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BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Thursday 11th April 2013 at 5.30 pm in Room 2.3, Addenbrooke House, Telford

PRESENT: Councillors R Sloan (Chair), K Blundell, S Davies, N Dugmore, A Eade, A McClements, and R Overton.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Eatough (Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & Public Protection), P Griffiths (Democratic Services Manager) and W Buckley (Democratic Services Support Officer).

BRC-36 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

BRC-37 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

BRC-38 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

BRC-39 **BOROUGH ELECTORAL REVIEW**

A report was tabled and included a scenario which was based on 55 members as it had proved difficult to work to 54 members. Proposals would in the main be within +/- 10% variances.

The major growth point in the Borough was in the Newport area. A large number of planning applications (800 properties) have been granted planning permission across the Newport area affecting Newport East, North, South and West and Church Aston wards. Taking into account the planning applications granted after September 2012 the projected elector numbers would provide an entitlement of 5 Councillors. See attached Appendix A to the minutes. Members considered that it was vital that the additional development in this area be reflected in any warding proposals.

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The Chair and the Committee thanked the work done by Phil Griffiths with amending ward boundaries which had taken a considerable amount of time with limited resources.

Members then discussed certain individual ward maps resulting in:

Donnington Ward

It was suggested to rename the Donnington ward to Donnington and Donnington Wood to reflect the Donnington Wood residents.

Park and Haygate Wards

Members noticed that a small cul-de-sac named Portia Close was required to be moved into the electorate ward of Haygate due to its location.

Cuckoo Oak and Madeley Wards

As the population were decreasing in these wards it was proposed to retain 2 Councillors in the Madeley ward and 1 in the Cuckoo Oak ward. Following the review from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, these could be reassessed if required.

St Georges and Priorslee Wards

It was suggested that the street of Freeston Terrace, Priorslee Road was required to be moved into the St Georges ward and out of the Priorslee ward due to the electors associating this area with St Georges ward. However, care would need to be taken to ensure, if at all possible, the church at Priorslee remained in the Priorslee ward.

Muxton and Donnington Wards

A small change was required with the street of Dukes View which logically fell into the Muxton ward and not the Donnington ward.

Members agreed to support the submission unanimously.

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Once the above changes had been finalised it would be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) with a proposal for a 55 Member Council for the LGBCE to publish draft recommendations for consultation. Telford & Wrekin would provide any clarification to LGBCE if required. A public consultation would then begin with any proposed changes coming back to the Boundary Review Committee to discuss.

AGREED – that following the changes, as above, to individual ward areas, the warding of 55 Councillors including retention of 5 wards for Newport and Church Aston/Lilleshall be unanimously agreed.

Proposed Warding Pattern

Below are the average electorate figures based on 2012 elector numbers and projected 2018 numbers for a 55 member council.

<i>Average Electorate</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Number of councillors:</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>55</i>
<i>Overall electorate:</i>	<i>123,790</i>	<i>128,247</i>
<i>Average electorate per cllr:</i>	<i>2,251</i>	<i>2,332</i>

Below are the proposed wards and numbers of councillors together with electorate numbers and variances from the Borough average.

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Name of electoral ward	Number of Cllrs per ward	Electorate 2012	Variance 2012	Electorate 2018	Variance 2018
1. Apley Castle	1	2,291	2%	2,445	5%
2. Arleston	1	2,548	13%	2,477	6%
3. Brookside	2	4,990	11%	4,752	2%
4. Church Aston & Lilleshall	1	2,578	15%	2,612	12%
5. College	1	2,284	1%	2,419	4%
6. Cuckoo Oak	1	2,664	18%	2,730	17%
7. Dawley & Aqueduct	3	7,266	8%	7,278	4%
8. Donnington	2	4,915	9%	5,041	8%
9. Dothill	1	2,008	-11%	2,438	5%
10. Edgmond & Ercall Magna	2	2,110	-6%	4,425	-5%
11. Ercall	1	2,554	13%	2,372	2%
12. Hadley & Leegomery	3	8,076	20%	7,363	5%
13. Haygate	1	2,462	9%	2,483	6%
14. Horsehay & Lightmoor	2	3,337	-26%	4,237	-9%
15. Ironbridge Gorge	1	2,073	-8%	2,334	0%
16. Oakengates & Ketley Bank	3			6,639	-5%
17. Ketley & Overdale	3			6,373	-9%
18. Lawley	1			2,322	0%
19. Madeley	2	4,247	-6%	5,287	13%
20. Malinslee & Dawley Bank	2	4,344	-3%	4,658	0%
21. Muxton	2	4,844	8%	4,944	6%
22. Newport East	1	1,982	-12%	1,942	-17%

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23. Newport North	1	2,365	5%	2,379	2%
24. Newport South	1	2,042	-9%	2,005	-14%
25. Newport West	1	2,092	-7%	1,981	-15%
26. Park	1	2,050	-9%	2,326	0%
27. Priorslee	2	4,751	6%	4,510	-3%
28. Shawbirch	1	2,445	9%	2,352	1%
29. St Georges	2	4,769	6%	4,609	-1%
30. The Nedge	3	6,760	0%	7,194	3%
31. Woodside	2	4,474	-1%	4,372	-6%
32. Wrockwardine	2	4,593	2%	4,183	-10%
33. Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	2	5,096	13%	4,765	2%
	55			128,247	

The meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: