

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2014**

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – HADLEY & LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL – FINAL PROPOSALS**

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW, DEMOCRACY & PEOPLE SERVICES**

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek Members approval for a final proposals document. The document incorporates the final recommendations that the Council is making in this Review and invites comments on these proposals.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Committee adopts and publishes the Final Recommendations as shown in the attached document and at Map 2.

2.2 That a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order be published by the Council, effective for 7 May 2015 Parish elections and that then a formal request be made to Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to make a Related Alterations Order.

**3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	No	
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	Electors in Hadley and Leegomery
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE</b>	August 2014	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	Yes	Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Local Authorities have the responsibility to undertake Community Governance Reviews, which includes arrangements in Parishes. The process to be followed is prescribed and will involve officer time and other associated costs, such as postages and printing. These costs will be met from within existing resources.

<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	Yes	<p>Authority is delegated to Boundary Review Committee to deal with all matters relating to Community Governance Reviews.</p> <p>There is a need to appoint an officer of the Council to act as “Proper Officer” within the Regulations issued under the Act. The Proper Officer is needed to make decisions in respect of the apportionment of the property, rights and liabilities of parish councils where applicable. The Regulations set out criteria to be used by the Proper Officer in making such calculations.</p> <p>There are no direct legal implications arising from this report at this stage. Further legal advice will be given as and when necessary during the consultation and order making process.</p>
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Yes	The opportunities and risks associated with any legislative change following on from this consultation have been identified and assessed. Arrangements would be put in place to manage the risks and maximise the opportunities that have been identified if community governance in the affected areas was to change.
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	Yes	Hadley & Leegomery Ward

#### 4. **SUMMARY**

- 3.1 At the Committee’s meeting of 29 April 2014 a letter from Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council seeking adjustment of its boundaries was considered. This letter is attached at Annex1. The Committee agreed that a Community Governance Review be commenced and published a Terms of Reference document and a Draft Proposals document.

In 2009/10 a Community Governance Review of the Hadley & Leegomery Ward of Hadley and Leegomery Parish was undertaken which concluded that the Hadley and Leegomery Parish Ward be divided into three parish wards – the Hadley Castle, Hadley Manor and Leegomery parish wards – for the purposes of elections to the parish council and that the ward boundary between Leegomery and Hadley Castle Parish wards be as outlined in Map 2.

In 2014, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) published its final recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Telford & Wrekin Council. Due to an anomaly, this review was based on an incorrect ward boundary between the Hadley Castle and Leegomery parish

wards, resulting in 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. **The ward boundaries proposed by LGBCE are as detailed on Map 1.**

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council, therefore, sought to restore the boundaries agreed following the 2009 Community Governance Review in order to correct the error in time to be in place for May 2015 Parish elections.

Following the consultation period, the only submission received during this review was the letter from Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council, a copy of which is attached at Annex 1. **The Final Recommendations agree with this submission in as much as that the boundary between the Hadley Castle and Leegomery parish wards be corrected to reflect the boundary agreed by the previous Community Governance Review which was completed in 2010 and is shown at Map 2.** The Council will then publish a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order, effective for 7 May 2015 Parish elections, and formally request LGBCE to make a Related Alterations Order.

#### 4. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

4.1 Boundary Review Committee 29 April 2014

#### 5. **INFORMATION**

##### 5.1 **Background**

In the conduct of a Review, the Council has to be mindful of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Guidance on Community Governance Reviews that has been issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government and The Local Government Boundary Commission.

The Final Recommendations document is attached.

##### 5.2 **What happens next?**

###### A Timetable for the Review

<b>Action</b>	<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Relevant Date</b>
Terms of Reference are published		29 April 2014
Consultations		23 June 2014
Final Recommendations are prepared		June 2014
Final Recommendations are adopted by Boundary Review		June/July 2014

Committee and published		
Council publishes the Reorganisation Order		July 2014

6. **WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Hadley & Leegomery Borough Ward

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (Department for Communities and Local Government and LGBCE, March 2010).

Community Governance Reviews And Related Matters – Local Government and Public Involvement In Health Act 2007 – A Guide To New Legislation And Practice

Terms of Reference Document

Draft Proposals Document

Submissions Received

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