

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Policy and Governance	Electoral Review of Chorley Council Committee	9 July 2018

WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To consider and debate the proposed new warding arrangements in response to the electoral review of Chorley Council, detailed within this report.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. To agree 14 new ward boundaries and their names.
3. Once the committee agrees to the new ward arrangement (subject to amendments) a (revised) copy of the map including the breakdown of polling districts (and any streets that had been split) to be displayed in the members room.
4. The agreed new ward arrangement (subject to amendments) be presented at the council meeting on 18 September 2018 before submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) on 20 September 2018.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	✓	A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

BACKGROUND

6. On 26 June the LGBCE announced that it was minded to accept Chorley Council's proposal for preferred council size. The proposal recommended that there should be a reduction in the number of members from 47 to 42. This decision brings stage 1 of the review to a close.
7. At the same time as the announcement, the LGBCE launched stage 2 of the review; a public consultation exercise on new warding arrangements. The deadline for submission is

3 September 2018. However, due to the timing of council meetings, the LGBCE has given approval for Chorley Council to submit its proposal by Thursday, 20 September 2018. This is to allow members more time to consider the proposals of the committee and debate them at the council meeting on 18 September 2018.

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8. As part of the council size submission, Chorley Council informed the LGBCE that it would continue to hold elections by thirds. In these circumstances, the LGBCE stipulates that each ward must consist of 3 members to ensure electoral equality. With the council size number being agreed at 42, this equates to 14 borough wards.
9. At the last meeting of the committee, members resolved for a mapping exercise to be carried out based on the council size confirmed by the LGBCE.
10. The following map and the methodology behind the warding arrangements represents the outcome of the above exercise. The majority of wards have been made up of existing polling districts. However, where a polling district has been split, the individual streets concerned are details in appendix 1 (to follow).
11. It is worth noting that where the polling districts have been split to street level, the figures have had to be based on the 1 December 2017 electoral register.
12. As a reminder the LGBCE will review warding proposals against three statutory criteria and all proposals should demonstrate how they meet these requirements:
 - To deliver electoral equality where each borough councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the borough.
 - That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
 - That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.
13. LGBCE have produced a practical guide for putting forwards submissions and this is contained in appendix 2.

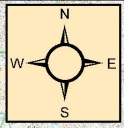
CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

14. The consultation is open to all interested parties and members of the public. The LGBCE have requested that the council publicise the consultation by arranging for their press release and posters to be placed on display at local information points, and by taking such other steps as consider appropriate to bring the review to the attention of the public and other interested parties. The LGBCE further requested that the council promote the consultation online, via social media and any other channels normally use to engage residents.
15. Chorley Council has a dedicated webpage on the council's website for the electoral review which provides an explanation to the purpose of the review and provides a link to the LGBCE website (<http://chorley.gov.uk/Pages/AtoZ/Electoral-Review-of-Chorley-Council.aspx>).
16. On 26 June the Communications and Events team announced the start of the review and will continue to conduct a publicity campaign throughout the consultation which will include social media and marketing emails. The consultation will also be promoted as part of the council's consultations web page. In addition, articles have been included in intheknow and intheboro, and posters have been distributed for display purposes, to the same outlets that receive the council's What's Happening magazine.

17. In addition, the LGBCE consultation portal allows visitors to interact with online maps of the current electoral wards, draw their own boundaries and feed views into the consultation process directly. The portal is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

NEXT STEPS

18. The merits of suggested ward arrangements in this report should be debated. Officers would welcome any supporting evidence to prove, or otherwise, that the arrangements suggested is a viable option (ie community identity).
19. Should the committee agree to the proposal, a copy of the map, and details within this report will be displayed in the members' room. This will allow members as much opportunity as possible to consider the proposals prior to the matter being debated at the council meeting on 18 September 2018.
20. If, however, the committee requires amendments to the warding arrangements, officers would welcome the opportunity to make changes as directed. It is worth bearing in mind that a change to any of the wards would have an impact of the variance figure to neighbouring wards.
21. Notwithstanding the council submission, political parties can submit their own warding arrangements directly to the LGBCE by 3 September 2018. It has been agreed, that any such submission, if required, could be mapped by officers of the council.
22. Once the LBCE has considered all the proposals received during this phase of consultation, it plans to publish draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements in November 2018. Public consultation on the draft recommendations is scheduled to take place between November 2018 and January 2019. Once the Commission has considered the representations and evidence as part of that consultation, it intends to publish final recommendations in March 2019.
23. New electoral arrangements for the borough are scheduled to come into effect at the borough council elections in 2020.



BREAKDOWN OF CHORLEY COUNCIL WARD PROPOSAL

Map Colour Code	Polling District	2024 electorate	Description of Polling District area	Parish	Parish ward	COUNTY DIVISION	Existing Borough Ward	New Ward	Electorate	% variance	Electors from the mean
Blue	07A	1103	Chorley North West (1)			Chorley Central	Chorley North West	Chorley Central	6381	-0.62%	-40
	07B	1499	Chorley North West (2)			Chorley Central	Chorley North West				
	07C	1029	Chorley North West (3)			Chorley Central	Chorley North West				
	07D	1367	Chorley North West (4)			Chorley Central	Chorley North West				
	08B	898	Chorley South East (5)			Chorley Central	Chorley South East				
	08A	485	Chorley South East (1)			Chorley Central	Chorley South East				
Pink	08B	806	Chorley South East (2)			Chorley Central	Chorley South East	Chorley South East	6403	-0.28%	-18
	08C	2153	Chorley South East (3)			Chorley Central	Chorley South East				
	08E	1030	Chorley South East (5)			Chorley Central	Chorley South East				
	09E	703	Chorley South West (5)			Chorley Central	Chorley South West				
	17A	567	Heath Charnock (1)	Heath Charnock		Chorley Rural East	Heath Charnock & Rivington				
	17C	1144	Heath Charnock (2)	Heath Charnock		Chorley Rural East	Heath Charnock & Rivington				
Light Blue	05A	1942	Chorley East (1)			Chorley North	Chorley East	Chorley East	7003	9.06%	582
	05B	1906	Chorley East (2)			Chorley North	Chorley East				
	05C	1633	Chorley East (3)			Chorley North	Chorley East				
	06B	1522	Chorley North East (2)			Chorley North	Chorley North East				
Light Pink	06A	1134	Chorley North East (1)			Chorley North	Chorley North East	Pennine	6492	1.11%	71
	06C	2378	Chorley North East (3)			Chorley North	Chorley North East				
	19A	24	Anglezarke	Anglezarke		Chorley Rural East	Pennine				
	19B	507	Heapey (1)	Heapey		Chorley Rural East	Pennine				
	19C	266	Heapey (2)	Heapey		Chorley Rural East	Pennine				
	19D	1342	Whittle-Le-Woods East	Whittle-Le Woo	East	Chorley Rural East	Pennine				
	20E	841	Wheelton	Wheelton		Hoghton with Wheelton	Wheelton & Withnell				
Light Green	01A	1231	Adlington North (1)	Adlington	North	Chorley Rural East	Adlington & Anderton	Adlington & Anderton	6251	-2.65%	-170
	01B	1066	Adlington East	Adlington	East	Chorley Rural East	Adlington & Anderton				
	01C	1034	Adlington Central	Adlington	Central	Chorley Rural East	Adlington & Anderton				
	01D	1439	Adlington West	Adlington	West	Chorley Rural East	Adlington & Anderton				
	01E	1066	Anderton	Anderton		Chorley Rural East	Adlington & Anderton				
	01F	334	Adlington North (2)	Adlington	North	Chorley Rural East	Adlington & Anderton				
	17B	81	Rivington	Rivington		Chorley Rural East	Heath Charnock & Rivington				
Light Green	13A	2295	Coppull East (1)	Coppull	East	Chorley South	Coppull	Coppull	6572	2.35%	151
	13B	3173	Coppull East (2)	Coppull	East	Chorley South	Coppull				
	04C	1104	Coppull West	Coppull	West	Chorley South	Chisnall				
Light Orange	04B	1551	Charnock Richard	Charnock Richard		Chorley Rural West	Chisnall	Chorley West	6250	-2.66%	-171
	14A	1996	Eccleston (1)	Eccleston		Chorley Rural West	Eccleston & Mawdesley				
	16A (939 electors)	939	*								
	14B	1764	Eccleston (2)	Eccleston		Chorley Rural West	Eccleston & Mawdesley				
Light Purple	04A	730	Heskin	Heskin		Chorley Rural West	Chisnall	Chorley Rural West	5956	-7.24%	-465
	14C	1591	Mawdesley	Mawdesley		Chorley Rural West	Eccleston & Mawdesley				
	18A	640	Bretherton	Bretherton		Chorley Rural West	Lostock				
	18B	2397	Croston	Croston		Chorley Rural West	Lostock				
	18C	598	Ulnes Walton	Ulnes Walton		Chorley Rural West	Lostock				

	09A	291	Chorley South West (1)			Chorley South	Chorley South West	Chorley South	6115	-4.77%	-306
	09B	2294	Chorley South West (2)			Chorley South	Chorley South West				
	09C	2451	Chorley South West (3)			Chorley South	Chorley South West				
	08D	457	Chorley South East (4)			Chorley Central	Chorley South East				
	09D	622	Chorley South West (4)			Chorley South	Chorley South West				
	10A	2895	Clayton-Le- Woods East	Clayton-Le-Wod East		Clayton with Whittle	Clayton-Le-Woods & Whittle-Le-Woods	Whittle	6013	-6.35%	-408
	10B	2670	Whittle-Le-Woods West	Whittle-Le Wod West		Clayton with Whittle	Clayton-Le-Woods & Whittle-Le-Woods				
	11A (448 electors)	448	*								
	12A	2977	Clayton-Le-Woods West	Clayton-Le-Wod West		Clayton with Whittle	Clayton-Le-Woods West & Cuerden	Clayton	6564	2.23%	143
	12B	1388	Clayton-Le-Woods West	Clayton-Le-Wod West		Clayton with Whittle	Clayton-Le-Woods West & Cuerden				
	12C	110	Cuerden	Cuerden		Clayton with Whittle	Clayton-Le-Woods West & Cuerden				
	11A (less 448 electors)	744	* Clayton-Le- Woods North	Clayton-Le-Wod North		Hoghton with Wheelton	Clayton-Le-Woods North				
	11C	1345	Clayton-Le-Woods North	Clayton-Le-Wod North		Hoghton with Wheelton	Clayton-Le-Woods North				
	10C	1208	Whittle-Le-Woods West	Whittle-Le Wod West		Clayton with Whittle	Clayton-Le-Woods & Whittle-Le-Woods	Buckshaw	6996	8.95%	575
	02A	2359	Astley Village	Astley Village		Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley	Astley & Buckshaw				
	02B	247	Euxton North East	Euxton	North East	Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley	Astley & Buckshaw				
	02C	3182	Buckshaw Village	Euxton	North East	Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley	Astley & Buckshaw				
	15A	3912	Euxton North	Euxton	North West	Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley	Euxton North	Euxton	6051	-5.76%	-370
	16A (less 939 electors)	2139	* Euxton South	Euxton	Euxton South	Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley	Euxton South				
	03A	456	Brindle (1)	Brindle		Hoghton with Wheelton	Brindle & Hoghton	Chorley Rural East	6853	6.73%	432
	03B	371	Brindle (2)	Brindle		Hoghton with Wheelton	Brindle & Hoghton				
	03C	688	Hoghton (1)	Hoghton		Hoghton with Wheelton	Brindle & Hoghton				
	03D	262	Withnell North	Withnell	North	Hoghton with Wheelton	Brindle & Hoghton				
	11B	2529	Clayton-Le-Woods North	Clayton-Le-Wod North		Hoghton with Wheelton	Clayton-Le-Woods North				
	20A	350	Abbey Village	Withnell	South	Hoghton with Wheelton	Wheelton & Withnell				
	20B	560	Withnell South	Withnell	South	Hoghton with Wheelton	Wheelton & Withnell				
	20C	362	Withnell South	Withnell	South	Hoghton with Wheelton	Wheelton & Withnell				
	20D	1275	Brinscall	Withnell	South	Hoghton with Wheelton	Wheelton & Withnell				

*For details of the polling districts split see Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

24. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	✓	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	✓	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

RISK

A risk register has been completed	Yes	No
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COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

25. The public consultation is being carried out by the Boundary Commission. The only costs to the Council will be publicity costs and these should be met from existing budgets

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

26. No comments

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Background Papers

Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Electoral Review of Chorley Council – Draft Council Size Submission	10 April 2018	https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s85271/Electoral%20Review%20of%20Chorley%20Council%20-%20Draft%20Council%20Size%20Submission.pdf	Council agenda
Electoral Review Committee	27 February 2018	https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s83882/Electoral%20Review%20Committee.pdf	Council agenda
Electoral Review Update	23 January 2018	https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s82429/Report.pdf	Council agenda
Electoral Review	5 October 2017	https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s79211/Electoral%20Review.pdf	Executive Cabinet agenda

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