



Telford & Wrekin

C O U N C I L

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

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

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

**THESE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE
COUNCIL ON:**

23 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 **(shown in Map 1)** . 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 the boundary consisting of Haybridge Road and roads to its north-west being included in Leegomery ward when they should be in Hadley Castle ward.

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

1.3 The Council now publishes these Recommendations in this Review.

1.4 It will be seen that the Recommendations – for the purposes of elections to the parish council; that the ward boundary between Hadley Castle and Leegomery wards be as outlined in Map 2 of these Final Recommendations and in accordance with boundaries agreed at the 2009/10 Community Governance Review of the Parish. These Recommendations would commence at the next ordinary elections of parish councillors in the Borough.

2. The warding of parishes –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 2009/10 Community Governance Review. The only response has been the request from the Parish council for this 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 2 to these Recommendations. In particular, this boundary would retain electors resident in Hadley in the Hadley Castle Parish ward**

4. Summary of Recommendations

That for the purposes of elections to the parish council; that the ward boundary between Hadley Castle and Leegomery be as outlined in map 2 to

these Recommendations. 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

Table 2.3 – A timetable for the Review

Action	Timetable	Relevant Date
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
Council publishes the Reorganisation Order	thereafter	

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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