

REPORT TITLE: NORTH WHITELEY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

18 JANUARY 2023

REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Becker, Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Engagement

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WARD(S): WHITELEY AND SHEDFIELD

PURPOSE

The North Whiteley Major Development Area is a large residential development on the edge of Winchester district. As the principal council for the area, the city council decided to conduct a community governance review to ascertain whether governance for the residents of the North Whiteley Major Development Area would be best served by a new parish council or the existing parish/town councils.

The outcome of the consultation on the options for the future governance arrangements for the North Whiteley Major Development Area was considered by the Licensing and Regulation Committee, on 7 December 2022, along with draft recommendations to conclude the review. The Committee decided that a further 28-day consultation should take place, to allow those with an interest to provide their views on the proposed changes.

Provided the further consultation process did not give rise to any issues that would require major changes to the draft recommendations, the Committee delegated the Service Lead – Legal, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and the relevant Cabinet Member, to finalise the recommendations of the review so they can be considered, along with a reorganisation order to implement any changes, by the full council at its meeting on 18 January 2023.

The consultation process has not given rise to any such issues. Accordingly, council is invited to approve the draft recommendations of the review, so they can be published, and approve the reorganisation order that will give legal effect to the changes necessary to implement those recommendations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council is recommended to:

1. Note the results of the two consultations that have taken place on the options for the future governance arrangements for the North Whiteley Major Development Area.
2. Approve the draft recommendations, set out in the letter to residents at Appendix 3, so they can be published, and the community governance review process can be concluded.
3. Approve the draft reorganisation order, which appears in Appendix 4.

## IMPLICATIONS:

### 1 COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOME

- 1.1 The council is committed to listening to its residents and giving them the opportunity to make their voice heard and the review has provided an opportunity for residents to say how community governance arrangements in their area should operate.

#### Tackling the Climate Emergency and Creating a Greener District

- 1.2 North Whiteley is located near to existing services, employment and education facilities making it possible for residents to take more journeys by foot, cycle or bus.

#### Homes for all

- 1.3 The North Whiteley development will eventually consist of 3,500 dwellings, two primary schools, a secondary school and other supporting infrastructure, including major highway works. It will integrate with the existing residential, commercial and employment development at Whiteley which has now been established for many years.

#### Vibrant Local Economy

- 1.4 3,500 dwellings will provide opportunities for more young people to live and work in the district. The local centre in the development will also provide a range of business and employment opportunities, complementing the facilities available in the nearby Whiteley town centre.

#### Living Well

- 1.5 Homes that are located close to services, such as retail, medical and leisure facilities, provide greater opportunities for a good quality of life. That close location of the services to the community encourages active travel amongst

the population. The outcome of this community governance review also has implications for the management of public spaces and community facilities.

### Your Services, Your Voice

- 1.6 The proposals in the draft recommendations and draft reorganisation order would give effect to the views of the majority of respondents to the recent consultations on governance arrangements for the area.

## 2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

### Potential costs and savings

- 2.1 For administrative and financial purposes, reorganisation orders take effect on the 1 April following the date on which it is made. Electoral arrangements come into force at the first elections to the parish council following the reorganisation order. Orders therefore need to be made sufficiently far in advance to allow preparations for the conduct of those elections to be made.
- 2.2 A small potential saving may be made if a reorganisation order is made in time to allow the May 2023 Town Council and Parish Council election to be conducted on the revised boundaries. If the reorganisation order is not made in time for those elections, then holding elections again before they would normally take place would cost between £5,000 - £10,000.

### Precept

- 2.3 The Town Council and Parish Council budgets are set on the same financial year as the city council's budgets. If the reorganisation order is approved the new arrangements will come into effect on 1 April 2023 and the reorganisation order will allow the homes that fall within the proposed extension area to be clearly identified for precept purposes.

## 3 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The legal framework for community governance reviews is set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement Health Act 2007 ('the 2007 Act'). As a district council, Winchester City Council ('the Principal Council') has responsibility for undertaking community governance reviews and deciding whether to give effect to recommendations made in those reviews.
- 3.2 In making decisions about community governance reviews, Principal Councils need to take account of the views of local people. The 2007 Act also places a duty on Principal Councils to have regard to the need to secure that any community governance for the area under review reflects the identities and interests of the local community in that area, and that it is effective and convenient. The principal criteria which influence that assessment are the impact on community cohesion, the size of the population of the proposed area and the boundaries of the proposed area.

- 3.3 Principal councils are required, by section 100(4) of the 2007 Act, to have regard to the guidance, which is issued by the Secretary of State, under section 100(1) and (3), and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England ('LGBCE') under section 100(2).
- 3.4 Section 102(3) of the 2007 Act requires a Principal Council to complete a review, including consequential recommendations to the LGBCE for related alterations to the boundaries of principal area wards and/or divisions, within 12 months of the start of the community governance review.
- 3.5 A review begins when a council publishes the terms of reference of the review and concludes when the council publishes the recommendations made in the review. The Terms of Reference for the North Whiteley community governance review ('the Review') were agreed on 10 March 2022 (LR555).
- 3.6 Whilst publishing the final recommendations of a community governance review will conclude the review, it is the making of a reorganisation order that gives legal effect to the changes arising from the recommendations.
- 3.7 Reorganisation orders can be made at any time following a review but for administrative and financial purposes orders should take effect on the 1 April following the date on which the order is made. Electoral arrangements then come into force at the first elections to the parish council following the reorganisation order.
- 3.8 Reorganisation orders need to be made sufficiently far in advance to allow preparations for the conduct of those elections to be made. In the context of this community governance review, the latest date at which a reorganisation order could be considered at a meeting of the full council would be the meeting on 23 February 2023, so that the changes can come into force on 1 April 2023 and the May elections could take place under the new arrangements.

#### 4 WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If the proposals are not in place before 1 April 2023, additional work will need to be carried out as the new proposals could not then come into effect until 1 April 2024.

#### 5 PROPERTY AND ASSET IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Reorganisation Order makes provision for the consequential boundary changes and the transfer of assets necessary to implement the recommendations of the review.

#### 6 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 Information about the consultation was published on the Council's website. Leaflets were also posted out to the residents of Curdridge and Whiteley and two information events were held. Follow up letters were sent to a small

number of residents and businesses directly adjoining the proposed new boundary, which invited them to make representations about the proposals.

- 6.2 A further consultation process then took place following the meeting of the Licensing and Regulation Committee in December.
- 6.3 In accordance with Sections 79 and 93 of the 2007 Act, we informed other bodies that the review was taking place. The following organisations were notified that a consultation was taking place: Hampshire County Council; Fareham Borough Council; Curdridge Parish Council; Whiteley Town Council; Hampshire Association of Local Councils; The Local Government Boundary Commission for England; and the South Downs National Park Authority.
- 6.4 Update meetings have been held with the Advisory Group, which comprises Ward Councillors and representatives of the Parish and Town Councils. Presentations have also been made to the North Whiteley Forum. The Portfolio Holder and the Leader of the Council have also been kept up to date on progress of the Community Governance Review and the recent consultation.

## 7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 There are no environmental consequences directly arising from the report.

## 8 PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

- 8.1 An equality impact assessment has been conducted. It did not identify any consequences arising directly from the proposals covered in this report. Like the city council, both the Parish Council and the Town Council are required to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities

## 9 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 None.

## 10 RISK MANAGEMENT

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>
Financial Exposure – None		
Exposure to challenge – Failure to complete the review within the statutory 12-month time limit.	Ensure adequate resources are deployed to meet the timetable.	Concluding the review would demonstrate the council had listened to its residents.
Innovation – None		
Reputation – Failure to complete the review may	Ensure that adequate resources are available.	A well-managed transition to new governance

damage the council's reputation.		arrangements could enhance the reputation of the city, town and parish councils.
Achievement of outcome		
Property – Failure to transfer property, rights and liabilities effectively.	The reorganisation order will deal with the transfer of any land, property, rights and liabilities affected by the proposed changes.	A well-managed transfer will aid a smooth transition to the new arrangements.
Community Support – Not implementing the wishes of the residents who responded.	Ensure resources are adequate and critical deadlines are adhered to.	To give confidence to the residents of the area about the review.
Timescales – The review must be completed within 12 months.	The timetable must be adhered to.	
Project capacity – Lack of resources may prevent completion of the review within 12 months.	Adequate resources.	None.
Other – None.		

## 11 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

### Background

- 11.1 The North Whiteley Major Development Area is a major new development on the edge of Winchester district. It sits across the boundary of Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council.
- 11.2 As the Principal Council for the area, Winchester City Council is responsible for carrying out community governance reviews. In November 2021, the city council, decided to review the governance arrangements for the new development.
- 11.3 The Terms of Reference for the review were approved by the Licensing and Regulation Committee at its meeting on 10 March 2022 (see Appendix 1). The Terms of Reference envisaged a four-stage process:
- a) Stage 1 – The Review is publicised, and initial submissions invited. Public meetings held, consultation with neighbouring parishes
  - b) Stage 2 – Consideration of submissions. Draft recommendations are prepared. Update report prepared for Licensing and Regulation Committee.

- c) Stage 3 – Draft recommendations and the reasons for them, informing those with an interest of further consultation published.
- d) Stage 4 – Consideration of submissions received. Final recommendations are prepared.

#### The first consultation

- 11.4 The consultation process invited residents' opinions on four options:
- a) A new council to be formed for the development area.
  - b) All the new development to be represented by Whiteley Town Council.
  - c) All the new development to be represented by Curdridge Parish Council.
  - d) The boundary to remain unchanged.
- 11.5 Information about the consultation was published on the council's website, including the Citizenspace consultation portal. In the week commencing 19 September, leaflets were posted out to all 2,500 residential properties of Curdridge and Whiteley. Posters were also put up around the area, which included a QR code that helped people to respond online. Two 'in person' information events were also held.
- 11.6 742 responses were received by the close of consultation on 9 October 2022. More than 70% of respondents chose option 2: Move all the new development area into Whiteley Town Council. Further details about the results of the consultation process can be found in Appendix 2. The Town Council and Parish Council also support option 2.

#### Licensing and Regulation Committee

- 11.7 The Licensing and Regulation Committee considered the outcome of the first consultation process at its meeting on 7 December 2022. At that meeting the Committee also approved the draft recommendations, so they could be the subject of further consultation.
- 11.8 In summary, the draft recommendations proposed that:
- a) Alterations should be made to the area of the parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge, which would alter the parish boundaries.
  - b) The number of councillors for the parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge should remain unaltered.
  - c) The Electoral Registration Officer should make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

d) Curdridge Parish Council should transfer any land, property, rights and liabilities affected by these changes to Whiteley Town Council.

e) If practicable, the changes should come into force on 1st April 2023.

11.9 At the Committee meeting, clarification was sought about the section 106 agreements and deeds of variation referred to in paragraph 5.3 of the report (LR561). Questions were also raised about the basis of the estimated population rise in the North Whiteley area referred to in paragraph 11.24 of the report and, during debate, some members expressed the view that the number of parish councillors on the new Town Council should be increased to reflect the number of residents.

11.10 The section 106 agreement is complex, but the sections of it that may be relevant, depending on decisions yet to be taken, are:

a) Schedule 5: Community Services, which covers:

(i) Provision of a Community Building

(ii) Payment of community services sum

(iii) GP Surgery car park contribution

(iv) Community Use Agreement – Sports Pitch and Associated Facilities on secondary school site

(v) Sports Pitches

(vi) Sports Pavilion – contributions for design and build

b) Schedule 6: Public Space

(i) Allotments

(ii) Open Space

c) Schedule 7: Play Facilities

11.11 In relation to the question of council size, the statutory guidance says:

*“154. In practice, there is a wide variation of council size between parish councils. That variation appears to be influenced by population. Research by the Aston Business School Parish and Town Councils in England (HMSO, 1992), found that the typical parish council representing less than 500 people had between five and eight councillors; those between 501 and 2,500 had six to 12 councillors; and those between 2,501 and 10,000 had nine to 16 councillors. Most parish councils with a population of between 10,001 and 20,000 had between 13 and 27 councillors, while almost all councils representing a population of over 20,000 had between 13 and 31 councillors.”*



11.12 Officers have reconsidered the question of councillor numbers in the light of the comments made at the Licensing and Regulation Committee. After reviewing the statutory guidance, the views of both the parish and town councils, and the responses to the latest consultation, there does not appear to be a compelling reason to alter the recommendation about councillor numbers as, based on our best estimates, both Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council will remain within the broad ranges set out above. Also, by way of comparison, New Alresford Town Council and Wickham & Knowle Parish Council also have 11 seats.

#### The second consultation

11.13 In accordance with the decision of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, a letter setting out the draft recommendations of the review was sent to residential properties and commercial premises in Curdridge and Whiteley. A copy of the letter appears in Appendix 3.

11.14 We also notified Hampshire County Council, Fareham Borough Council, Curdridge Parish Council, Whiteley Town Council, Hampshire Association of Local Councils, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, South Downs National Park Authority and local members of Winchester and Hampshire County Council about the consultation.

11.15 17 responses were received to the second consultation. 12 were submitted online and 5 were received by email. Of those responses:

- a) 94% of responses agreed with the proposed boundary changes (based on 17 responses to this question)
- b) 85% of responses agreed with the proposed Councillor numbers (13 responses)
- c) 92% of responses agreed with the proposed electoral arrangements (12 responses)

11.16 As the consultation did not give rise to any issues that would materially change the draft recommendations of the review, the Service Lead – Legal consulted the Chair of the Licensing and Regulation Committee and Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Engagement, who agreed that the recommendations of the review and reorganisation order should be put before the full council at its meeting on 18 January 2023.

## 12 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 None.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

### Previous Committee Reports:

- L&R555
- L&R561

### Other Background Documents:

- Guidance on Community Governance Reviews – March 2010

## APPENDICES:

1. Terms of reference for North Whiteley Community Governance Review
2. Summary of responses from first consultation process
3. Letter to residents seeking views on the draft recommendations of the review
4. Draft reorganisation order

Appendix 1: Terms of Reference for North  
Whiteley Community Governance Review  
Community Governance Review

North Whiteley  
Major Development Area

Local Government and Public Involvement  
in Health Act 2007

**Terms of Reference**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Aims of Review**

This review will ascertain whether governance for the residents of the North Whiteley Major Development Area, within the Winchester City Council boundary, would be best served by a new parish council or the existing parish/town councils.

### **1.2 Why undertake a Community Governance Review?**

At the November meeting of the North Whiteley Forum Winchester City Council agreed that due to the pace of the build and the number of occupations it was an appropriate time to hold the review. Winchester City Council has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) pursuant to Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

A Community Governance Review provides an opportunity for making recommendations with regards to establishing, aggregating, amalgamating or separating parishes/town councils, the name and style of the new council (if applicable) and its electoral arrangements.

### **1.3 Scope of the Review**

The review will specifically consider the composition and electoral arrangements of the residents living within the area of the North Whiteley Major Development Area. Currently, in the District of Winchester City Council, this is within the Whiteley Town Council and Curdridge Parish Council.

### **1.4 Who will undertake the Community Governance Review?**

Winchester City Council is responsible for undertaking a CGR within its electoral area. The City Council is responsible for overseeing this process and officers will produce draft and final recommendations for consideration by the Licensing and Regulation Committee before any Order is made. The final Order, if recommended to be made, is a decision of Full Council.

### **1.5 How long will the Community Governance Review take?**

After the publication of the terms of reference the City Council has 12 months to conclude the review by the making of recommendations by the L&R Committee. There are various steps and consultation exercises to be undertaken between now and then and these are outlined in the timetable below. And, as outlined above, if the recommendation is to make an order, this is a decision of Full Council.

## 1.6 Timetable for the review

Stage	What happens?	Timescales	Indicative dates
Commencement	WCC accept there is a requirement for a Community Governance Review		16 November 2021
Preparation	Terms of reference, area maps prepared A report outlining the decision to hold a CGR together with a full timetable and draft Terms of Reference are presented to L & R.	4 months	10 March 2022
Stage One	Review is publicised and initial Submissions are invited. Public meeting held, consultation with neighbouring parishes.	2 months	May 2022 – June 2022
Stage Two	Consideration of Submissions received – Draft recommendations are prepared. Update report prepared for L & R June meeting.	1 month	July 2022 – August 2022
Stage Three	Draft Recommendations, and the reasons for them, informing those with an interest for further consultation are published.	1 month	September 2022 – October 2022
Stage Four	Consideration of submissions received – Final Recommendations are prepared.	1 month	November 2022
Conclusion	Final Recommendations are published – concluding the review	2 months	January 2023
Resolution	Council resolves to make a Reorganisation Order to put into effect any changes.		Next available Council Meeting

## 1.7 How will the review be conducted?

The Review will be conducted in accordance with the duties outlined in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Guidance on these reviews published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in March 2010.

In accordance with Section 79 of the 2007 Act, the City Council will notify Hampshire County Council that a Community Governance Review will be undertaken.

In accordance with Section 93 of the 2007 Act, the City Council will consult with local government electors for the area under review; and any other person or body (including another local authority) which appears to have an interest in the review.

Consultation must take place with local government electors, appropriate local authorities and other relevant persons, including political parties and local community interest groups. The City Council must publish the terms of reference of the review, any proposals made as a result of the conduct of the review and any recommendations made on its website.

The City Council will have regard to the need to secure that any community governance for the area under review reflects the identities and interests of the local community in that area and that it is effective and convenient. Relevant considerations will include the impact on community cohesion and the size, population and boundaries of the proposed area.

### **1.8 Options for Consideration**

The City Council has prepared four possible outcomes to be put forward for consultation:

**Option 1:** Position to remain unchanged with the North Whiteley MDA being covered by 1 existing Parish Council and 1 existing Town council.

**Option 2:** North Whiteley MDA (or part of it) be removed from both existing Parish Councils and a new separate council (type to be consulted upon) be created for North Whiteley MDA.

**Option 3:** North Whiteley MDA be removed from Curdridge Parish Council and amalgamated with Whiteley Town Council

**Option 4:** North Whiteley MDA be removed from Whiteley Town Council and amalgamated with Curdridge Parish Council.

### **1.9 The conclusions for the Review**

Following the conclusion of the review, if a new council is to be created, or if there is an amalgamation this will be done by way of a Reorganisation Order. A Reorganisation Order can be made at any time however the order should take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April following the date on which it is made. In this case if a Reorganisation Order is made this will be in January 2023 and come into effect 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

## APPENDIX 2: CONSULTATION RESPONSES

### Preferences

The results for each of the proposed governance options was as follows.

Options	Online	Postal	Total	% of responses
1. New council formed for the development area.	106	25	131	17.7%
2. All of the new development is represented by Whiteley Town Council.	409	113	522	70.4%
3. All of the new development is represented by Curdridge Parish Council.	29	15	44	5.9%
4. Boundary to remain unchanged.	31	10	41	5.5%
No option chosen	3	1	4	0.5%

### Additional comments

254 of the responses included a supplementary comment to support their choice. The comments can be broadly summarised into the following groups, which are listed in descending order:

- a) Curdridge is a small village and should stay that way (70 comments)
- b) Traffic, transport and parking issues (27 comments)
- c) A need for new/better amenities, i.e., doctors' surgery, secondary school, transport, etc. (20 comments)
- d) The new major development area has its own identity and should therefore have its own council (18 comments)
- e) The major development area is already a part of the Whiteley community (18 comments)
- f) The new major development area was always planned to be a part of Whiteley (15 comments)
- g) Whiteley is already established as a council/it is resourced to incorporate the new major development area (14 comments)

- h) Option 2 'makes sense' (14 comments)
- i) Whiteley/ Curdrige councils are already overstretched (12 comments)
- j) Everything should be under one (existing) Council (10 comments)
- k) Negative behaviour towards residents from Whiteley Town Council members (7 comments)
- l) Winchester/Fareham divide (7 comments)
- m) Cost/expensive of setting up a new council (6 comments)
- n) Need more information about the implications of a new council (4 comments)
- o) The new major development area is a better fit with Whiteley (4 comments)
- p) More councils equals more problems (3)
- q) Miscellaneous (20 comments)



## **Appendix 3 – Letter to residents seeking views on the draft recommendations of the review**

Dear resident,

### **Community Governance Review – North Whiteley Major Development Area**

We conducted a consultation exercise recently which asked residents in Whiteley and Curdridge for their views on how they could best be represented at the level of local government closest to communities.

We received 742 responses to that consultation and more than 70% of respondents said they would prefer all the new development at North Whiteley to become part of Whiteley Town Council. Whiteley Town Council and Curdridge Parish Council also supported that option. We are now seeking residents' views on the changes we need to make to implement that option.

We would welcome any comments you wish to make on the following draft recommendations:

1. Boundary changes

We plan to alter the area of the parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge, so that the area coloured and marked “A” and “B” on the map overleaf will become part of the area governed by Whiteley Town Council and not part of the parish of Curdridge.

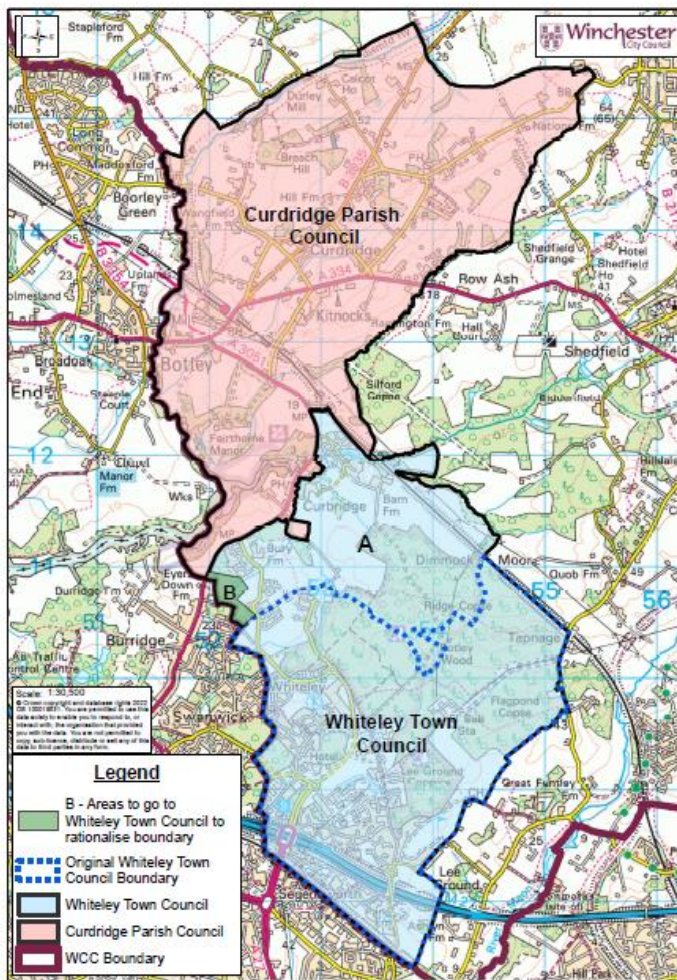
2. Councillor numbers

Having discussed this with both Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council, we plan to keep the number of councillors for the parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge the same.

3. Electoral arrangements

We will need to amend the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements – some residents' voting area will change if we go ahead with this plan:

- Residents swapping from Curdridge Parish Council to Whiteley Town Council would vote for councillors in the Whiteley Town Council instead of voting for Curdridge Parish councillors.
- It also means that they would need to attend the polling station at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley for future elections.
- The proposed changes will not alter the councillors you vote for to represent you on Winchester City Council, as both Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council are within the Whiteley and Shedfield ward.



Map showing proposed boundary change

### How to respond

If you have any comments or representations to make on the proposals, please

- email them to us at: [cgr@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:cgr@winchester.gov.uk) or
- post them to us at: Hilary Oliver, Development Management, Winchester City Council, Colebrook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, RG23 9LJ or
- reply on line [https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/community-governance-review-north-whiteley-phase-2/start\\_preview?token=5744e11c22b43b266685ec545bd7d64d898bc579](https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/community-governance-review-north-whiteley-phase-2/start_preview?token=5744e11c22b43b266685ec545bd7d64d898bc579)



Please let us have your response by Friday 6 January 2023.

# Appendix 4 - Draft reorganisation order

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

### The Winchester City Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance at North Whiteley and Curdridge) Order 2023

*Made [day] [month] 2023*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

Winchester City Council (“the council”), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated [month] 2023:

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3) of the 2007 Act.

#### Citation and commencement

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Winchester City Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance at North Whiteley and Curdridge) Order 2023.

(2) It shall come into force on 1st April 2023.

#### Interpretation

**2.** In this Order—

“district” means the district of Winchester

“existing” means existing on the date this Order is made;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Winchester City Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance at North Whiteley and Curdridge) Order 2023” and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number; and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

## Effect of Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

## Alteration of parish areas

4.—(1) The area coloured and designated by the letter “A” on the map shall cease to be part of the parish of Curdridge and shall become part of the parish of Whiteley.

(2) Each area coloured and designated by a letter on the map and specified in column (1) of the Schedule shall cease to be part of the parish specified in relation to that area in columns (2) and (3) of the Schedule and shall become part of the parish specified in relation to that area in columns (4) and (5) of the Schedule.

## Electoral register

5. The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

## Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

6. The land, property, rights and liabilities described in Schedule 2 shall transfer from the Curdridge Parish Council to the Whiteley Town Council on the date specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

## Order date

7. 1st April 2023 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of the council on the [*day e.g. 31st*] day of [*month*] [*year*]

[*day e.g. 31st*] [*month*] [*year*]

[*Signature*]  
[*Title of signatory*]

## SCHEDULE 1

article 4

### ALTERATION OF AREAS OF PARISHES AND PARISH WARDS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>	<i>Column (4)</i>	<i>Column (5)</i>
<i>Area</i>	<i>Parish from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish ward from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish to which added</i>	<i>Parish ward to which added</i>
"A"	Curdridge Parish	Not applicable	Whiteley Parish	Not applicable

## SCHEDULE 2

article 6

### FUNDS AND BALANCES TO BE TRANSFERRED

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Funds and balances to be transferred</i>	<i>Date</i>
£10,514.00 from Curdridge Parish Council's ear-marked reserve, less any expenditure incurred in the intervening period from the date of allocation to the reserve and approved by Winchester City Council.	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Winchester City Council for the alteration of the area of the parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge within the district of Winchester.

The parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge will be altered with effect from 1 April 2023. The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023.

Article 4 and the map establish the altered areas of the parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge.

Article 5 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 6 obliges Curdridge Parish Council to transfer those funds and balances on the date specified in Schedule 2.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new areas of the parishes of Whiteley and Curdridge. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Winchester City Council.

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