

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE**Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 6.00pm in Meeting Rooms G3/4, Addenbrooke House, Telford**

Present: Councillors R J Sloan (Chairman), R A Overton (Vice Chairman), K T Blundell, N A Dugmore, K R Guy and G C W Reynolds

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

BRC-05 Apologies for Absence

Councillors I T W Fletcher and A D McClements

BRC-06 Declarations of Interest

None.

BRC-07 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on 29 September 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

BRC-08 Community Governance Review

The Committee received the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning. A draft timetable had been included for undertaking Community Governance Reviews, which demonstrated how the process would be completed within a 12 month period.

In response to a question, Members were advised that the number of signatories required to trigger a Review had changed since the 2010 guidance. Members raised their concerns regarding the number of electors required to trigger a review in respect of the smaller parishes, as it may be harder for smaller parishes to reach the required numbers.

The Committee was advised that the Council would work with Town and Parish Councils; however, the requests for Reviews should come from the community. Members were advised that the timetable was the same for a Review initiated by the community as one initiated by the Council.

Members raised their concerns regarding the impact on communities when parishes were split, for example, if there were significantly more resources in one area of the parish, which would lead to some areas funding facilities which were also used by other areas.

It was **RESOLVED** -

- (a) that the timetable and suggested process for undertaking Community Governance Reviews be agreed; and
- (b) that the Information Pack (Appendix B of the report) be approved and that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning, in consultation with the Chair, to make minor amendments to the Information Pack to ensure that the documentation is as useful as possible and reflects best practice in the efficient delivery of Community Governance Reviews; and
- (c) that, other than in exceptional circumstances, the policy that Community Governance Reviews will only be considered when a formal petition from local electors is received be endorsed.

The meeting ended at 6.31pm

Chairman:

Date: