

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 6:00pm in meeting rooms G3/4, Addenbrooke House, Telford

Present: Councillors A D McClements (Chairman), R A Overton (Vice Chairman), K T Blundell, N A Dugmore, A J Eade, I T W Fletcher, G C W Reynolds and R J Sloan

In Attendance: D Bowen (Elections Team Leader), S Dodd (Service Delivery Manager - Governance & Legal Services), A Coburn (Legal Assistant) M Farley (Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer)

BRC-01 Apologies for Absence

Jonathan Eatough, Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning

BRC-02 Declarations of Interest

None.

BRC-03 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on 10th May 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to an amendment to minute number BRC-16 to include that concerns were expressed regarding the proposed boundary review of Newport.

BRC-04 Community Governance Review – Newport Town Council – draft proposals

The Service Delivery Manager, Governance & Legal Services presented members with Community Governance Review from Newport Town Council which sought Members approval of the draft recommendations following the initial consultation, and to agree recommendations for further consultation before a final decision was made in the new-year. The draft recommendation was that the boundary of the South Ward of the parish of Newport was changed to match that of the borough ward of Newport South & East. In order for the boundary to be changed, council had to ensure the area under review reflected the identities and interests of the community in that area, and was effective and convenient.

During the ensuing debate Members expressed concerns regarding a lack of consultation with the existing residents of Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote and that therefore this may not necessarily reflect their opinions; other areas within Telford and Wrekin had different parish boundaries to borough boundaries and they continued to remain unchanged; school catchment areas had not been considered within the report and residents may not necessarily be able to attend a Newport school despite paying for the facilities if the boundary was changed; existing residents of Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote would have to pay £82.15 more in council tax due to the proposed boundary move for which they had not been

consulted; houses had not yet been built on the site yet so this decision was premature.

Upon being put to the vote it was unanimously decided not to support the recommendation in the report.

Resolved – that:

- a) **There will be further statutory period of consultation and notices will be published on the council’s website**
- b) **The consultation responses received from consultees will be sent to all committee members by 5pm on Thursday 25th October in order for members to make their own comments on these. Members will then have until 5pm on Monday 29th October to return their comments on the responses.**
- c) **The boundary review will be bought back to committee following the further consultation period.**

The meeting ended at 6:46pm

Chairman:

Date: