



**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Telford & Wrekin Council has a responsibility to undertake Community Governance Reviews (CGR's) when a petition is received for such or when it is felt necessary.
- 1.2 At the Boundary Review Committee meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, the Committee did not approve Newport Town Council's request that a Community Governance Review being undertaken under 'exceptional circumstances', and will require a formal petition from the Town Council in order to commence such a review.
- 1.3 It is expected that Newport Town Council will submit such a petition in the very near future.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) **That the Boundary Review Committee note the request for petition to initiate a Community Governance Review remains outstanding, but is due to be received very soon.**
- (ii) **That the Boundary Review Committee note the impact of any such review, in conjunction with the outline timetable for 2018/19 reviews, see Appendix E of Agenda Pack.**

**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	<i>Residents within the area of Newport Town Council and Chetwynd Aston &amp; Woodcote Parish Council</i>
<b>DELIVERY DATE</b>	Prior to the May 2019 local elections	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	No	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.
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<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	Yes	<p>Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 as amended by the Legislative reform (Community Governance Reviews) Order 2015, the Council has a responsibility to undertake community governance reviews in defined circumstances. One of those circumstances is where local electors petition their principal council for a community governance review. For the petition to be valid it must meet certain legal conditions. A thorough review will be undertaken on receipt on the petition.</p> <p>Authority is delegated to the Boundary Review Committee to deal with matters relating to Community Governance Reviews.</p> <p>Regulations under the 2007 Act make provision for the purposes of, or in consequence of, the making of reorganisation orders. These make provision in relation to matters such as the distribution of property, rights and liabilities for which the Council must appoint a 'Proper Officer', and the setting of precepts for new parishes.</p>
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Yes	<p>Risks would include legal challenge – Judicial Review (local residents or statutory bodies, e.g. Boundary Commission etc) in respect of process and final decision.</p>
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	Yes	<p>Depending on the outcome of the review, there may be an impact on the parish-element of council tax charge for some residents, as the precept differs between Newport Town Council and Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote Parish Council.</p>

## **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Boundary Review Committee reviewed details of the request for a Community Governance Review from Newport Town Council at the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.
- 1.2 At that meeting, it was resolved that a petition would be required from Newport Town Council to enable a Community Governance Review to take place.
- 1.3 The Town Council are currently obtaining up to 678 names for the petition. A report in the Shropshire Star (6<sup>th</sup> February 2018) suggests around two-thirds of the required names have been obtained.
- 1.4 Subject to receiving a valid petition by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, the outline timetable (see Appendix E of Agenda Pack) is likely to apply. Any request received after 1<sup>st</sup> March would have an adverse impact on the outline timetable, delaying the final

implementation date.

1.5 Further progress cannot be made until a valid petition is submitted to the Council.

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