

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 Consultation period closed on 15th December 2017. Telford & Wrekin Council's final comment was put to the commission, requesting further consideration be given to the name for the new Wrekin constituency, currently recommended as being 'Bridgnorth and The Wrekin'. The Council recommended the name be The Wrekin and Bridgnorth.
- 1.3 The Boundary Commission for England are due to submit their final recommendations to Parliament, via the Secretary of State, in September 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That Boundary Review Committee note the progress and key date of the Boundary Commission for England's review of the Parliamentary boundaries.

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-14.02.2018
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992 and the Parliamentary Voting Systems and Constituencies Act 2011) sets out the law in relation to Parliamentary Boundary Reviews including the electorate figures that are to be used for a review, the distribution of constituencies, the statutory electorate range and other statutory factors.

		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

1.5 Telford & Wrekin Council submitted formal feedback in December 2017, recommending the name of the 'new' Wrekin constituency should be "The Wrekin and Bridgnorth".

1.4 The outcome of the review and final recommendations are expected to go to Parliament in September 2018. Implementation of the new Boundaries is expected to be in place for the Parliamentary election due in 2022.

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