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Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal Community Governance Review - Have your say

Following receipt of three petitions from local residents in Wilmslow, Styal and Handforth Cheshire East Council is conducting a Community Governance Review. This review will consider how these areas should be governed in the future, including whether a single town council, or multiple town councils, should be created for these areas which are currently unparished.

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

- Monday 26 April, 7pm, Wilmslow Leisure Centre, Wilmslow
- Wednesday 28 April, 7pm, Handforth Youth and Community Centre, Old Road, Wilmslow
- Thursday 29 April, 7pm, Styal Primary School, Altrincham Road, Styal

In May, when the consultation takes place, a postal voting paper and leaflet will be posted out to every householder in the area explaining the Review and the various options being considered.

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

More information can be found on the Cheshire East website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk,

PRESS RELEASE 1 – PUBLIC MEETINGS

RESIDENTS INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS IN WILMSLOW, HANDFORTH AND STYAL

Cheshire East Council has received three petitions from local residents and is now conducting a review of Community Governance arrangements.

As part of the review, residents in Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal are being invited to have their say, including whether a single town council, or multiple town councils, should be created.

The following **Public meetings** will be held to give people the opportunity to find out more about the proposals and have their say:

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Following the meetings, local residents and organisations will be given a further opportunity to put forward their views on what form future local government administration should take, during a public consultation between 10 May – 4 June 2010.

Householders should also look out in their letterboxes for a postal voting paper and explanatory leaflet, which will be delivered during this period.

Councillor Jim Crockatt, Chairman of the Review Sub-Committee, said: “We strongly encourage people living in these areas, and anyone else with an interest, to make their views known on this important topic.

“All feedback received will be taken into consideration to ensure the decision taken reflects the wishes of the people of these areas.”

Following initial consultation, a draft recommendation will be created, which will form the basis of a second round of consultation in later in the year.

Any new arrangements would take effect from the date of the next local elections in May 2011.

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