

## BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

### Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.00pm in Meeting Rooms G3/4, Addenbrooke House, Telford

**Present:** Councillors C F Smith (Chairman), R A Overton (Vice Chairman), K T Blundell, N A Dugmore, I T W Fletcher and G C W Reynolds

**In Attendance:** J Eatough (Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning), D Bowen (Elections Team Leader), A Coburn (Legal Assistant) and S Worthington (Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer)

#### **BRC-06      Apologies for Absence**

None

#### **BRC-07      Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N A Dugmore advised he was a Member of Donnington & Muxton Parish Council.

#### **BRC-08      Minutes**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

#### **BRC-09      2018 Boundary Review – Boundary Review Commission For England: Revised Proposals For New Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries**

The Committee received the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning. The Boundary Commission for England had published their revised proposals following public consultation for the future parliamentary constituencies in England, which had previously been reported to the committee.

The Council's final comment on the name of the proposed 'Bridgnorth and The Wrekin' Constituency had been sent to the Commission. The Commission's final recommendations were due to be submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2018 and further updates would not be received until then.

**RESOLVED** – that the Boundary Review Committee notes the progress and key dates of the Boundary Commission for England's review of the Parliamentary Boundaries.

#### **BRC-10      Community Governance Review Request: Newport Town Council**

The Committee received the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning. Newport Town Council submitted a petition of over 700 signatures on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018. As 86 of these were not valid, an additional 58 were required to reach the necessary numbers. Newport Town Council submitted a further petition with the required number of signatures on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Two letters had been received from Church Aston Parish Council and Chetwynd Aston Parish Council which expressed their views and requested involvement in the process. These would be responded to by the Chair.

Members noted the Borough Elections were to be held in May 2019 and raised their concerns that this may impact on the timescale of the boundary review. Members noted that it was important there be a full consultation.

The requirements were for a review to be completed within a 12 month period, however, the recommendations did not need to be implemented within this timeframe.

It was **RESOLVED** – that

- a) **The Boundary Review Committee notes the request for petition to initiate a Community Governance Review has been received**
- b) **The Boundary Review Committee notes the impact of any such review, in conjunction with the outline timetable for 2018/19 reviews contained within Appendix E of Agenda Pack.**

**BRC-11      Community Governance Review Request: Donnington & Muxton Parish Council**

The Committee received the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning.

A discussion was held on the number of signatures required, which were as a percentage of the current parish, rather than the Muxton wards. Members were advised that a petition was expected shortly.

It was **RESOLVED** – that

- a) **The Boundary Review Committee notes the request for petition to initiate a Community Governance Review has yet to be received, but was expected very soon.**
- b) **The Boundary Review Committee notes the impact of any such review, in conjunction with the outline timetable for 2018/19 reviews contained within Appendix E of Agenda Pack.**

**BRC-12      Community Governance Reviews – Outline Timetable for 2018/19**

The Committee received the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning. The timetable gave an indication of the timescales for each stage of the process, based on best practice. Members noted the impact that other factors, such as the 2019 Borough Elections, may have on the implementation date of any Community Governance Requests.

It was **RESOLVED** – that

- a) **The Boundary Review Committee notes the proposed 2018/19 timetable.**

**b) That the Boundary Review Committee agrees that any requests received after 1st March 2018 will not be implemented until after May 2019.**

The meeting ended at 6.21 pm

**Chairman:** .....

**Date:** .....