The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

# October 2024

Summary Report
The full report and detailed maps:
<a href="https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/">https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/</a>
<a href="mailto:cheshire-east">cheshire-east</a>

# Have your say

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for Cheshire East Council. We have an open mind about our final recommendations, and we will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole council area or just a part of it.

If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Cheshire East we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for Cheshire East Council which delivers:

- Electoral equality: each councillor represents a similar number of electors.
- Community identity: reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- Effective and convenient local government: helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

## A good pattern of wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of electors.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

#### Electoral equality

 Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of electors as elsewhere in the council area?

#### Community identity

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- Facilities: does your pattern of wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?

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Review Officer (Cheshire East)
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- Interests: what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- Identifiable boundaries: are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

#### Effective local government

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?

#### **Useful tips**

- You can explore the maps on our website at Igbce. org.uk
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website.

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**Cheshire East Council** 

Draft Recommendations on the new electoral

arrangements

#### Who we are

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

#### Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

## Why Cheshire East?

- Cheshire East Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - electors than others.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local electors

# Our proposals

 We propose that the council should have 82 councillors in future.

You have until 9 December 2024 to have your say on the recommendations

## Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Cheshire East Council should have 82 councillors, the same as the existing arrangements.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of wards for Cheshire East.

We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation. The boundaries of most wards should change.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

We welcome comments on our draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

### Have your say at

## https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cheshireeast

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on how to have your say.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- send us your views directly.

Stage of Review	Description
23 January -	Public consultation on warding arrangments
1 April 2024	
1 October -	Public consultation on draft recommendations
9 December 2024	
13 May 2025	Publication of final recommendations
2027	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of draft recommendations for Cheshire East Council

View this map online:

Ward name

4 Bollington & Rainow

2 Alsager

3 Audlem

5 Brereton

7 Bunbury

8 Chelford

11 Crewe East

13 Crewe North

14 Crewe South

16 Crewe West

17 Dane Valley

19 Gawsworth

20 Handforth 21 Haslington 22 High Legh

25 Leighton

26 Macclesfield Central 27 Macclesfield East

29 Macclesfield South

18 Disley

9 Congleton East

10 Congleton West

12 Crewe Maw Green

15 Crewe St Barnabas

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