

# Cheshire West & Chester Council

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Dear Parish Councillors

## **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF CLOTTON HOOFIELD**

Cheshire West and Chester Council is currently undertaking a Community Governance Review. Cheshire West and Chester Council has received a request from yourselves to increase your membership from seven to eight.

The reasons provided by yourselves for this request is that you feel that the Parish Council is in a positive position with growing support and increasing activity for the benefit of the residents. Having been in a position for many years where you had experienced difficulties in recruiting Councillors in the area, you have now been in the position for many months that there are more applicants than places available.

We believe that you wish to build on your current momentum and goodwill and increase the number of Councillors in order to add to the depth and breadth of experience and skills on the Council. Your council has embarked on a number of initiatives including The Neighbourhood Plan, Community events, and representing the residents' requests for improving the local environment in areas such as safety, environmental and traffic issues. The Neighbourhood Plan and traffic issues require considerable input and it is felt an additional Councillor will enable the work to be shared.

A map showing the current boundary of Clotton Hoofield parish can be viewed on the Council's website at: [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/communitygovernance](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/communitygovernance)

This letter is being sent to the local ward councillors, other stakeholders and yourselves. Please could the parish council publicise the review within its parish on your notice boards, website and any communication it has with its residents.

### **What is a Community Governance Review?**

Community governance is the way in which local communities are represented and governed at a local level. The aim of a Community Governance Review is to consider any improvements to community engagement and representation, ensure a stronger local voice, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

Cheshire West and Chester Council has the authority to change any electoral arrangements and in making its decision, it must take account public views and comments. The Council must ensure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the communities in the area under review and is effective and convenient. Any changes would come into effect from **1 April 2019**.

### **Have your say**

This is the Parish Council's chance to have its say and let us know its views on the proposal to increase the membership of your parish council.

Following this consultation, responses will be analysed and final recommendations will be produced.

The timescale for the review is as follows:

Consultation	24 January – 8 February 2019
Review responses	11 February 2019
Community Governance Review Committee – review consultations and agree final recommendations	19 February 2019
Full Council – approve recommendations	21 February 2019

Please can you email any views to:

[democraticservices@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

All information regarding the Community Governance Review process can be viewed on the Council's website at:

[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/communitygovernance](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/communitygovernance)

The review is being conducted in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Council must have regard to Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

If you have any questions or queries relating to the Community Governance Review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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