

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Monday, 19th December, 2011 at 5.30 p.m. in the Civic Offices, Telford, Shropshire

PRESENT: Councillors R.J. Sloan (Chairman), A.J. Eade, K.T. Blundell, D.G. Davies & R.A. Overton.

BRC-1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors N.J. Dugmore and S. Davies.

BRC-2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

BRC-3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members noted the Committee's Terms of Reference which had been approved by Full Council on 24 November 2011 and were attached at Appendix A.

Matters delegated to the Committee included:

- Dealing with all matters relating to Community Governance Reviews
- Grouping, dissolving and separating parishes
- Dividing the constituency and electoral divisions in to polling districts.

Non- delegated matters for the Committee were also identified and included a duty to prepare information on and to recommend consultation responses to council on the following:

- Parliamentary Boundary Reviews
- Periodic and further Electoral Reviews
- European Parliamentary Electoral Region Reviews
- All other Electoral Arrangement Reviews

RESOLVED – that the Terms of Reference be noted.

BRC-4 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & PLACES

The report of the Returning Officer, attached at Appendix B, detailed the review of polling districts and places in the Borough. Consultation had completed on 11 November 2011 and six responses had been received.

The pattern of polling districts and polling places had evolved to meet successive boundary changes to borough and parish wards and to meet the convenience of electors. Proposals for change in this review had been kept to a minimum.

The report proposed changes to arrangements in Dawley Magna, Madeley, Malinslee and Priorslee wards. Arrangements remained unchanged for all other wards.

Dawley Magna

The proposal was that the boundary between polling districts TDX and TDA be redrawn so that TDX comprised all of Central Dawley. The polling station for TDX would be Dawley Christian Centre, High Street Dawley.

Further consideration would be given to the most appropriate polling station for the revised polling district TDA in the event of the Webb Youth Club ceasing to be available, with the Returning Officer consulting the Parish Council on alternative and convenient venues. The Returning Officer would notify the Chairman of the Boundary Review Committee of the outcome consultations.

Madeley

The proposal was that the Returning Officer monitors the situation in Madeley with a view to continuing to provide a centrally located, convenient polling station for the electors of polling districts TMA and TMD. Consultation would take place with the Parish Council and the Chairman of the Boundary Review Committee would be notified of the outcome of consultations.

Malinslee

The proposal was that a new polling district, TML, be formed for Dawley Bank with its polling station being at Dawley Baptist Church.

Priorslee

The proposals were that polling districts TPG and TPZ be merged.

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the fact that, in line with the agreed Terms of Reference, the Committee had delegated power to deal with this matter. Members were all in agreement that the recommendations in the report should be approved by the Committee and that the recommended changes should be adopted.

RESOLVED – that the changes recommended to the polling districts and places contained within the Returning Officer's report, be adopted.

The meeting ended at 5.42 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: