

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Thursday, 26th November, 2012 at 6.00 p.m. in the Civic Offices, Telford, Shropshire

PRESENT: Councillors S. Davies, N.J. Dugmore, A.J. Eade, A.D. McClements and R.A. Overton and R.J. Sloan.

BRC-14 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

BRC-15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

K.T. Blundell

BRC-16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

BRC-17 BOROUGH ELECTORAL REVIEW – SUBMISSION ON COUNCIL SIZE – FURTHER SUBMISSION

Consultation was currently taking place on council size – the appropriate number of councillors that were required to transact the business of the council effectively.

Full council in September had agreed that a submission be made to LGBCE for a preferred Council size of 54 councillors by the Boundary Review Committee. The main opposition group had made a separate submission in support of a council size of 44. LGBCE had considered both submissions and decided to consult on both numbers from the end of October. If appropriate, further submissions could now be made supporting proposals for council size. LGBCE had shown particular interest in further information on the following questions:

How the role and functions of councillors in the Borough supported a council size of 54

How the status of a Co-operative council affected the workload of councillors.

Full council had tasked Boundary Review Committee with agreeing any further submission in support of a council size of 54. The Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & Public Protection, in consultation with the Chairman of Boundary Review Committee had been delegated with ensuring that any response was made to LGBCE by 3 December before publishing a provisional decision on council size in January 2013. A public consultation on ward boundaries was then expected to run from 29 January 2013 to 8 April 2013.

Following a brief debate it was agreed that a further response would be prepared and approved by the Chairman and circulated to members of the Committee before submission to LGBCE on 3 December.

LGBCE

RESOLVED – That a further submission be prepared and submitted to LGBCE in support of a Council size of 54 councillors and that the Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & Public Protection make arrangements for the submission to be submitted to LGBCE by the deadline of 3 December.

The meeting ended at 6.26 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: