

WHITEHAVEN COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – PHASE 2 CONSULTATION

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Why has this report come to the Panel?

To seek the Panel's views on options for a second phase of consultation on possible introduction of parishing of Whitehaven

Recommendation: That the Panel considers and determines the models to be used in the next phase of consultation, and considers and determines the method of consultation to be employed.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Panel at its meeting on 8 April decided to move to a second phase of consultation with local government electors in the unparished area of the Borough (Whitehaven and Sandwith) on the possible introduction of parishing in the area, as part of the Community Governance Review which the Council decided to undertake at its meeting in December 2013.
- 1.2 The Panel asked for four options to be worked up as possible models for use in the second phase of consultation. These are:
 - A single Council for the unparished area with a budget of £300,000 per year, with projected precepts per property
 - A single Council for the unparished area with a budget of £500,000 per year, with projected precepts per property
 - Two parish councils for the unparished area
 - Three parish councils for the unparished area.
- 1.3 This report presents the above models for consideration.

1.4 The report also sets out some options for how the second phase of consultation is to be conducted as this is the second matter THE Panel will need to decide on at this meeting or in the near future.

2 Models for Consultation

2.1 The models for consideration are as follows:

A A single Council with a budget of £300,000 per year. Options for a Council of either 18 or 25 Councillors with parish wards identical to the Borough wards (see Appendix A1). The elector/Councillor ratios for both options show a reasonably consistent spread across all wards (see Appendix A2). A draft budget for this model is shown at Appendix A3, and precepts are shown in Appendix A4.

B A single Council with a budget of £500,000 per year, as shown in Appendix B1, with projected precepts at Appendix B2. Other details of Councillor numbers and ratios are as Model A.

C Two Councils called for ease of reference East Whitehaven and West Whitehaven as shown on the plan at Appendix C1. This option splits the existing Borough ward of Bransty roughly along the line of the Loop Road, but using output areas created for census data, specifically for the output of census estimates. The Output Area is the lowest geographical level at which census estimates are provided which are built up clusters of adjacent unit postcode. Electorates, number of Councillors and ratios are set out in Appendix C2 and a budget at Appendix C3.

D Three Councils called for ease of reference South Whitehaven, East Whitehaven and North Whitehaven, as shown on the plan at Appendix D1. Electorates, number of Councillors and ratios are set out in Appendix D2 and a budget at Appendix D3.

2.2 For reasons which will be explained at the meeting it has not been possible to obtain Council Tax and precept projections for models which divide the unparished area into more than one parish unit.

3 Method of Consultation – Phase 2

3.1 The Panel needs to determine the method of consultation in Phase 2, because, as previously advised, the legislation on Community Governance Reviews requires authorities undertaking reviews to consult local government electors in the review area and other persons and organisations who appear to have an interest in the review.

3.2 Options for consultation in the next phase are:

- A repeat of the first phase consultation i.e. drop-in sessions (which were poorly attended in the first round) plus information on the Council's website and in other prominent locations.

- The above option supplemented by public meetings.
- A postal household survey of all households in the unparished area.

3.3 As the Panel are aware the Council at its meeting in December made a budget of £24,000 available from the Transformation Fund for costs of consultation as part of the Review.

3 Conclusions

3.1 Notwithstanding the above, it is recommended that the Panel welcomes the petition as an indication of public support for creation of parishing arrangements in Whitehaven, and takes it into account in its future deliberations.

Consultees: Chief Executive; Section 151 Officer; Lead Executive Member

Monitoring Officer comments: Included in report

S151 Officer comments: The funding to carry out the phase 2 consultation, once determined by the Panel, was approved as detailed in paragraph 3.3 above.

EIA comments: No groups are advantageously or disadvantageously affected by the proposals in the report.



 Non Parished Area
 Ward Boundaries



APPENDIX A2

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Ward	Electorate	members	Ratio	Members	Ratio
2						
3	Bransty	3829	3	1276	4	957
4	Harbour	3229	3	1076	4	807
5	Hensingham	3146	3	1048	4	786
6	Hillcrest	2090	2	1045	3	696
7	Kells	1966	2	983	3	655
8	Mirehouse	3246	3	1082	4	811
9	Sandwith	2008	2	1004	3	669
10	Total	19514	18		25	

APPENDIX A3

	A	B	C
1			
2			
3		£	
4			
5	Salary (Clerks)	40000	
6	Expenses	400	
7	Travel	300	
8	Office Rent	24000	
9	Subscriptions	500	
10	Donations	2800	
11	Insurance	3000	
12	Maintenance	7500	
13	Audit Fees	2000	
14	Elections	4500	
15	Internet	300	
16	Postage	8000	
17	Printing	9000	
18	Parks & open Spaces	45000	
19	Website Development	7500	
20	Training	4000	
21	Environ Projects	30000	
22	Bus Shelters	12000	
23	Allotments	24000	
24	Special Projects	30000	
25	Newsletter	17500	
26	Contingencies	27000	
27	Total Budget	299300	

WHITEHAVEN ESTIMATE BASED ON 13/14 TAX BASE

PARISH PRECEPT 2013/14 £300,000

	<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TOTAL DWELLINGS (December 12)	0	7688	1638	1292	734	203	34	0	7
TOTAL AFTER DISCOUNTS & CTRS	27.46	4759.82	1450.23	1164.55	683.95	192.34	27.75	2.50	1.00
RATIO TO BAND D	0.56	0.67	0.78	0.89	1.00	1.22	1.44	1.67	2.00
BAND D DISCOUNTED EQUIVALENT	15.26	3173.21	1127.96	1035.16	683.95	235.08	40.08	4.17	2.00
Collection rate	98%								
COST OF PRECEPT PER PROPERTY	26.92	32.31	37.69	43.08	48.46	59.23	70.00	80.77	96.92
AMOUNT RAISED	724.51	150701.85	53568.78	49161.48	32482.07	11164.50	1903.63	197.88	94.98
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APPENDIX B1

	A	B
1		
2		£
3	Salary (Staff)	75000
4	Expenses	400
5	Travel	300
6	Office Rent	40000
7	Subscriptions	500
8	Donations	15000
9	Insurance	3000
10	Maintenance	7500
11	Audit Fees	5000
12	Elections	4500
13	Internet	300
14	Postage	12000
15	Printing	15000
16	Parks & open Spa	45000
17	Website Develop	15000
18	Training	4000
19	Environ Projects	30000
20	Bus Shelters	12000
21	Allotments	24000
22	Special Projects	65000
23	PCSO's	46000
24	Newsletter	17500
25	Contingencies	48000
26		
27	Total Budget	485000

WHITEHAVEN ESTIMATE BASED ON 13/14 TAX BASE

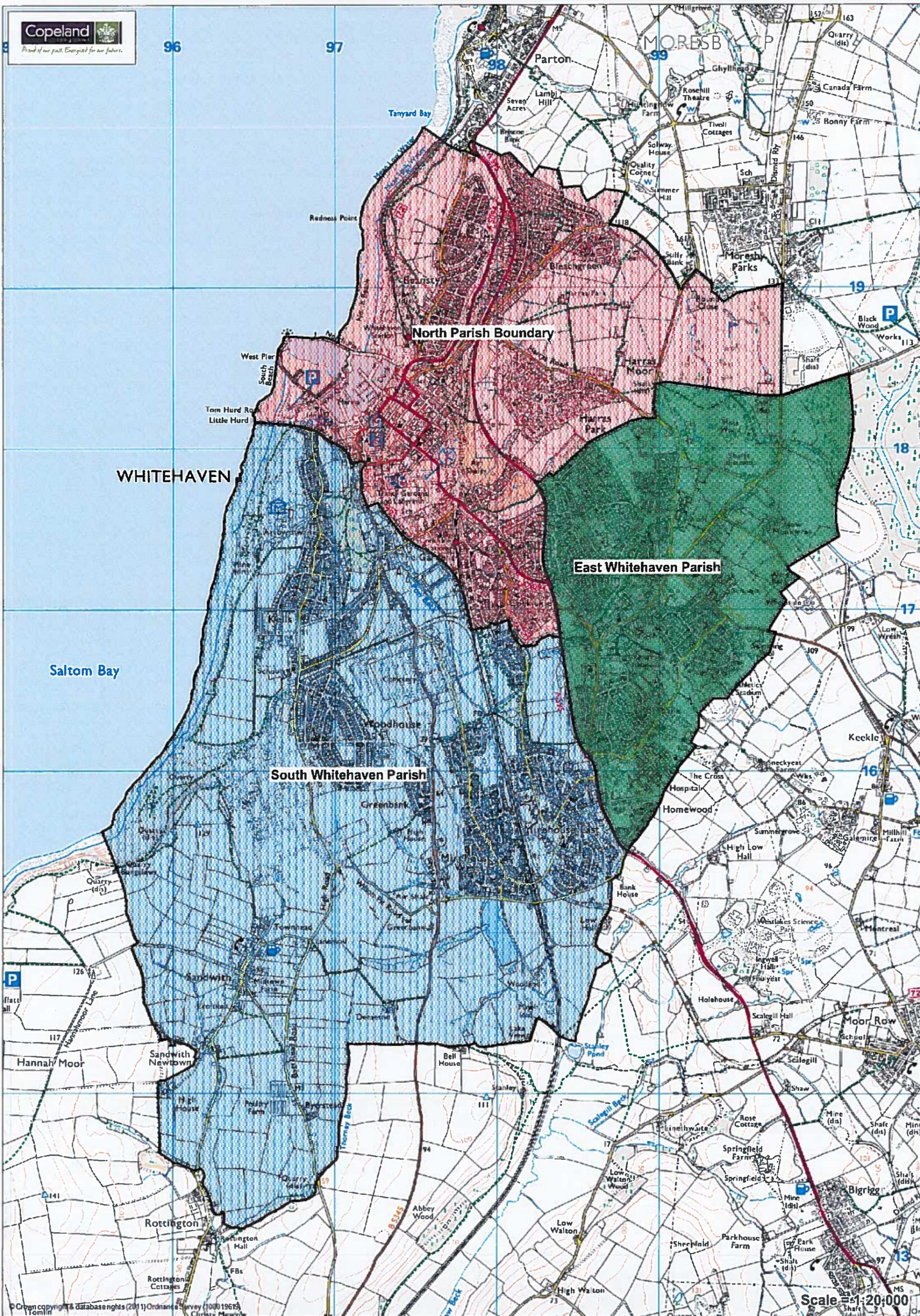
	<u>PARISH PRECEPT 2013/14</u>										<u>£500,000</u>
	<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		
TOTAL DWELLINGS (December 12)	0	7688	1638	1292	734	203	34	0	7	11596	
TOTAL AFTER DISCOUNTS & CTRS	27.46	4759.82	1450.23	1164.55	683.95	192.34	27.75	2.50	1.00	8309.6	
RATIO TO BAND D	0.56	0.67	0.78	0.89	1.00	1.22	1.44	1.67	2.00		
BAND D DISCOUNTED EQUIVALENT	15.26	3173.21	1127.96	1035.16	683.95	235.08	40.08	4.17	2.00	6316.87	
Collection rate	98%									6190.53	
COST OF PRECEPT PER PROPERTY	44.87	53.85	62.82	71.79	80.77	98.72	116.67	134.61	161.54		
AMOUNT RAISED	1207.52	251169.75	89281.29	81935.80	54136.78	18607.49	3172.72	329.80	158.31	499999.47	

APPENDIX C2

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	WEST WHITEHAVEN					
2	Ward	Electorate	members	Ratio	Members	Ratio
3						
4	Harbour	3229	3	1076	4	807
5	Kells	1966	2	983	3	655
6	Mirehouse	3246	3	1082	4	811
7	Sandwith	2008	2	1004	3	669
8	Bransty (part)	1500	1	1500	2	750
9	Total		11		16	
10						
11	EAST WHITEHAVEN					
12	Hensingham	3146	3	1048	4	786
13	Hillcrest	2090	2	1045	3	696
14	Bransty (part)	2329	2	1164	3	776
15	Total		7		10	

APPENDIX C3

	A	B
1		
2		£
3	Salary (Staff)	24000
4	Expenses	400
5	Travel	300
6	Office Rent	6000
7	Subscriptions	500
8	Donations	2500
9	Insurance	1500
10	Maintenance	3500
11	Audit Fees	1000
12	Elections	1500
13	Internet	300
14	Postage	4000
15	Printing	5000
16	Parks & open Spaces	10000
17	Website Development	4000
18	Training	1000
19	Allotments	12000
20	Environ Projects	10000
21	Contingencies	10000
22	Total Budget	97500
23		
24		
25		
26		



North Parish Boundary

East Whitehaven Parish

South Whitehaven Parish

WHITEHAVEN

Saltom Bay

Scale = 1:20,000

APPENDIX D2

	A	B	C	D
1	NORTH WHITEHAVEN			
2				
3	Ward	Electorate	members	Ratio
4				
5	Bransty	3829	4	957
6	Harbour	3229	4	807
7	Total		8	
8				
9	EAST WHITHAVEN			
10	Hensingham	3146	4	786
11	Hillcrest	2090	3	696
12	Total		7	
13				
14	SOUTH WHITEHAVEN			
15	Kells	1966	3	655
16	Mirehouse	3246	4	811
17	Sandwith	2008	3	669
18	Total		10	

APPENDIX D3

	A	B
1		
2		£
3	Salary (Staff)	24000
4	Expenses	400
5	Travel	300
6	Office Rent	6000
7	Subscriptions	500
8	Donations	2500
9	Insurance	1500
10	Maintenance	3500
11	Audit Fees	1000
12	Elections	1500
13	Internet	300
14	Postage	4000
15	Printing	5000
16	Parks & open Spaces	10000
17	Website Development	4000
18	Training	1000
19	Allotments	12000
20	Environ Projects	10000
21	Contingencies	10000
22	Total Budget	97500
23		
24		
25		
26		