

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Communities (Introduced by Cabinet Member (Communities, Leisure and Wellbeing))	Council	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Enhancement of the Community Hub Structures

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	Not applicable
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### Purpose of the Report

1. This 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 Council

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

### 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	<b>Thriving communities</b>
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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Howarth
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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