommend Coppenhall Working Mens Club for 2015 Election.

3FJ7	Church Minshull Village Hall	St Peters Community Hall	Bunbury Minshull Vernon Parish	A request to return to St Peters Church as it is quite a distance for Electors of Minshull Vernon to travel.
AST3	Davenport Methodist Chapel	Somerford Business Court	Brereton Rural	Recommendation to use Testplant Offices at Somerford Business Court ideal alternative.
3FB7 3FB8 3FB9	St Oswalds Primary School	Worleston Village Hall	Bunbury	Request to use the new Village Hall presently being built due to be completed in November 2014. Recommend moving to these premises upon completion.
8FB1 8FBR	Ashdene Primary School	Cricket Pavilion Upcast Lane.	Wilmslow West and Chorley	Request again from Ashdene School to look for alternative premises. Cricket Pavilion previously investigated.
COB1 COB2	Buglawton Primary School	Buglawton Scout Hall St Johns Road Or St Johns Community Hall	Congleton East	Recommendation to move to Buglawton Scout Hall, alternatively use both the Scout Hall and St Johns Community Hall. Both premises suitable, but Scout Hall has larger room and more parking facilities. Community Hall undergoing complete renovation at the moment.
CON1	Congleton Leisure Centre	St Stephens Church Centre.	Congleton East	Request to investigate St Stephens Church Centre as Congleton Leisure Centre is on the edge of the Polling District. Recommend moving to St Stephens Church
AST1 AST2	Astbury School	Astbury Village Hall	Odd Rode	Request from School to use the Village Hall. Recommend we move to the Village Hall.
4BF1	St Johns School Ivy Lane Macclesfield West and Ivy Ward	Fermain Youth Centre Macclesfield Central Ward	Macclesfield West and Ivy	Request from elector to vote at the Fermain Youth Centre as it is nearer to her home but the elector lives in the Macclesfield West and Ivy Ward. Recommend no change
4AA3 4AA4	Tytherington High School	Tytherington Family Worship/Marlborough Primary School	Macclesfield Tytherington	Request to move from Tytherington High School. Recommend moving back to Tytherington Family Worship and Marlborough Primary School

**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 7th October, 2014 at The Tatton Room - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

**PRESENT**

Councillors R Domleo, L Jeuda, A Martin and L Smetham (for Cllr Livesley)

**Officers**

Lindsey Parton, Registration Service and Business Manager

Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer

Rose Hignett, Senior Elections Officer

Marion Hancock, Elections Officer

**Apologies**

Councillors K Hickson, W Livesley, B Silvester and P Whiteley

**1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Andrew Martin be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

**2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Roland Domleo be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

**5 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 had introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. The next compulsory review now had to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015. Subsequent compulsory reviews would then have to be completed every five years thereafter.

At its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 the Constitution Committee had authorised the publication of the notice of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review, and had authorised the conduct of the review by the Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee. Full Council had subsequently agreed to delegate the final decision for the outcome of the review to the Constitution Committee in November.

A Polling District was the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or electoral division into smaller parts within which a Polling Place could be determined which was convenient to electors. A Polling Place was the building or area in which Polling Stations would be selected by the Returning Officer. The Polling Station was the room or building where the poll took place which was chosen by the Returning Officer for the election.

The Review had four stages:

Stage 1 – Notification of the review

The first stage of the process involves giving notice of the Review. Notice had been published at the end of June 2014 and interested parties, including elected members and disability groups, had been notified of the review.

Stage 2 – Consultation

**The consultation stage was for representations and comments to be made on the existing and proposed arrangements for Polling Districts and Places. There were two parts:**

- A compulsory submission from the (Acting) Returning Officer of the Parliamentary Constituencies; and
- Submissions from electors and other interested persons and bodies.

Stage 3 – Concluding the Review

Following the consultation stage, the Authority had to make its final decisions on the most appropriate polling districts and polling places. The Electoral Registration Officer must then make any necessary alterations to the electoral register and publish a notice stating that the alterations had been made.

Stage 4 – Publishing the conclusions of the Review

Once the Council had agreed the proposals, details of the new polling districts and polling places had to be made available to the public, including the reasons for choosing each particular polling district and polling place.

The Sub-Committee considered a schedule of recommended changes to Polling Places (Appendix A to the report), together with a copy of the Acting Returning Officer's submission Appendix B to the report). The proposals had been drafted to incorporate a summary of representations received.



With regard to the Willaston and Rope ward, the officers reported receipt of an email from Councillor B Silvester indicating that Willaston Parish Council and he objected to a proposed change of polling station from St. John's Church Hall to Willaston Masonic Hall Acacia Suite. The change was proposed following several representations made by a pre-school group. The Parish Council were not in favour of the change because the Chapel had been used as a polling station for many years and was well known to residents; the Masonic Hall was too far out of the village; and with General, European and Local Elections St. John's Church Hall would be used only twice in four years, which would not cause excessive disruption to the pre-school group. The officers commented that the Masonic Hall was a suitable alternative building for polling purposes, with good parking provision and disability access. The Sub-Committee agreed to accept the officer recommendation.

Officers reported at the meeting that Wheelock Primary School had confirmed that Building works had been completed and that their premises could now be used for election purposes.

Confirmation had also been received that Alderley Edge Scout Hall was available for use.

The following amendments to the Acting Returning Officer's submission were agreed by Members:

### **Bunbury (Minshull Vernon Parish)**

The proposal to move the polling station from Church Minshull Village Hall to St. Peter's Community Hall be not agreed.

### **Congleton East**

With regard to the proposal to move the polling station from Buglawton Primary School to one or both of two alternative venues, the polling station be moved to Buglawton Scout Hall.

The proposal to move the polling station at Congleton Leisure Centre to St. Stephen's Church Centre be agreed for now, subject to officers investigating whether an alternative premises could be located around the area of the Brunswick Wharf Depot.

### **Dane Valley**

The Sub-Committee felt that Polling District HCE3 should vote at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church and HCE4 at Holmes Chapel Library. Whilst there was capacity for both Polling Districts to vote at the Library at the current time, HCE4 was a new housing development which would continue to grow over a period of time.

**Wilmslow West and Chorley**

That the Cricket Pavillion, Upcast Lane should be used in place of Ashdene Primary School.

**RESOLVED**

The subject to the amendments above, the proposed changes to polling district and polling place arrangements as set out in the Acting Returning Officer's submission at Appendix B to the report be recommended to the Constitution Committee.

The meeting commenced at 2.15 pm and concluded at 3.00 pm

Councillor Andrew Martin (Chairman)

POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING STATION	SUGGESTED POLLING STATION	WARD	ACTING RETURNING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	RECOMMENDATION OF POLLING ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
3BA1, 3BAR	Knutsford Civic Centre	Knutsford Civic Centre Tatton Room.	Knutsford	Recommendation return to new room at Knutsford Civic Centre	Return to Knutsford Civic Centre permanently.
3BB1	Manor Park School	St Vincents Catholic School (Temporary Arrangement)	Knutsford	Building work is taking place at Manor Park School. Recommended that the Polling Station moves over the road to St Vincents Catholic School. For this year.	Move Polling Station to St Vincents for the 2015 elections.
3BF2	Toft Cricket Club	Booths Hall	Knutsford	Cricket Club unavailable again for 2015. Recommendation that we move to Booths Hall permanently	Move Polling Station permanently to Booths Hall.
SAWR	Wheelock Primary School	Close school for election day	Sandbach Ettiley Heath & Wheelock	Building works will be taking place until 2015. May have to consider closing School. Head Teacher now confirms that the school will be able to accommodate a Polling Station.	Remain at Wheelock Primary School.
1FD1 1FDC 1FDR	St Johns Church Hall	Willaston Masonic Hall Acacia Suite (Permanent Arrangement)	Willaston & Rope	Following requests from the Pre School propose to move to Willaston Masonic Hall	Move Polling Station permanently to Willaston Masonic Hall.
3DG1	Alderley Edge Festival Hall	Alderley Edge Scout Hall (Temporary Arrangement)	Alderley Edge	The Festival Hall is unavailable this year. But we are looking at obtaining the Scout Hall close to the Festival Hall.	Move Polling Station to Alderley Edge Scout Hall for the 2015 elections.

HCE3 HCE4	Holmes Chapel Methodist Church or Holmes Chapel Library (permanent arrangement)	Holmes Chapel Methodist Church and Holmes Chapel Library	Dane Valley	Councillor Gilbert has asked that we look at moving from the Church to the Library, both are suitable venues. No issues at the European Election. It would be better to use the Library for the new development on HCE4. Councillor Gilbert has asked about sending both to the Library	HCE3 to remain at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church and HCE4 to move permanently to Holmes Chapel Library.
HCE2	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	Dane Valley	Recommend use the brand new Training and Conference Suite.	Move the Polling Station permanently to the new Training and Conference Suite at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.
1AD1, 1CE1	17 <sup>th</sup> SWC Crewe Scout Hall, Queen Street, Crewe (permanent arrangement)	17 <sup>th</sup> SWC Crewe Scout Hall, Queen Street, Crewe (permanent arrangement)	Crewe East	An elector commented it was too far to travel. Propose No Change.	Agreed that no change be made to the existing Polling Station.
1CD1	Coppenhall Methodist Church (North Street)	Coppenhall Working Mens Club (temporary arrangement)	Crewe East	Recommend Coppenhall Working Mens Club for 2015 Election.	That Coppenhall Working Mens Club be used as the Polling Station for the 2015 Elections.
3FJ7	Church Minshull Village Hall	St Peters Community Hall	Bunbury Minshull Vernon Parish	A request to return to St Peters Church as it is quite a distance for Electors of Minshull Vernon to travel.	That the Polling Station remain at Church Minshull Village Hall.
AST3	Davenport Methodist Chapel	Somerford Business Court	Brereton Rural	Recommendation to use Testplant Offices at Somerford Business Court ideal alternative.	That the Polling Station move permanently to Testplant Offices at Somerford Business Court.
3FB7 3FB8 3FB9	St Oswalds Primary School	Worleston Village Hall	Bunbury	Request to use the new Village Hall presently being built due to be completed in November 2014. Recommend moving to these premises upon completion.	That the Polling Station eventually moves permanently to the new Worleston Village Hall upon its completion.

8FB1 8FBR	Ashdene Primary School	Cricket Pavilion Upcast Lane.	Wilmslow West and Chorley	Request again from Ashdene School to look for alternative premises. Cricket Pavilion previously investigated.	That the Polling Station moves permanently to Lindow Cricket Club.
COB1 COB2	Buglawton Primary School	Buglawton Scout Hall St Johns Road Or St Johns Community Hall	Congleton East	Recommendation to move to Buglawton Scout Hall, alternatively use both the Scout Hall and St Johns Community Hall. Both premises suitable, but Scout Hall has larger room and more parking facilities. Community Hall undergoing complete renovation at the moment.	That the Polling Stations move permanently to Buglawton Scout Hall.
CON1	Congleton Leisure Centre	St Stephens Church Centre.	Congleton East	Request to investigate St Stephens Church Centre as Congleton Leisure Centre is on the edge of the Polling District. Recommend moving to St Stephens Church	That the Polling Station moves permanently to St Stephens Church Centre, subject to Officers investigating the possible use of Brunswick Wharf Depot.
AST1 AST2	Astbury School	Astbury Village Hall	Odd Rode	Request from School to use the Village Hall. Recommend we move to the Village Hall.	That the Polling Station moves permanently to Astbury Village Hall.
4BF1	St Johns School Ivy Lane Macclesfield West and Ivy Ward	Fermain Youth Centre Macclesfield Central Ward	Macclesfield West and Ivy	Request from elector to vote at the Fermain Youth Centre as it is nearer to her home but the elector lives in the Macclesfield West and Ivy Ward. Recommend no change	4BF1 to remain at St Johns School.
4AA3 4AA4	Tytherington High School	Tytherington Family Worship/Marlborough Primary School	Macclesfield Tytherington	Request to move from Tytherington High School. Recommend moving back to Tytherington Family Worship and Marlborough Primary School	4AA3 move permanently to Marlborough Primary School and 4AA4 move permanently to Tytherington Family Worship

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# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Constitution Committee

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Dominic Oakeshott Corporate Manager Professional and Commercial Services
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Revisions to the Contract Procedure Rules

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1. This report requests Member's consideration of a newly drafted section of the Constitution which sets out the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's) which govern how the Council procures goods, works and services from third parties. The CPR's sit alongside the Council's Financial Procedure Rules (FPR's), a review of which will be subject to further consideration and changes as part of the development of financial reporting during the early part of 2015. However there will be some minor consequential changes to the FPR's, authority for which is sought at paragraphs 2.1 and 10.6 below, before a fuller revision later in 2015.
- 1.2. The amendments are required to comply with changes to European Union (EU) and domestic procurement legislation and to introduce lean simplified processes following the Council's decision to become a Strategic Commissioning Council, and the creation of Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles for the provision of Council services. The revisions will allow the Council to adopt a more mature attitude to managing commercial risk and simplify the procurement process, particularly below the EU value thresholds, allowing better engagement with small and medium enterprises (SME's) and local businesses, whilst still maintaining a robust governance framework to ensure Council monies are spent in a legally compliant, ethical, responsible, and fully auditable manner.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 To recommend that the Constitution Committee:
  1. Recommend that Council approve the revisions to the CPR's for adoption from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to allow a phased introduction of change in line with point 4 below;
  2. Recommend the Council authorise that the Constitution be updated accordingly by the inclusion of the revised CPR's;
  3. Recommend the Council authorise that any consequential drafting amendments to the remaining parts of the Council's Constitution, including

the FPR's, be undertaken by the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to ensure consistency with the revised CPR's;

4. Recommend the Council approve an incremental reduction in value thresholds to enable phased introduction of procurement involvement down to £10K from the current £75K to allow a smooth transition from existing arrangements.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 To take account of current and proposed changes to EU and domestic legislation and ensure the Council's procurement processes are legally compliant and follow recognised best practice.
- 3.2 In order to simplify and improve procurement practice both for the Council and suppliers seeking to secure Council business, with the aim of making it easier for our potential suppliers to engage with the Council, particularly for SME's and local suppliers.
- 3.3 To ensure that the Councils procurement practice fully supports its position as a Strategic Commissioning Council, legal and commercial risks are mitigated and properly managed and the Council achieves maximum value through a fully commercial approach to procurement.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 All

### **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1 The CPR's set out the framework within which all Council officers have to operate to procure goods, works and services on the Council's behalf. The rules are explicit in setting out pre procurement authorisation routes in line with Council authorisation policy, the Financial Procedure Rules, and associated local Schemes of Delegation.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The revision of the CPRs will allow the Council to help continue to drive improved value for money from its procurement activity, which is an important part of the assessment of the Council's performance by our Auditors, Grant Thornton.
- 7.2 The revision of processes, along with the assessment of risk within the process, will allow the procurement function to focus the effort on those activities that will have the biggest impact for the Council.



## **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2000 and guidance issued thereunder requires the Council to keep its Constitution up to date and regularly review it. Under the act the Secretary of State could direct what information a local authority should include within its constitution. Under section 37 the secretary of state directed that local authorities financial rules or regulations or such equivalent provisions as the local authority may have in place and rules, regulations and procedures in respect of contracts and procurement whether specified in the local authority's standing orders or not, should be included in the constitution.
- 8.2 The preparation of the new Contract Procedure Rules was undertaken under the authority of the Corporate Leadership Board with full Legal and Audit consultation. The revised CPR's are agreed by the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer. The CPR's provide a robust governance framework for procurement which reduces legal, financial and compliance risk.
- 8.3 In accordance with the Council's current Constitution any changes to the Constitution are required to be agreed by full Council following recommendation from the Constitution Committee.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 Legal and financial implications are recorded above.
- 9.2 Reviewing the CPR's to reflect legislative change and established best practice provides the necessary clarity to Council Officers concerned with procuring goods, works, and services to ensure that processes followed are legally and financially compliant.
- 9.3 The revised CPR's introduce and support a Risk Based Sourcing (RBS) model for all procurement above £10K up to the appropriate EU value thresholds, ensuring that procurement risk is properly assessed prior to procuring goods, works and services, and that the process followed and resultant contractual arrangements are proportionate to the level of assessed risk.

## **10.0 Background and Options**

- 10.1 This report is brought to the Committee as the CPR's need revision due to impending legislative changes and changes to established best practice and revised government guidance on future procurement practice.
- 10.2 The starting point has been the current Council Constitution as most recently revised when it was considered by this Committee at its 9 October 2013 meeting.
- 10.3 In addition the Council is seeking to achieve the following:

- To improve compliance, simplify process and improve governance, reducing risk to the Council
- To support a more commercial approach ensuring best value, with a balanced attitude to risk
- To introduce simplified lean processes, particularly below £EU thresholds, which support the delivery of savings and cost avoidance, whilst making it easier for local/SME's/all companies to bid for Council business
- Facilitate Corporate Procurement (CPU) involvement in all procurement activity above an agreed threshold, which is currently £10K– allowing a whole Council view and better supporting commissioners and services across the organisation
- Increase the Council's current Key Decision threshold from the current £500k to £1M to reduce the number of lower level procurements caught by the key decision process (subject to the safeguards outlined below)

10.4 As part of the process of simplifying the CPR's material which constituted guidance particularly on the various EU tender procedures has been removed from the CPR's and will be available to officers via the Council's intranet. This has the advantage of removing superfluous material from the 'rules' and providing a degree of 'future proofing' to the Constitution as guidance can be regularly updated to reflect procedural changes and case law without a consequential need to amend the Constitution.

10.5 The table below sets out the key changes to the CPR's:

**Key Areas for Change**

No	Proposed Area of Change	Commentary/Benefit of Change
1	<b>Amend Key Decision threshold from current £500k to £1M</b>	Current threshold is low in comparison to many other Councils and key decision status currently adds significantly to procedural timeframes for procurement greater than £500K value. Streamlined processes for sub £1M tenders can be introduced whilst maintaining adequate safeguards via other existing channels eg. TEG/EMB/CLB. It is also intended to introduce additional budget verification procedures as part of the pre-procurement risk assessment procedure for all procurement activity, maintaining safeguards whilst reducing the number of projects captured by the key decision process.
2	<b>Amend verification (tender opening) process</b> Currently above £75K value all tenders are verified by Legal. Amend	Stream-lines access to tender returns saving considerable time in the process. Current rules are a throwback from the days of sealed paper tenders. Current threshold is very low. All bid/tender activity above £10K will be via e-procurement (mandated in both new domestic and EU legislation) and the Council is fully protected by a comprehensive electronic audit

	to: £1M+ Head of Legal (or Delegate), £EU-£1M Procurement Category Manager below £EU – Procurement Officer	trail which is tamper-proof.
3	<b>Amend below EU threshold and processes</b> From >£75k – formal tender process to <b>£10k to EU threshold – Risk Based Sourcing (RBS)</b>	All procurement above £10k will be carried out by the procurement team in future. (Caveat: Incrementally – via Procurement Improvement Programme). Supports compliance, drives savings and commercial agility, procurement process is simplified, flexible and proportionate to risk, removes PQQ below £EU (mandated in new domestic legislation) and makes it simpler for business to bid for Council work – particularly SME's – provides additional support to the 'local' agenda.
4	<b>Increase threshold for sealing contracts:</b> from <b>£50k to £1M</b> (*except where good commercial reasons exist)	CE threshold for sealing is low in comparison to other Councils and process adds significant delay and bureaucracy in getting contracts in place – flexibility to seal below £1M is still retained where legal/procurement feel justified eg. Construction contracts. This will harness leaner processes where appropriate
5	<b>Increase threshold for where 'back of the order' T&amp;C's can be used</b>	Currently everything over £10K requires a bespoke contract even 'run of the mill' procurements of goods which are delivered with standard warranties. Back of order standard T&C's should be utilised (subject to risk assessment) to reduce complexity/ bureaucracy of straightforward purchases. <b>PO is a contract</b> -essential to realise the advantages of RBS for lower level procurement.
6	<b>Introduce the use of standard contracts for straightforward services etc.</b>	CE currently drafts bespoke contracts for everything. Other LA's and consortia make use of standard contracts for services, ICT etc. with appendices for completion by procurement with legal agreement. Leaner process reduces procurement timeframes and complexity supporting RBS principles. Legal and Procurement will determine and agree the list and content of the standard contracts.
7	<b>Waivers:</b> To review the list of circumstances where exceptions/waivers can be requested and to change the form/process for gaining waiver approval.	Reduce the number of waivers submitted/approved and increase compliance/reduce risk. Simplify the process giving the Procurement Manager (who is best placed to consider procurement related solutions) and the Procurement Board a greater role in the process. Reduce the number of decision makers in the process to increase accountability.
8	<b>Contract Extensions:</b> Proposal is to bolster the wording and to put in restrictions e.g. extensions may only be taken up after consultation with Procurement Manager.	Appropriate value engineering provision to be included in renewal wording in all contracts to allow proper contract management and a reasoned informed risk/performance based approach to contract extension, this change will enhance compliance, visibility and control around re-tendering and support improved value for money and commercial contract management.
9	<b>Introduce Best and Final Offer (BAFO)</b> below £EU thresholds (note potential	Option to use BAFO in appropriate procurements allows increased level of savings – best commercial terms when placing Council business.

	exists to exploit this in certain OJEU procedures as well)	
10	<b>E-procurement:</b> Mandate the use of e-procurement system for all procurement over £10K.	Now mandated in EU and domestic legislation from early 2015. Provides robust audit trail and ensures contracts are properly recorded on the contracts register – drives compliance and reduces risk, simplifies audit activity. Also reaches the widest range of suppliers and reduces risk to the Council by ensuring transparency and visibility.
11	<b>Corporate Contracts</b>	Insert paragraph on using corporate contracts where they are in place. Guide departments to use of existing corporate contracts to increase compliance, savings in using current suppliers, not adding new suppliers to the system and paying higher prices for similar items. Reduce unnecessary procurement activity.
12	<b>General Issues</b>	CPR's currently include detailed process descriptions for all EU tender processes. CPR's are the Council 'rule book' and compliance framework for procurement and processes can be subject to change over time potentially requiring 'in year' constitutional change. The proposal is to remove these items and place them in the 'procurement knowledge map' with links to the map in CPR's. – this will allow all officers access to the latest procedural information and guidance which can be constantly updated without the need to make changes to the constitution

- 10.6 Members should be reassured that whilst the amended CPR's are simplified they provide a robust compliance framework. The amendments provide fully for appropriate financial safeguards before the commencement of any procurement activity. The amended CPR's introduce a budget verification process before commencing activity, ensuring that the required pre-procurement authorisations are obtained in line with the appropriate scheme of delegation at the lower level, or via the Technical Enablement Group/Executive Monitoring Board (both of which have Member representation) for projects involving significant change or of a value exceeding £250k thereby capturing all procurement below the proposed key decision threshold of £1M. Other than the threshold, the Key Decision process is unchanged; ensuring that procurement at all levels is subject to an effective control process.
- 10.7 The changes that are agreed by this Committee will then go to full Council for its approval, in accordance with the Constitution; this may require further minor work to be completed elsewhere in the Constitution to ensure consistency.
- 10.8 Members will note that as is usual when there is a Constitutional change, delegated authority is sought for the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to make any minor drafting amendments elsewhere in the Constitution

that arise as a result of the revised CPR's coming into operation. This will include the consequential changes to the FPRs.

**11.0 Access to Information**

- 11.1 The Council's current Constitution is available for viewing on the Council's website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)

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

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# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Constitution Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
**Report of:** Head of Governance and Democratic Services  
**Subject:** Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor J P Findlow, Portfolio Holder for Governance

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### 1.0 Report Summary

1.1 This report appends the final report of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel.

### 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the report be received.

### 3.0 Wards Affected

3.1 Not applicable.

### 4.0 Policy Implications

4.1 No direct policy implications arise from the recommendations of this report.

### 5.0 Financial, Legal and Risk Management Implications

5.1 No such implications arise from this report.

### 6.0 Background and Options

6.1 In accordance with the requirements of legislation, the Council has an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP). The Panel is appointed to make recommendations, from time to time, on the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

6.2 The IRP prepared a report, following a review of the Members' Allowances Scheme, which was considered by Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, and which resulted in changes being made to the Scheme.

6.3 The term of office of the IRP comes to an end in February 2015 and the IRP has therefore prepared a final report on its activities. The IRP's report is appended.

6.4 The report comes to the Committee to be received. No further action is required.

**7.0 Access to Information**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

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# Scheme of Members' Allowances 2014 Report

## Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Cheshire East



November 2014

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## Foreword by the Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel

The panel welcomes the opportunity to maintain the continuity of the records of its' work by issuing a report this year.

We also appreciate the chance to record our approval of the positive changes that Cheshire East has made to the Scheme of Members' allowances this year.

This has been a strange year in Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) terms, as we have in the main been involved in supporting the implementation of one of our principle recommendations (See Section 2) and in contributing to the debate about the best way for us to hand over to our successors. Thus this report has not used the word review in its' title.

This will be the last report of the current panel, having been appointed for terms of three years; we are all due to step down from service on the panel in February 2015.

We thank those that have supported us over the three years, particularly those members who have shared their thoughts and concerns with us. We believe that we have made a positive contribution to both the Members' allowances scheme and to the electorates' understanding of it.

**Janet Rushbrooke**

**Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel Cheshire East**

**Panel Members: Khumi Burton**

**Alan Edgeworth (to March 2014)**

**Robin Lord**

**Cynthia Speed**

## **SECTION 1: IMPLEMENTATION OF 2013 REVIEW**

The panel is a voluntary body. We receive a basic meeting allowance and can claim our transport costs for getting to meetings. There is no payment for any work done outside the meetings. With that as a background, as a panel we have found it hard sometimes to work in the adversarial environment of council debate.

We have had to learn some of the procedures and practices of working with elected members and council officers as we went along, which has not always contributed to smooth communications. This was particularly so with the issues we encountered getting our 2013 report to the Constitution Committee; we understand that the way in which it was finally presented to members gave them a less than ideal introduction to our recommendations; we also recognise the consequences of the reactions to those issues.

However, we are pleased that approximately 70% of our recommendations in the 2013 report were either accepted in full at the time or have been implemented in some form since. (See appendix 1)

When we took up service with the panel we struggled to understand how some of the sums currently in payment within the allowances scheme had been arrived at. We spent some time establishing methodologies for the allowances to enable easier updating and development in the future. We are disappointed that our recommendations with regard to the calculation of Basic allowance and to the banding of the Special Responsibility Allowances have not been accepted.

To read the 2013 report in full please visit:-

[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/your\\_council/councillor\\_expenses.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/your_council/councillor_expenses.aspx)

Under Reports of the Panel click the relevant link

## **SECTION 2 JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

The panel has consistently argued for job descriptions to be created for elected members. Special Responsibility Allowances are paid to certain elected members based on the member concerned having been asked to take up a specific post. It was clear to us during our discussions with elected members that there was a lack of consistency in approach between members who had taken up identically described posts. A job description not only gives a member considering taking up a post a clear understanding of what would be expected of them but it also serves to enable the party leaders to ensure that the expected work is being carried out by those in post.

We are pleased therefore that our Chairman has been able to take up an invitation from Councillor David Marren to contribute to the development of job descriptions for the Deputy Cabinet Member posts. The panel understands that full implementation of the job descriptions is imminent and looks forward to having confirmation of that.

Whilst it was good to start with developing job descriptions for the Deputy Cabinet member posts as they have been subject of much discussion; the panel trusts that the council will continue this work so that all members have a job description. The panel believes that a job description for the backbench members would assist in the recruitment of a wider range of members to the council.

### **SECTION 3 THE NEXT INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

As has been mentioned in the Foreword, the current IRP members were appointed for a three year term which will come to an end in February 2015. This means that an entirely new panel would be appointed to start in February 2015.

As a panel we have learnt a great deal in the course of our time, not least about managing our interactions with both members and officers. It seems to us that it would be a waste for the current panel to take all their knowledge with them when they leave.

We are therefore pleased to have been invited to contribute to the debate about how this change of IRP can best be implemented and managed without the knowledge being lost in the process. We are delighted that the Council is taking an interest in our opinions in this matter.

This work is ongoing and we wish the incoming panel all the very best in their work and interactions with members and officers.

## Appendix 1

## Table of IRP recommendations to Council in 2013 report and Council response

### as prepared by Democratic Services Cheshire East

(Using same paragraph numbering as IRP recommendations)

Summary of Panel Recommendation	Proposal to Council
1. Basic Allowance to remain unchanged	To remain the same as the existing Scheme, this to increase in line with RPI until such time as reviewed again.
2. SRAs for Cabinet Members, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of committees etc be categorised in order of importance.  That the posts of Cabinet Support Member and PDG Chairmen and Vice Chairmen be removed from the Scheme	<p>The recommended categorising of Cabinet Member and committee roles be not agreed.</p> <p>The existing “gearing” of SRAs to the Basic Allowance be discontinued.</p> <p>Remove the allowance for Vice Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees and the Staffing Committee.</p> <p>Retain existing allowances for Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees and the Staffing Committee, and for Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of: Licensing Committee, Audit and Governance Committee, Northern and Southern Planning Committees, Strategic Planning Board, Constitution Committee and Public Rights of Way Committee.</p> <p>Except for the Leader, agree to reduce Cabinet Member allowances by £500.</p> <p>Retain SRAs for Cabinet Support Members and PDG Chairmen/Vice Chairmen pending the PDG/Scrutiny Review and a pending review of executive responsibilities.</p>
3. Reduction in allowances of Leader, Deputy, Main Opposition Group Leader and Minority Group Leader. Removal of Main	<p>Agree to reduce allowance of Leader by £1000.</p> <p>Retain existing allowances of Main Opposition Group Leader and Minority Group Leaders, so long as Group membership is x4 or more.</p> <p>Reduce Deputy Leader’s SRA by £500 (as per</p>

Opposition Group Deputy Leader allowance if Group numbers reduce to 20% of Council membership.	above). Retain existing allowance for Main Opposition Group Deputy Leader, so long as Group membership is x4 or more.
Removal of Minority Group Leader allowance if Group numbers reduce to 10% of Council membership.	Retain existing allowances for Minority Group Leaders, so long as Group membership is x4 or more.
4. Removal of allowances for Whips	Pending future review, retain the allowances for Administration Whip, Deputy Administration Whip and Opposition Whips.
5. Car mileage allowance: no change recommended	Introduce a recommended mileage rate of 45p per mile.
6. Members should inform officers when attendance at events is confirmed so that the lowest travel costs can be secured.	Panel's recommendation-agreed.
7. Current allowances for bicycles, car parking, motorcycles, taxis etc remain unchanged.	Panel's recommendation-agreed.
8. Minimal changes recommended to be made to subsistence allowances.	Panel's recommendations-agreed.
9. Small increase in overnight accommodation recommended.	Panel's recommendations-agreed.
10. Recommended separation of Dependents' Carers' Allowances into child care and adults/children with disabilities, and/or special needs.  Recommended allowance limit of £4000 (child care) and £6000 adults/children.	Retain existing provisions for Dependents' Carers' Allowances.
11. Recommended that co-optees should be entitled to claim travel and subsistence allowances.	Panel's recommendations-agreed.
12. No change recommended to claims for out of pocket expenses.	Panel's recommendations-agreed.
13. No change recommended to claims for broadband	Panel's recommendations-agreed.