

**BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE – 2 NOVEMBER 2017
COUNCIL – 23 NOVEMBER 2017**

**2018 BOUNDARY REVIEW – BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND:
REVISED PROPOSALS FOR NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES**

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT AND
COMMISSIONING**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) previously undertook a public consultation throughout 2016, for the future parliamentary constituencies for the Borough.
- 1.2 The revised proposals were published on 17th October 2017, following consultation. Please see appendix B1 for the West Midlands extract of this BCE publication.
- 1.3 Revisions in the proposals are:
 - a) renaming of ‘The Wrekin’ constituency which will be known as ‘Bridgnorth and The Wrekin’
 - b) removal of the inclusion of Much Wenlock within Bridgnorth and The Wrekin
 - c) Proposals for Telford are unchanged from the original consultation document, so still include Donnington and Hadley & Leegomery which will ‘transfer’ from The Wrekin.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That Boundary Review Committee review the contents of the BCE’s revised proposals for the West Midlands region, in particular paragraphs 3.34 to 3.38 on pages 21-22 (see appendix 1)
- (ii) That Boundary Review Committee put forward any comments/views on a Council response to the final proposals, which are due by 11th December 2017, to the next full Council meeting on 23rd November 2017.

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.

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.
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 Boundary review Committee considered these proposals at its meeting on 29 September 2016.
- 1.2 The original proposal for the Telford constituency remains: 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.
- The revised parliamentary electorate for the Telford constituency is 76,556
- 1.3 The proposal for The Wrekin constituency is to extend the constituency by including six Shropshire county wards, from the existing Ludlow constituency, including the towns of Bridgnorth and Broseley. Much Wenlock is no longer included in the revised proposal. This constituency will be called Bridgnorth and The Wrekin.
- The revised parliamentary electorate for the Bridgnorth and The Wrekin constituency is 73,850
- 1.4 The Committee is asked to consider the proposals and make any comment which should be returned to the Boundary Commission for England. The deadline for submitting any comments is 11 December 2017.

Background Papers

Further information and the full set of revised proposals from the Boundary Commission for England can be accessed at the following online web page: www.bce2018.org.uk

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