

APPENDIX 3

Holywell Town Council support the draft guiding principles in general with the following additional comments:-

1. It is believed that within the Holywell community there are potentially a percentage of non-registered electors. Whilst appreciating the difficulty in quantifying this figure, Members felt that this aspect could well have a bearing on review outcomes and should be kept in mind / accommodated in some way as part of the process.
2. The inclusion of an adequate period in the review timetable for consultation responses, to ensure that local Councils have enough time to consider proposals within their respective meeting cycles.

Response

Point 1 will be taken into account in as far as it can be. To the extent that it can not it should not distort proposals as there is no reason to believe this is a greater issue in Holywell than elsewhere in Flintshire.

In relation to Point 2, Yes, it is intended that 9 weeks be allowed for each of the two formal consultation stages.

Saltney Town Council – Initial views of the Clerk are that it looks to be a very sensible approach.

Ysceifiog Community Council has no objection to the first three principles and consider that as the Council's area is very rural the remaining principles should not apply.

Response

There need to be common guiding principles for all communities within Flintshire but the weight attached to each individual principle can vary from one community to another.

Bagillt Community Council

The first principle refers to a suggested Councillor allocation and for the current Bagillt electorate this would mean a reduction of one member from 14 to 13, although there is reference to flexibility.

The seventh principle refers to equalising as far as practical the number of electors when a community is divided into wards and the current electorate in each ward is less than 60 apart with each having seven Councillors.

The eighth principle indicates the same number of Councillors for each ward as far as practical and clearly there would be difficulty in complying with these three principles in Bagillt without flexibility.

Response

None of the individual principles are intended to be rigidly applied in isolation from the others.

Northop Community Council - Happy that the number of councillors for Northop and Sychdyn, under the proposals, remain unchanged and believe that this reflects the 7 principles described in the report.

Hawarden Community Council - Agrees with the proposed draft guiding principles as set out.

Brynford Community Council observations are as follows:-

The Council have considered the 8 draft guiding principles and have no objection to the first 3. With regard to the remaining 5 the Council considers that these would not be applicable in a rural community such as Brynford as the community would not be divided into wards.

Response

The fourth principle would be applicable.