

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 Donnington and Muxton Parish Council have been sent information about the Community Governance Review process in late 2017.
- 1.3 It is expected that Donnington and Muxton Parish 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

COMMUNITY IMPACT	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 Donnington and Muxton Parish Council</i>
DELIVERY DATE	Prior to the May 2019 local elections	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	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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LEGAL ISSUES	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>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	Risks would include legal challenge – Judicial Review (local residents or statutory bodies, e.g. Boundary Commission etc) in respect of process and final decision.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	Yes	Depending on the outcome of the review, there may be an impact on the parish-element of council tax charge for some residents.

BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Donnington and Muxton Parish Council have been sent information about the Community Governance Review process in late 2017.
- 1.2 Communication to date indicate the desire is to create separate Parish Councils for the areas of Donnington and Muxton. No further details of the request have, to date, been received.
- 1.3 To trigger the request for a community governance review, areas where the total electorate exceeds 2,500 must obtain total signatures from local government electors equalling at least 7.5% of that the overall electorate. Therefore, the current minimum number of valid signatories required for Donnington and Muxton would be 744.
- 1.4 It is expected that Donnington and Muxton Parish Council will submit such a petition in the near future.
- 1.5 Subject to receiving a valid petition by 1st March 2018, the outline timetable (see Appendix E of Agenda Pack) is likely to apply. Any request received after 1st March would have an adverse impact on the outline timetable, delaying the final

implementation date.

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

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