

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Communities (Introduced by Cabinet Member (Communities, Leisure and Wellbeing))	Cabinet Council	Wednesday, 21 st June 2023 Wednesday, 19 th July 2023

Enhancement of the Community Hub Structures

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	No
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Purpose of the Report

1. The report brings forward a proposed enhancement to the boundaries of the Community Hubs and recommends the appointment of the new Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council's Community Hubs.

Recommendations to Cabinet

2. That Cabinet recommends to Council the proposed amendments to the Community Hub boundaries as outlined in the report;
3. That Cabinet recommends to Council the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the period of twelve months until the First Business Meeting of the Council in May 2024 ; and

Reasons for recommendations

4. To ensure we continue to enhance the Community Hubs by amending the boundaries of the Hubs and appointments are made to the Chairs and Vice-Chair positions.

Other options considered and rejected

5. Not applicable.

Corporate priorities

6. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary council	Thriving communities
A fair local economy that works for everyone	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places

Background to the report

7. After consulting with Councillors, Council partners and members of the public, it has been proposed to reverse the decision taken on the 15th May 2019 to change the boundaries of the Community Hubs. The proposal to re-establish the previous Community Hub boundaries is made in order to strengthen communications with members of the local community and to increase their involvement in Council decisions about services which affect them.
8. During the election period members of our communities in the Central villages spoke very strongly about the re-establishment of the Central Villages Hub. The changes to the Hubs are detailed in paragraph 11 in the report.
9. It is also necessary to recommend the appointment of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Community Hubs until the First Business Meeting of the Council in May 2024 Municipal year set out in paragraph 12 of the report.

Proposal

10. It is proposed to reverse the 15th May 2019 changes to the Hub boundaries and also change the name of the some of the Community Hubs. The proposed arrangements are:

- 1) **Western Parishes**

Hoole, Longton and Hutton West, New Longton and Hutton East

- 2) **Penwortham**

Broad Oak, Charnock, Howick and Priory, Middleforth

- 3) **Central Villages**

Farington East, Farington West and Lostock Hall

- 4) **Leyland**

Broadfield, Buckshaw and Worden, Earnshaw Bridge, Leyland Central, Moss Side, Seven Stars, St Ambrose.

- 5) **Bamber Bridge, Walton-Le-Dale and Eastern**

Bamber Bridge East, Bamber Bridge West, Coupe Green and Gregson Lane, Samlesbury and Walton, Walton-le-Dale East, Walton-le-Dale West

11. The following Chairs and Vice-Chairs are recommended for appointment:

Community Hub Area	Chair	Vice Chair
Leyland	Councillor Colin Sharples	Councillor Jane Bell
Penwortham	Councillor Will Adams	Councillor David Howard
Western	Councillor Margaret Smith	Councillor Will King
Bamber Bridge, Walton-Le-Dale and Eastern	Councillor James Gleeson	Councillor Emma Stevens
Central Villages	Councillor Paul Wharton - Hardman	Councillor Leslie Pritchard

Climate change and air quality

12. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

Equality and diversity

13. There are no Equality and Diversity implications from this report.

Risk

14. The proposals set out in this report will ensure that the changes to the boundaries and appointment of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs in accordance with the Council's Constitution. Failure to meet these requirements would leave the Council's decisions open to challenge.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

15. There are no additional costs arising from this report; the overall core revenue budget for the Community Hubs of £25,000 will remain the same, albeit that the allocations to the individual hubs may be adjusted as a result of the boundary changes.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

16. The legal implications are set out in the body of the report.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

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This decision will come into force and may be implemented five working days after its publication date, subject to being called in in accordance with the Council's Constitution.