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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
CITY OF CHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the City of Chester in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that city.
  
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 19 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Chester City Council, copies of which were circulated to Cheshire County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the city and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and to the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from any interested bodies.
  
3. Chester City Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were asked also to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their

provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the City Council have exercised an option for a system of elections by thirds.

5. On 13 February 1975 Chester City Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The City Council proposed to divide the area into 27 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 60.

6. We considered the draft scheme together with the comments which we had received and those which had been transmitted to us by the City Council. We noted that, on the basis of the present and future electorate of the proposed wards, the scheme showed an uneven standard of representation particularly in the urban area of Chester and the parish of Upton-by-Chester. We thought that there was scope for redrawing boundaries to secure a higher standard of equality of representation and we decided to ask the City Council to review their proposals accordingly. In writing to the City Council we drew particular attention to the proposed arrangements for the urban area of Chester and the parish of Upton-by-Chester, where we thought that substantial improvement could be achieved by better warding arrangements. We also asked the City Council to consider whether, having regard to the size and character of the city, a council of 60 members was too large and suggested that a reduction might be made in revising their draft scheme.

7. On 16 October 1975 the City Council submitted a revised draft scheme and the final material to complete the scheme was received on 8 January 1976. They proposed to divide the area into 26 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 60. The City Council had published details of their revised proposals and invited comments on them.

8. We studied the revised scheme together with the comments which had been received. The comments included representations from a local political party and two local political associations. The local political party thought that the inclusion of some parishes in certain proposed wards would create difficulties since some other parishes in those wards would be in a different parliamentary constituency. They also made proposals for revised warding arrangements within the urban area of Chester. One of the local political associations made a similar point about some parishes in proposed wards being in a different parliamentary constituency. The other local political association which appeared to support the City Council's revised draft scheme, made some general remarks about some of the proposed wards. Clotton Hoofield Parish Council requested that the proposed Tarvin and District ward should be split into 2 separate wards. We noted that the City Council had not felt able to accept this proposal. Tattenhall and District Parish Council stated that, as the proposed ward of that name covered such a large area, two councillors would not give adequate representation. A member of the public wrote in protest about proposed ward boundaries being fixed along the centres of residential roads.

9. We considered whether there were any changes which should be made to the revised scheme in response to the comments which had been submitted. A number of possibilities were examined but, in each case, we concluded that the City Council's proposals were, on balance, superior.

10. We considered whether the revised draft scheme should be modified to secure improved equality of representation and to this end we decided to propose the following modifications: (a) to regroup the parishes of Broxton, Caldecott, Carden, Church Shocklack, Clutton, Duckington, Grafton, Harthill, Horton, Shocklack Oviatt, Stretton and Tilston in a new ward to be known as "Tilston" ward; (b) the proposed Malpas ward, less the parishes transferred

to the proposed Tilston ward, should be represented by 2 councillors instead of 3;  
(c) to omit the words "and District" from the names of the wards in the rural areas of the city.

11. On the recommendation of the Ordnance Survey we adopted some minor boundary alterations, in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground.

12. Subject to the modifications referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11 above we decided that the City Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the city in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

13. On 5 November 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on either of the City Council's draft schemes. The City Council were asked to make a copy of the draft proposals and the accompanying maps, which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices from other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 7 January 1977.

14. Chester City Council informed us that they accepted our draft proposals. They sent us copies of letters they had received; one from a parish council requesting that they should form a single member ward; the other from a local councillor who requested a boundary realignment to the proposed Hoole ward.

15. The Guilden Sutton parish council stated that they objected to being included in the proposed Christleton ward and would prefer to be grouped with the adjoining parish to form part of another ward. Mickie-Trafford & District parish council thought that the parish of Elton should form a single member ward and that the remainder of the parishes

in the proposed Elton ward should return 2 councillors.

16. A local political party sent us alternative warding arrangements mainly relating to the urban area of Chester itself. A local political association expressed surprise at the proposed size of the council and commented on three of the proposed wards viz, Newton, Plas Newton and College. Another local political association requested that the proposed Dodleston ward should be renamed Eaton.

17. We accepted the suggestion for a boundary realignment between the proposed Hoole and Plas Newton wards. Otherwise we did not consider that a case had been made for any further changes in our draft proposals, and subject to the Hoole boundary amendment, we decided to confirm them as our final proposals.

18. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the maps, is set out at Schedule 3 to this report.

#### PUBLICATION

19. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Chester City Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main

offices. Copies of this report, without maps, are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

Signed:-

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7 July 1977

## CITY OF CHESTER : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BARROW	2
BLACON HALL	3
BOUGHTON	2
BOUGHTON, HEATH	2
CHRISTLETON	2
COLLEGE	3
CURZON	2
DEE POINT	3
DODLESTON	1
ELTON	2
FARNDON	1
GROSVENOR	3
HOOLE	3
MALPAS	2
MOLLINGTON	1
NEWTON	3
PLAS NEWTON	3
SAUGHALL	2
SEALAND	3
TARVIN	2
TATTENHALL	2
TILSTON	1
UPTON GRANGE	2
UPTON HEATH	3
VICARS CROSS	3
WAVERTON	1
WESTMINSTER	3

## CITY OF CHESTER : ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR 1980	2ND YEAR 1982	3RD YEAR 1983
BARROW	2	-	1	1 PE
BLACON HALL	3	1	1	1
BOUGHTON	2	1	1	-
BOUGHTON HEATH	2	-	1	1 PE
CHRISTLETON	2	1	-	1 PE
COLLEGE	3	1	1	1
CURZON	2	1	1	-
DEE POINT	3	1	1	1
DODLESTON	1	-	-	1 PE
ELTON	2	-	1	1 PE
FARNDON	1	1 PE	-	-
GROSVENOR	3	1	1	1 PE
HOOLE	3	1	1	1
MALPAS	2	1	-	1 PE
MOLLINGTON	1	-	1 PE	-
NEWTON	3	1	1 PE	1
PLAS NEWTON	3	1	1	1
SAUGHALL	2	1	-	1 PE
SEALAND	3	1	1	1
TARVIN	2	-	1	1 PE
TATTENHALL	2	1	-	1 PE
TILSTON	1	-	1 PE	-
UPTON GRANGE	2	1	1 PE	-
UPTON HEATH	3	1	1 PE	1
VICARS CROSS	3	1	1	1 PE
WAVERTON	1	1 PE	-	-
WESTMINSTER	3	1	1	1 PE
	60	20	20	20

PE = Parish Election

## CITY OF CHESTER : DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

## WESTMINSTER WARD

The parish of Marlston Cum Lache and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Marlston Cum Lache CP meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards along said district boundary to the unnamed road leading from Boundary Lane to Oak Road, thence southeastwards along said unnamed road and Oak Road to Clivedon Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the road known as Hough Green, thence northeastwards along said road to Wrexham Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the northern boundary of Marlston Cum Lache CP, thence westwards and following said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

## CURZON WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Westminster Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and northwards along said district boundary to the River Dee, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said river to a point opposite Dee Lock thence northeastwards to and along said Lock to New Crane Street, thence southeastwards along said street and crossing Watergate Square to Nuns Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Grosvenor Road, thence southwestwards and southwards along said road to the northern boundary of Westminster Ward, thence southwestwards and following said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

## SEALAND WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Curzon Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northwestwards along said district boundary to Ferry Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to Sealand Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the unnamed stream leading from Sealand Road across parcel No 0098 on OS 1:2500 plan SJ 36-3766 Edition of 1961 to Cinderella Lane, thence northeastwards and following said stream to Cinderella Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to a point being the prolongation of the rear boundaries of the garages and Nos 36-2 Bridgeman Road, thence northwestwards to and along said rear boundaries and the southwestern boundary of No 93 Blacon Point Road to Blacon Point Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Morton Road, thence northwestwards along said road and northeastwards along Hillside Road to Furne Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Western Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to Saughall Road, thence northwards along said road to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the Shropshire Union Canal, thence southeastwards and following said canal to Northgate Locks and a point opposite the western boundary of the property known as Rock Cottage, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to City Walls Road, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said road to the northern boundary of Curzon Ward, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

## DEE POINT WARD

Commencing at a point where the railway meets the western boundary of Sealand Ward, thence southwestwards and following said ward boundary to the western boundary of the District, thence northwestwards along said district boundary to the eastern boundary of Saughall CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to the southern boundary of parcel number 8657 on OS 1:2500 plan SJ 36-3768 Edition of 1961, thence south-

eastwards along said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of No 272 Saughall Road, thence southwestwards along said eastern boundary and in prolongation thereof to Saughall Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Egerton Road, thence southwestwards along said road and continuing along the railway footbridge to the railway thence southeastwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

#### BLACON HALL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Dee Point Ward meets the eastern boundary of Saughall CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to the southern boundary of Mollington CP, thence north-eastwards and following said southern boundary to the western boundary of Upton-by-Chester CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the western boundary of Bache CP to Finchett's Gutter, thence southwestwards along said gutter to Parkgate Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the railway, thence northwestwards along said railway and the northern boundaries of Sealand Ward and Dee Point Ward to the point of commencement.

#### COLLEGE WARD

Commencing at a point where Watergate Street meets the eastern boundary of Sealand Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Blacon Hall Ward, thence southeastwards along said southern boundary and continuing southeastwards and northeastwards along the railway to Brook Lane Bridge where it meets the Birkenhead to Chester railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of City Road, thence southwestwards to and along said road to Foregate Street, thence southwestwards along said street and continuing along Eastgate Street and Watergate Street to the point of commencement.

#### UPTON GRANGE WARD

The parish of Bache

The Upton Grange Ward of the parish of Upton-by-Chester and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Blacon Hall Ward meets the southern boundary of Bache CP, thence generally northeastwards along said CP boundary to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the northern boundary of College Ward, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said northern boundary and northwestwards along the eastern boundary of Blacon Hall Ward to the point of commencement.

#### UPTON HEATH WARD

The Upton Heath Ward of the parish of Upton-by-Chester.

#### NEWTON WARD

The Upton Park Ward of the parish of Upton-by-Chester and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where Brook Street Bridge meets the eastern boundary of College Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary and the eastern boundary of Upton Grange Ward to the southern boundary of Upton-by-Chester CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to Weal Stone Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to Newton Lane, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said lane to Hoole Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

#### FLAS NEWTON WARD

Commencing at a point where Hoole Road meets the eastern boundary of Newton Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Upton-by-Chester CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of Hoole Village CP, thence southeastwards along said CP boundary to Hoole Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

## HOOLE WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of College Ward meets the southern boundary of Newton Ward, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary and northeastwards along the southern boundary of Plas Newton Ward to the western boundary of Hoole Village CP, thence southeastwards along said CP boundary to the northwestern boundary of Great Boughton CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the point where it crosses the railway southeast of Flooker's Brook, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said railway and continuing northwestwards along the eastern boundary of College Ward to the point of commencement.

## BOUGHTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the road known as The Bars meets the eastern boundary of College Ward, thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Hoole Ward, thence southeastwards and following said ward boundary to the western boundary of Great Boughton CP, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said CP boundary to the Shropshire Union Canal, thence southeastwards along said canal to a point opposite the western boundary of No 89 Tarvin Road, thence southwestwards to and along said western boundary to Tarvin Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Cherry Grove Road, thence southwards along said road to Chapel Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Christleton Road, thence southeastwards along said road and Whitchurch Road to the western boundary of Great Boughton CP, thence southwestwards and following said CP boundary to the River Dee, thence northwards and following said river to a point opposite Dee Lane, thence northwestwards to and along said lane to the road known as The Bars, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

## VICARS CROSS WARD

The Vicars Cross Ward of the parish of Great Boughton and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the western boundary of Great Boughton CP meets the eastern boundary of Boughton Ward in Whitchurch Road, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Great Boughton CP, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

## BOUGHTON HEATH WARD

The parish of     Huntington  
and the Boughton Heath Ward of the parish of Great Boughton

## GROSVENOR WARD

The parishes of Claverton

                  Chester Castle

and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Claverton CP meets the eastern boundary of Westminster Ward, thence northeastwards along said ward boundary and northwards along the eastern boundary of Curzon Ward to the southern boundary of College Ward, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to, and generally southeastwards along, the southern boundary of Boughton Ward, southwestwards along the western boundary of Boughton Heath Ward and southwestwards along the northern boundary of Claverton CP to the point of commencement.

## BARROW WARD

The parishes of Ashton

                  Barrow

                  Horton cum Peel

                  Kelsall

                  Mouldsworth

                  Willington

## CHRISTLETON WARD

The parishes of Christleton

    Guilden Sutton

    Littleton

    Rowton

## DODLESTON WARD

The parishes of Aldford

    Buerton

    Churton Heath

    Dodleston

    Eaton

    Eccleston

    Lea Newbold

    Lower Kinnerton

    Poulton

    Pulford

    Saughton

## ELTON WARD

The parishes of Bridge Trafford

    Dunham-on-the-Hill

    Elton

    Hapsford

    Hoole Village

    Mickle Trafford

    Picton

    Thornton-le-Moors

    Wimbolds Trafford

## FARNDON WARD

The parishes of Barton

    Churton by Aldford

    Churton by Farndon

    Coddington

    Crewe

    Edgerley

    Farndon

    Kings Marsh

## MALPAS WARD

The parishes of Arden

Bickley  
 Bradley  
 Chidlow  
 Chorlton  
 Cuddington  
 Edge  
 Hampton  
 Larkton  
 Macefen  
 Malpas  
 Newton by Malpas  
 Oldcastle  
 Overton  
 Stockton  
 Threapwood  
 Tushingam cum Grindley  
 Wigland  
 Wychough

## MOLLINGTON WARD

The parishes of Backford

Capenhurst  
 Caughall  
 Chorlton-by-Backford  
 Croughton  
 Lea-by-Backford  
 Ledsham  
 Little Stanney  
 Mollington  
 Moston  
 Stoke  
 Wervin

## SAUGHALL WARD

The parishes of Puddington

Saughall  
 Shotwick  
 Shotwick Park  
 Woodbank

## TARVIN WARD

The parishes of Bruen Stapleford

Burton  
 Clotton Hoofield  
 Cotton Edmunds  
 Duddon  
 Foulk Stapleford  
 Hockenhull  
 Huxley  
 Iddinshall  
 Prior's Heys  
 Tarvin

## TATTENHALL WARD

The parishes of Aldersey

Beeston  
 Burwardsley  
 Chowley  
 Golborne Bellow  
 Golborne David  
 Handley  
 Newton by Tattenhall  
 Tattenhall  
 Tilstone Fearnall  
 Tiverton

## TILSTON WARD

The parishes of Broxton

Caldecott  
 Carden  
 Church Shocklach  
 Clutton  
 Duckington  
 Grafton  
 Harthill  
 Horton  
 Shocklach Oviatt  
 Stretton  
 Tilston

## WAVERTON WARD

The parishes of Cotton Abbotts

Hatton  
 Waverton

