



**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
PARISH OF HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN
HEALTH ACT 2007**

DRAFT PROPOSALS

**THESE DRAFT PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE COUNCIL
ON:**

29 April 2014

**SUBMISSIONS AND COMMENTS ON THIS DRAFT PROPOSALS
DOCUMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY:**

6 June 2014

1. Introduction

1.1 Telford and Wrekin Council received a letter from Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council in April 2014, requesting that the Council conduct a Community Governance Review with the purpose of correcting an error in the boundary between Hadley Castle and Leegomery Parish Wards of the Parish. The Local Government Boundary Commission conducted a review of the Borough wards of Telford & Wrekin in 2013, publishing final proposals and subsequently resulted in the defined ward boundary being incorrect. Due to an anomaly, this review was based on an incorrect ward boundary between the Hadley Castle and Leegomery parish wards, resulting in approximately 430 electors at boundary consisting of Haybridge Road and roads to its north-west being included in Leegomery Ward when they should be in Hadley Castle.

1.2 This Review commenced on 29 April 2014, when the Boundary Review Committee of the Council published a Terms of Reference document and invited initial submissions from individuals or organisations who had an interest in the Review. In the Terms of Reference, the Council published a timetable for the Review and a consultation strategy.

1.3 The Council now publishes these Draft Proposals in this Review.

1.4 It will be seen that the Draft Proposals are that – for the purposes of elections to the parish council; that the ward boundary between Hadley Castle and Leegomery wards be as outlined in Map 1 of these Draft Proposals and in accordance with boundaries agreed at the 2009 Community Governance Review of the Parish. These Draft Proposals, if they lead to Recommendations in this Review, would commence at the next ordinary elections of parish councillors in the Borough.

2. The warding of parishes – towards a new warding arrangement in the Hadley and Leegomery Parish Ward

2.1 Section 95(3) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 gives consideration to warding arrangements for parish councils. In the legislation the warding of parishes is considered appropriate where the number or distribution of the local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient.

Furthermore, a warding arrangement is appropriate where it is felt that particular areas of a parish should be separately represented on a parish council. In this way, the legislation suggests that a warding arrangement is appropriate where there is one parish with an overall community of identity but that also comprises different parts.

2.2 In the Terms of Reference document, the Council asked whether the boundary between the Hadley Castle and Leegomery Parish Wards of Hadley and Leegomery Parish as proposed by the LGBCE which was based on incorrect information should be corrected to reflect the boundary proposed following the 2009 Community Governance Review.

2.3 The Council has given careful consideration to the parish council's proposals for correcting parish ward boundaries. The Council is anxious to ensure that proposed parish wards are, wherever possible, clearly understood by the electors and their elected representatives. The Council has considered that the most appropriate ward boundary is the current boundary between Hadley Castle and Leegomery wards shown on Map 1 to these Draft Proposals. In particular, this boundary would retain electors resident in Hadley in the Hadley Castle Parish ward

4. Summary of Draft Proposals

That for the purposes of elections to the parish council; that the ward boundary between Hadley Castle and Leegomery be as outlined in map 1 to these Draft Proposals. No change would be made to the numbers of councillors.

That an Order giving effect to any Recommendations in this Review should implement the following commencement dates:

December 2014 – Publication of the Revised Register of Electors – the new register gives effect to the boundary and electoral arrangement changes;

7 May 2015 – the next ordinary elections of parish and borough councillors in the Borough – the first election to the new parish wards;

11 May 2015 – the existing parish councillors retire and the new parish councillors take up office.

5. What happens next

5.1 An initial timetable for this Review was outlined in the Terms of Reference document.

Table 2.3 – A timetable for the Review

| Action | Timetable | Relevant Date |
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| Draft Proposals are published | | 29 April 2014 |
| Consultations | Six weeks | 6 June 2014 |
| Final Proposals are prepared | Two weeks One month | June 2014 |
| Final Proposals are published | | June 2014 |
| Boundary Review Committee publishes the Recommendations | One month later | June/July 2014 |

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| Council publishes the Reorganisation Order | thereafter | |
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5.2 These Draft Proposals give our initial proposals for the future of community governance in the Hadley Castle and Leegomery Parish Wards of the Parish of Hadley and Leegomery. We now allow a period of six weeks, in accordance with our timetable at Table 2.3 above, for consultations on our proposals. Our Final Proposals will be made in response to the outcome of these consultations. There will then be a short period before the Council publishes its Recommendations in this Review.

5.3 A period for comments on the Draft Proposals has now opened, and this lasts until 6 June 2014.

6. How to contact us

6.1 Comments should be submitted to the Electoral Services Section of the Council's Democratic Services Business Unit. They can be submitted either by letter or by e-mail.

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