

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES: COUNCIL RESPONSE

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT AND COMMISSIONING

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Boundary Commission for England have commenced a public consultation for future parliamentary constituencies for the Borough.
- 1.2 The proposals are that there should be a Telford constituency and a Bridgnorth, Wellington and The Wrekin constituency.
- 1.3 The Committee is asked for a draft consultation response to be put for recommendation to the Council.
- 1.4 A review of the Committee's terms of reference and procedure is also required.
- 1.5 The Committee should take account of the Motion relating to constituency boundaries considered by Full Council at its meeting on 22 September 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That Boundary Review Committee review and agree the terms of reference attached at Appendix 2; and
- (ii) That Boundary Review Committee consider the consultation report attached, and put forward any comments/views on a Council response to the proposals which will be considered at a subsequent full Council meeting.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	No	
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	<i>Borough Wide</i>
DELIVERY DATE	Deadline for submissions in this Review –	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	No	There are no financial implications that will arise as a result of accepting the recommendations of this report. RP-15.9.16
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	The Council's Constitution states that it is the responsibility of the Boundary Review Committee to prepare information on and to recommend consultation

		responses to Council on Parliamentary Boundary Reviews. Further, the Committee is also required by the Constitution to consider its terms of reference annually at the first meeting after the annual council meeting.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	Yes	<i>Borough-wide impact.</i>

BACKGROUND

Parliamentary Boundary review

- 1.1 On 13 September 2016 the Boundary Review Commission for England issued proposals to amend the parliamentary boundaries for Telford and The Wrekin constituencies respectively. The proposals are set out at Appendix 1 and have been made the subject of a public consultation.
- 1.2 The proposal for the Telford constituency is that the ward boundary will be extended to take in the district wards of Donnington and Hadley & Leegomery which are currently in the Wrekin constituency.
- 1.3 The proposal for The Wrekin constituency, further to the amendments referred to in 1.2 above, is to extend the constituency by including six Shropshire county wards, from the existing Ludlow constituency, including the towns of Bridgnorth, Broseley, and Much Wenlock. This constituency would be called Bridgnorth, Wellington and The Wrekin.
- 1.4 This Committee is asked to consider the proposals and make recommendations to the Council regarding a consultation response to be returned to the Boundary Commission for England. The deadline for submitting the consultation response is 5 December 2016.

Terms of Reference

- 2.1 In line with rules set out in the Council's Constitution the Committee is requested to review its terms of reference to ensure that they are up to date and effective. As the Committee will be aware, a new constitution came into effect recently and this will be the first occasion that the Committee has considered the terms of reference as they appear in the new constitution document. Officers have no recommendations to make any amendments.

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