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Boundary Review Committee

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Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Boundary Review Committee – 25 January 2023

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Boundary Review Committee:-

- 1.1 Approves the relocations of Polling Places and redesignation of Polling Districts as set out in this report and at **Appendix 1**, amending the electoral register from 1 February 2023 to take effect from the local elections to be held on 4 May 2023
- 1.2 Delegates authority to the Returning Officer to make further changes to Polling Places/Polling Stations that may occur before the elections on 4 May 2023. This includes making changes to any Polling Place for any reason should it become necessary for the purpose of holding elections across the Borough.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To review polling places, polling districts and polling stations following the Borough Boundary Review completed in 2022 by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Following a lengthy process carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, the legal order making changes to the Borough's electoral arrangements was made final by parliament in January 2023. This Order makes changes to the ward boundaries within the Borough which will come in to force at the Borough and Parish elections on 4 May 2023.
- 3.2 The LGBCE review made final proposals for the Borough to retain 54 councillors made up of 32 wards (an increase from the current 30 wards). This consists of 5 x three councillor wards, 12 x two councillor wards and 15 x one councillor wards. The boundaries of most existing wards were changed. The review also made recommendations for changes to the warding arrangements for a number of Parish/Town councils as a result of the revised Borough boundaries. LGBCE final recommendations can be found here [Telford and Wrekin | LGBCE Site](#), and also linked in the background papers section of this report.
- 3.3 In preparation for the new ward boundaries coming in to effect it is necessary that an interim review of polling districts, places and stations be undertaken. For ease, the description of each of these is set out below:-

Polling Districts

These are the sub-areas into which each ward is divided. Most wards will have several polling districts within them and, wherever possible, it is considered good practice for each polling district to be serviced by its own polling station.

Polling Places

These are the buildings inside which polling stations are located. In some cases, the entire building will be a polling place (for example, a portacabin unit). In other cases, only part of the building will be the polling station (for example, a designated room within a school or community use building).

Polling Stations

These are the spaces inside each building at which voters cast their votes.

The last statutory review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations took place in 2019. The procedure for a review is laid down in the Representation of the People Act 1983. The Act lays down how reviews should be approached. The review should ensure that all electors shall have as reasonable facilities for voting as practicable and that all polling places should be accessible by electors with disabilities. Every Parish should be in its own polling district and a polling place should be designated for each polling district.

- 3.4 The Council is fortunate that most of its polling stations are well established and meet the Electoral Commission's guidelines for polling stations. Due to the ongoing support from the wider community the Council only uses a small number of temporary portacabin style buildings and also uses a very small number of schools.

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- 3.5 The consultation period began in late October and closed on 30 December 2022. Ward and polling district maps and a Borough wide map were provided on the Council's website to assist residents in identifying their proposed polling station. [Interim review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations 2022 - Polling station review 2022 - Telford & Wrekin Council](#) This information was circulated to all Borough councillors, to Parish Councils and to both Members of Parliament for the area. To assist with consultation, the support of the Council's Community Engagement team was sought in order to reach out to a wider audience. In addition, officers worked with representatives from the Council's Making it Real Board to look at polling station accessibility for residents and in particular access for people with disabilities.
- 3.6 A review of proposed polling stations was undertaken to assess accessibility requirements and to assess requirements resulting from Voter ID requirements contained within the Elections Act. Additionally, the Electoral Commission has issued guidance for Returning Officers on assistance with voting for persons with disabilities. [Draft guidance for Returning Officers: Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities | Electoral Commission](#)

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 In view of the wide ranging changes made by LGBCE a number of electors will vote in different wards on 4 May 2023. A number of electors may also be voting at a different polling station, dependent on the outcome of this review. A number of polling districts have been merged following boundary changes whilst some polling districts have been split to accommodate changes and warding of Parish areas. Affected electors will be notified of any change to their polling station on their polling cards prior to elections in May. The Returning Officer's proposals for each ward are shown below.

Admaston & Bratton

Electors move in to the ward from the Crowdale Road area of the Shawburch (WSH) ward. A new polling district (WAB) is required for these electors who will vote in Admaston & Bratton borough ward and the Meadows ward of Wellington Town Council. It is proposed that they continue to vote at Admaston Community Centre

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WAA	Yes	Yes, electors added from WSH	Admaston House Community Centre	Unchanged
WSH	Yes, electors into ward from Shawburch	New	Admaston House Community Centre	WAB

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Apley Castle

Electors move out of the ward from Berberis Road area to Hadley & Leegomery ward (WHL) and into the Hadley Castle ward of Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council. These electors will vote in a different Borough ward but will continue to vote at the Leegate Centre. Apley Castle residents will also continue to vote at the Leegate Centre.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WAC	Yes, electors move to Hadley & Leegomery ward WHC	Yes	The Leegate Centre	Unchanged

Arleston & College

The two wards have been merged into a 2 member ward. Voting arrangements and polling districts remain unchanged for each area.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WAR	Merges with Colleege	No	Arleston Community Centre	Unchanged
WAO	Merges with Arleston	No	All Saints Parish Centre	Unchanged

Brookside

Polling district TBR remains unchanged. Some electors from polling district TBZ have moved to The Nedge ward, the remaining electors from TBZ are those in the Holmer Lake area and they are merged into TBR. The electors moving out of the ward from TBZ are in the Stirchley area.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TBR	Yes	Yes electors added from TBZ	Brookside Central	Unchanged
TBZ	Holmer Lake electors merged into TBR. Some electors move to The Nedge ward TTT	Yes	Brookside Central	TBR (Brookside) TTT (The Nedge)

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Church Aston & Lilleshall

This ward receives electors from the Wallshead area of Newport South & East ward (WNS) who will now vote at Church Aston Village Hall.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WCA	Yes, electors from Wallshead part of Newport South (WNS) move in to ward	Yes electors added to polling district	Church Aston Village Hall	Unchanged
WCB		No	Church Aston Village Hall	Unchanged
WCC		No	Church Aston Village Hall	Unchanged
WCJ		No	Lilleshall Memorial Hall	Unchanged

Dawley & Aqueduct

This ward has been reduced to a 2 councillor ward. Electors have been moved from TDA (part) and all of TDM into the Horsehay & Lightmoor ward, polling districts THA, THB and THD.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TDA	Yes	Some electors moved to Horsehay & Lightmoor ward THB and THD	The Linden Centre	THB and THD Horsehay & Lightmoor
TDM	Yes	All Little Dawley electors moved to Horsehay & Lightmoor ward THA. Aqueduct electors merged into TDY	n/a out of ward	THA Horsehay & Lightmoor

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TDP		No	Dawley Christian Centre	Unchanged
TDX		No	Dawley Christian Centre	Unchanged
TDY		Receives Aqueduct electors from TDM	**Southall School	Unchanged
TDZ		No	Aqueduct Primary School	Unchanged

** It should be noted that officers are continuing to work to identify a suitable alternative location to Southall School

Donnington

This ward takes on electors from Kenwray Drive area of Priorslee (TPW) and Celandine Way area of Muxton (WMM).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TPW	Yes	Kenwray Drive electors move in to ward from Priorslee (TPW)	Donnington Community Hub	TGK
WDE	Yes	Celandine Way area electors move in to ward (WDE) from Muxton (WMM)	Donnington Community Hub	Unchanged
WDG		No	Turreff Hall, Donnington	Unchanged
WDO		No	Turreff Hall, Donnington	Unchanged

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Edgmond

This ward has split into a single councillor ward from the previous Edgmond & Ercall Magna ward.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WED	Split into single councillor ward	No	Edgmond Village Hall	Unchanged
WEE		No	Tibberton Village Hall	Unchanged
WEG		No	Sambrook Village Hall	Unchanged

Ercall

This ward gives away electors to the new Haygate & Park ward from Wrekin Road area.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WGE	Yes	Loses electors to Haygate & Park ward (WHZ)	Sir John Bayley Club	Unchanged

Ercall Magna

This ward has split into a single councillor ward from the previous Edgmond & Ercall Magna ward. Electors from the Roden area move out into Wrockwardine ward (WWW). The ward takes on electors from Horton area of Hadley & Leegomery ward (WHC) who will now vote at St Lawrence C of E Primary in Preston. Electors from the Eyton area (WEM) will now vote at St Lawrence C of E Primary in Preston.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WEM		No	St Lawrence C of E Primary	Unchanged
WEP		No	St Lawrence C of E Primary	Unchanged
WER	Yes	Roden area 192 electors move out to	High Ercall Village Hall	Unchanged

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		Wrockwardine (WWW)		
WEW		No	Ellerdine Village Hall	Unchanged
	Yes	New PD for 121 Horton electors moving in to ward from Hadley & Leegomery (WHC)	St Lawrence C of E Primary	WEX
WEY		No	Waters Upton Village Hall	Unchanged
WEZ		No	Kynnersley Village Hall	Unchanged

Hadley & Leegomery

This ward loses electors from the Horton area (WHC) to Edgmond & Ercall Magna (WEX) and gains electors (WHL) from Berberis Drive area of Apley Castle (WAC).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WHC	Yes	Yes loses electors to Ercall Magna WEX	Hadley Old Folks Rest Room	Unchanged
WHL		Yes gains electors from WAC Apley Castle	The Leegate Centre	Unchanged
WHM		No	Hadley Community Centre	Unchanged

Haygate & Park

This ward merges the existing Haygate and Park wards and also takes in electors (WHW) from the Lewis Crescent area of Wrockwardine ward (WWC) and the Wrekin Road area of Ercall ward (WGE) which comes in to (HZ).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WPA	Yes	New PD code. All Electors from current Park Ward	Children's Centre, Wrekin View Primary	WHP

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WWC		Gain Lewis Crescent area electors from Wrockwardine (WWC)	Hesba Close Communal Centre	WHW
WHY		Unchanged	Hesba Close Communal Centre	Unchanged
WHZ		Gain Wrekin Road area electors from current Ercall ward	Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre	Unchanged

Horsehay & Lightmoor

This ward gains electors from the current Dawley & Aqueduct ward these are from current polling districts in Dawley & Aqueduct, they are the Little Dawley area (TDM), Trinity Road area (TDA) and the Doseley Road area (TDA).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TDA	Yes	Gains electors from Doseley Road area from Dawley & Aqueduct ward	Aqueduct Primary	THA
TDA	Yes	Gains electors from Doseley Road area from Dawley & Aqueduct ward	Horsehay Village Hall	THB
TDM	Yes	Gains electors from Trinity Road area from Dawley & Aqueduct ward	The Linden Centre	THD
THC		No	Oak Tree Centre Lightmoor	Unchanged
THZ		No	Horsehay Village Hall	Unchanged

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Ironbridge Gorge

This ward loses electors from School Road/Roberts Road area (TIH) to the Woodside ward (TWO).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TIB		No	The Toll House	Unchanged
TIG		No	Coalbrookdale Community centre	Unchanged
TIH	Yes	Loses electors from School Road area to Woodside ward (TWO)	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre	Unchanged
TIO		No	Coalport Village Hall	Unchanged
TIR		No	Jackfield Village Hall	Unchanged
TIS		No	The Toll House	Unchanged

Ketley

The current three councillor Ketley & Overdale ward ceases to exist following the boundary review This part of that ward becomes a single councillor Ketley seat comprising of the original Ketley area (TKY) and with electors from the Ketley Park Road area moving to Oakengates & Ketley Bank ward (TOK).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TKY	Yes	Loses electors to Oakengates & Ketley Bank ward (TOK)	Ketley Community Centre	Unchanged

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Lawley

A new three councillor Lawley ward has been created, comprising parts of the current Ketley & Overdale, Horsehay & Lightmoor and Wrockwardine wards

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
THL	Yes	Gains electors from Horsehay & Lightmoor	Horsehay Village Golf Club	TLB
THZ	Yes	Gains electors from Smallhill road are of Horsehay & Lightmoor	Horsehay Village Golf Club	TLS
TLE	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	Horsehay Village Golf Club	TLB
TLL	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	Anytime Fitness Centre, Gresham Drive	Unchanged
WWL	Yes	Gains electors from Wrockwardine ward	Lawley Community Centre	WLL

Madeley & Sutton Hill

This ward is unchanged other than the renaming of the parish ward to Madeley Village (TMA and TMD).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TMA	No	No	The Anstice	Unchanged
TMB	No	No	Chillcott Gardens	Unchanged
TMC	No	No	Sutton Hill Community Centre	Unchanged
TMD	No	No	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre	Unchanged

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Malinslee & Dawley Bank

This ward gains electors from Horsehay & Lightmoor (THL) and from Ketley & Overdale (TLE).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
THL	Yes	Electors gained from Horsehay & Lightmoor	Dawley Baptist Church	TML
TLE	Yes	Electors gained from Ketley & Overdale	Dawley Baptist Church	TMH
TME		No	Old Park Primary	Unchanged
TMG		No	George Chetwood Court	Unchanged

Muxton

This ward loses electors in Celandine Way area of Donnington Wood (WMM) to Donnington ward (WDE).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WMH		No	Muxton Community Centre	Unchanged
WMM	Yes	Gives away electors to Donnington (WDE)	Donnington Community Hub	Unchanged
WMO		No	Muxton Community Centre	Unchanged

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Newport East

This ward is formed by splitting the current Newport South (WNS) & East (WNE) ward along Parish ward boundaries and also gaining electors from Meadow View Road area from Newport South (WNS).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WNE	Yes splits into single councillor ward	Existing Newport East parish ward and gains electors from Newport South parish ward	Newport Baptist Church	Unchanged

Newport North

This ward splits into a single ward, polling district (WNN) remains unchanged.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WNN	Yes splits into single councillor ward	No	Hallcroft Close Community Hall	Unchanged

Newport South

This ward splits into a single ward and gives away electors from Meadow View road area to Newport East (WNE). Gives away electors from Wallshead area (WNV) to Church Aston & Lilleshall ward (WCA).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WNS	Yes splits into single councillor ward	Yes, gives away electors to Newport East ward	Newport Bowling Club	Unchanged
WSS	No	New PD code	Newport Bowling Club	WNX
WNV	Yes	Yes moves to Church Aston & Lilleshall ward (WCA)		WCA

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Newport West

This ward splits into a single ward, polling district WNW remains unchanged.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WNW	Yes splits into single ward	No	Parish Church Room	Unchanged

Oakengates & Ketley Bank

This ward gains electors from the Ketley Park Road area of the current Ketley & Overdale ward (TKY)

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TOE		No	Queenswood Primary School	Unchanged
TOH		No	Oakengates United Church	Unchanged
TKY	Yes	Yes Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	Ketley Community Centre	TOK
TOO		No	Oakengates United Church	Unchanged
TOT		No	Wilson's Auctions	Unchanged
TOW		No	Oakengates United Church	Unchanged
WOB		No	Ketley Community Centre	Unchanged
WOL		No	Wilson's Auctions	Unchanged

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Overdale & The Rock

This new ward is formed from part of the current Ketley & Overdale ward (TLE) and (TLN).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TLE	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale	Carpenter Family Centre	TOX
TLN	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale	Carpenter Family Centre	TOY

Priorslee

This ward gains electors (TPS) from St Georges ward, Snedshill area (TSS) and gives away electors to St Georges ward from TPG TPW and TPZ.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TSS	Yes	Yes gains electors from St Georges ward, Snedshill (TPS)	Priorslee Community Centre	TPS
TPG	Yes	Yes, loses polling district to St Georges ward (TSE)	n/a moved out of ward	TSE
TPP		No	Sports Hall at Holy Trinity Academy	Unchanged
TPR		No	Priorslee Community Centre	Unchanged
TPW		Loses polling district to St Georges ward	n/a moved out of ward	TSW
TPZ		Loses polling district to St Georges ward	n/a moved out of ward	TSE

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Shawbirch & Dothill

This new ward merges the existing Shawbirch (WSH) and Dothill (WDT) wards with the Crowdale Road area moving from Shawbirch to Admaston & Bratton.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WSH	Yes	Loses electors to Admaston & Bratton (WAB)	Shawbirch Community Centre	WSB
WDT	Merged with Shawbirch	No but renumbered	Church Hall Severn Drive	WSD

St Georges

This ward gains electors from Priorslee ward (TPG) (TPW) and (TPZ) and gives away electors in Snedshill area (TSS) to Priorslee ward (TPS).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TSS	Yes	Polling district moved to Priorslee ward	n/a moved out of ward	TPS
TSE	Yes	Gains electors from Priorslee (TPG) and (TPZ)	St Georges Sports & Social Club	Unchanged
TSG		No	St Georges Sports & Social Club	Unchanged
TSP		No	St Georges Methodist Church	Unchanged
TSW	Yes	Gains electors from Priorslee (TPW)	Lamb Inn, Moss Road	Unchanged

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The Nedge

This ward gains electors (TTT) from the Stirchley area of the current Brookside ward (TBZ).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TTH		No	Sambrook Centre	Unchanged
TTO		No	Randlay Community Centre	Unchanged
TTR		No	Hollinswood Community Centre	Unchanged
TTS		No	Sambrook Centre	Unchanged
TBZ	Yes	Yes, gains electors from Brookside	Sambrook Centre	TTT

Woodside

This ward gains electors from the (TIH) School Road area of Ironbridge Gorge ward into Woodside (TWO) and from the (THZ) Nightingale Walk area of Horsehay & Lightmoor ward into (THL).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TIH & TWO	Yes	Gains electors from Ironbridge Gorge	Park Lane Centre	TWO
THZ	Yes	Gains electors from the Horsehay & Lightmoor	Park Lane Centre	THL

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Wrockwardine

This ward gains electors (WWW) from the Roden area of Ercall Magna ward (WER), loses electors from the (WWC) Lewis Crescent area to Haygate & Park ward (WHW) and loses electors from the (WWL) Arleston Lane area to Lawley ward (WLL).

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WWL	Yes	Polling district moves to Lawley ward	n/a not in ward	WLL
WWC	Yes	Lose electors to Haygate & Park (WHW)	Wrockwardine Parish Hall	Unchanged
WWD		No	Little Wenlock Village Hall	Unchanged
WWN			Rodington Village Hall	Unchanged
WWR			Longdon-on-Tern Village Hall	Unchanged
WEW		Gains electors from Ercall Magna (WEW)	Rodington Village Hall	WWW

Wrockwardine Wood & Trench

This ward is unchanged.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
TWR	No	No	Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre	Unchanged
TTT		No	Teagues Bridge Primary School	Unchanged

4.2 Summary of changes to Returning Officer's initial proposals

Proposed changes to the initial proposals are shown at Appendix 2

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 No alternative options have been considered as this is a statutory requirement for the Council under the Representation of the People Act 1983 to ensure appropriate voting arrangements are in place for residents within the Borough in regard to polling districts and polling stations.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 The key risk associated with any review of polling districts, places and stations is voter confusion and/or voter disenfranchisement. The consultation undertaken in respect of these changes helps to mitigate these risks. In addition, every registered elector who has a change of polling station will be notified of these changes on their poll cards when issued. The council is also exploring the option of writing to every household in the Borough to:-

- a) encourage registration;
- b) notify changes to polling stations; and
- c) notify of the need for photographic ID following changes introduced by the Elections Act.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 This review furthers the Council's priority to be a community focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The costs of this review will be met from existing budgets.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 The Boundary Review Committee has delegated authority to deal with all matters relating to polling places, polling districts and polling stations. It is a legal requirement for the Council to ensure that it is fully prepared to deliver elections on the new boundaries.

9.2 The Returning Officer retains power to make changes to Polling Districts, Places and Stations as needed to ensure elections are conducted effectively.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 Borough wide.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 There are no health, social or economic implications arising from this report.

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12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 The review is required to ensure all electors have reasonable facilities for voting and that every polling place is accessible for people who are disabled. As part of the identification process for suitable venues, Telford & Wrekin Council's Making it Real Board has been consulted and their views considered in this review.

12.2 Wider consultation has also taken place which enables views to be taken into account from residents, councillors and community groups within the Borough.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

14.0 Background Papers

- 1 LGBCE Electoral Arrangements Final Recommendations. [Telford and Wrekin | LGBCE Site](#)
- 2 Electoral Commission Guidance on Reviews of Polling Districts, Places and Stations.

15.0 Appendices

- 1 Submissions Received
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16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	24/01/2023	24/01/2023	ACL

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

25 January 2023

Appendix 1 Consultation Responses

1. Ercall ward - Proposal to move from Sir John Bayley Club to Red Lion Annex – responses received from three Wellington Town councillors and one Hadley & Leegomery parish councillor

a. “I’m a Wellington councillor so I have to declare an interest and the previous polling station was at a relatives function room. I felt it was a more central location in the ward.”

b. “The moving of the Ercall ward polling station from the Red Lion on Holyhead road to the Bailey Club on Haygate Road is not very helpful to the elderly or disabled voter with mobility issues. The Red Lions access is much more disabled friendly than the Baily Club, it is also more visible within the ward, and has been used historically as a polling station. The car park is easier to find and access to the polling station is via a ramp not steps

So, I think the residents of the ward would be happier and safer if the polling station was at the Red Lion.”

c. “The Polling station for Ercall Ward was in recent years moved from the Red Lion on Holyhead Road Wellington to The Bayley Club in Haygate Road.

The Bayley Club is more difficult for people with poor mobility, they have to walk further, there are steps and parking is not so convenient. Many older residents are not familiar with this location, and the car park is not obvious from the main road.

The Red Lion is clearly seen from the main road, and has easy disabled access, familiar to voters and it would be more convenient for voters to go back to the Red Lion to vote.”

d. “The polling station for Ercall ward has previously been located at the Red Lion on Holyhead Road. It is proposed to move the polling station to the Bailey Club.

The Red Lion is more centrally located but more importantly, is located closer to the majority of the elderly population of the ward. Moving the polling station to the Bailey Club will serve to disenfranchise many of the voters who live off Holyhead Road who are disproportionately more likely to suffer mobility issues.

I believe the interests of the electors of Ercall ward would be best served by retaining the polling station at the Red Lion.”

3 x Wellington Town Councillors
1 x Hadley & Leegomery Parish Councillor

2. Madeley & Sutton Hill ward – Proposal to move from Madeley Rest Room to The Anstice

Officers have been contacted by telephone by two Borough and Town councillors and have been notified by the Town Clerk that the Town Council agreed at their December meeting that their preferred polling station for the area was The Anstice.

3. Horsehay & Lightmoor ward – Proposal to move from Horsehay Village Golf Club to Horsehay Village Hall

“Over the last few years the existing location for Horsehay has been The Golf Club, but this has caused several complaints to myself regarding the location, as the previous location of Horsehay Village Hall was more central and convenient for older residents to access. As we do have quite a number of elderly residents, I would like to propose that this is reviewed, subject to availability.”

Borough Councillor Horsehay & Lightmoor

4. Ercall Magna ward – Proposal that Eyton electors vote at St Lawrence C of E school, Preston rather than at Kynnersley Village Hall

“On behalf of Eyton Parish Meeting I would like to respond to the consultation on polling stations for the Parish.

The current arrangements are unsuitable. The Polling Station for the Parish is at Kynnersley Village Hall. This is 5 miles away from Eyton Village, where most electors live, and is therefore a 10 mile round trip. It may look on the map as if there is a road over the moors from Eyton to Kynnersley, but that is a private road with locked gates so not passable. In order to get to Kynnersley Village Hall we have to drive through Preston on the Weald Moors and past the polling station at Preston, which would be better as it is 1 mile closer to all electors.

I understand that Shawbirch is in a different ward to Eyton, but the polling station at Shawbirch would be much closer for electors in the Parish.”

I hope you will take note of this response.

Secretary to Eyton Parish Meeting

5. Priorslee Ward

Priorslee electors will vote, as previously, at the Holy Trinity Academy and Priorslee Community Centre. Electors moving in to the ward from the Snedshill area will vote at Priorslee Community Centre

“We support the proposals for Priorslee Ward”

2 x Borough Councillors, Priorslee ward

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Proposed changes from previously used venues, following consultation responses and availability information are shown below:

Appendix 2 SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM CONSULTATION

Ward/ Polling District/Electors	Proposed changes to Returning Officer Initial Proposals	Accepted/Rejected	Comments
Ercall Ward (WGE)	<p>The Sir John Bayley Club to change to the Red Lion Annex</p> <p>4 submissions received from Town and Parish councillors</p>	Rejected	<p>The Red Lion Annex was last used in 2019 , following a review the building was deemed unsuitable due to problems with ramp access and lighting issues, a number of complaints were received. The Sir John Bayley Club has been used since then for parliamentary and PCC elections and no complaints have been received regarding the suitability of this venue. Furthermore, at each election, the Polling Station Inspectors appointed by the Returning Officer provide feedback on suitability of venues and, in this case, the feedback did not highlight any areas of concern.</p>
Madeley & Sutton Hill (TMA)	Madeley Rest Room to change to The Anstice	Accepted	Madeley Town Council/councillors proposal as The Anstice is at the centre of the Madeley community, has good accessibility and is used regularly by local residents
Horsehay & Lightmoor (THB & THZ)	<p>Horsehay Golf Club to change to Horsehay Village Hall</p> <p>Submission received from Cllr Greenaway (Borough councillor)</p>	Accepted	

Lawley (TLB & TLS)	Church of Latter Day Saints to change to Horsehay Village Golf Club	Accepted	Due to a change of policy the Church notified the Returning Officer on 20 January that the building would no longer be available as a polling station. The Lawley area contains a large number of electors but no other suitable buildings. One possibility would be a portacabin near the cycle area but this would not be ideal. The only suitable building close to the current polling station is just outside the Lawley ward at Horsehay Village Golf Club – this is the current proposal although will continue to see if an alternative, within the ward can be identified.
Ercall Magna (WEM)	That electors from Eyton vote at St Lawrence C of E Primary	Accepted	The submission from the Parish Meeting suggested moving Eyton electors to either Shawbirch or to St Lawrence C of E school, Preston. Shawbirch is already used as a dual polling station; to add a third polling station at the Shawbirch location is likely to increase elector confusion. However, moving electors to vote at Preston can be accommodated and would be more convenient for those electors



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Borough Ward Name	Polling District	Polling Station and Address	Number of Electors	Electors Voting by Post
1. Admaston & Bratton	WAA,	Admaston House Community Centre, Wellington Road Admaston, TF5 OBN	2278	819
	WAB	Shawbirch Community Centre, Oakfield Road, Shawbirch, TF5 0LT	140	46
2. Apley Castle	WAC	The Leegate Centre, Leegate Avenue, Leegomery, TF1 6NA	2352	983
3. Arleston & College	WAR	Arleston Community Centre, 22 St Giles Close, Wellington TF1 2AB	2478	653
	WAO	All Saints Parish Centre, Lytchgate Walk, Wellington TF1 3HA	2362	790
4. Brookside	TBR	Brookside Central, Burford, Brookside TF3 1LP	2918	641
5. Church Aston & Lilleshall	WCA,	Church Aston Village Hall, Wallshead Way, Church Aston TF10 9JG	909	316
	WCB,		117	60
	WCC		374	143
	WCJ	Lilleshall Memorial Hall, Hillside, Lilleshall TF10 9HG	1092	426
6. Dawley & Aqueduct	TDA	The Linden Centre, Webb Crescent, Dawley TF4 3AR	831	249
	TDY	Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Aqueduct, Telford TF4 3RP	2108	740
	TDP,	Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley TF4 2EX	816	407
	TDX		821	410
	TDZ	Southall School, off Rowan Avenue, Dawley TF4 3PX	754	434
7. Donnington	TGK,	Donnington Community Hub, St Matthews Road, Donnington TF2 7RB	320	165
	WDE		1240	328
	WDG,	Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington TF2 8HG	2077	695
	WDO		2033	671
8. Edgmond	WED	Edgmond Village Hall, Shrewsbury Road, Edgmond TF10 8HU	1124	392
	WEE	Tibberton Village Hall, Tibberton, Newport TF10 8NL	735	218
	WEG	Sambrook Village Hall, Sambrook, Shropshire TF10 8NL	497	162
9. Ercall	WGE	Sir John Bayley Club, 23 Haygate Road, Wellington TF1 1QX	2377	1065
10. Ercall Magna	WEM,	Kynnersley Village Hall, Kynnersley, Telford TF6 6DX	74	36
	WEZ		152	34
	WEP,	St Lawrence C of E Primary school, Preston upon the Weald Moors, Preston	188	80
	WEX	TF6 6DH	131	55
	WER	High Ercall Village Hall, Park Lane, High Ercall TF6 6BE	835	278



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	WEW WEY	Ellerdine Village Hall, Heath Lane, Ellerdine TF6 6QT Waters Upton Village Hall, Waters Upton, Telford TF6 6NP	370 813	114 275
11. Hadley & Leegomery	WHC WHL WHM	Hadley Old Folks Rest Room, Hadley Park Road, Hadley TF1 6PW The Leegate Centre. Leegate Avenue, Leegomery, TF1 6NA Hadley Community Centre, High Street, Hadley, Telford TF1 5NL	2875 2669 2053	998 810 672
12. Haygate & Park	WHY, WHW WHZ WHP	Hesba Close Communal Centre, Hesba Close, Wellington TF1 2BD Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre, Larkin Way, Tan Bank, Wellington TF1 1LX The Children's Centre, Wrekin View Primary school and Nursery, North Road, Wellington TF1 3ES	1665 293 1318 2086	527 98 478 802
13. Horsehay & Lightmoor	THA THD THC THB, THZ	Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Aqueduct, Telford TF4 3RP The Linden Centre, Webb Crescent, Dawley TF4 3AR The Oak Tree Centre, Lightmoor Way, Lightmoor TF4 3EG Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay TF4 2NF	787 388 895 330 2286	379 114 202 88 640
14. Ironbridge Gorge	TIB, TIS TIG TIH TIO TIR	The Toll House, Bower Yard, Ironbridge, TF8 7JP Coalbrookdale Community Centre, 2 Wellington Road, Coalbrookdale TF8 7DX Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Road, Madeley TF7 5HX Coalport Village Hall, High Street, Coalport TF8 7HT Jackfield Village Hall, Church Road, Jackfield TF8 7ND	938 29 651 205 230 254	277 6 188 60 48 78
15. Ketley	TKY	Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road, Ketley TF1 5AN	2620	911
16. Lawley	TLB, TLS TLL WLL	Horsehay Village Golf Club, Wellington Road, Horsehay TF4 3BT Anytime Fitness Centre, Gresham Drive, Lawley TF3 5ES Lawley Community Centre, Arleston Lane, Lawley TF4 2PR	2157 1839 541	536 456 127
17. Madeley & Sutton Hill	TMA TMB	The Anstice, Park Avenue, Madeley TF7 5BB Chillcott Gardens, Chillcott Drive, Madeley TF7 4LU	2664 1366	799 403



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	TMC TMD	Sutton Hill Community Centre, 104-106 Southgate, Sutton Hill TF7 4HG Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Road, Madeley TF7 5HX	2451 968	726 409	
18. Malinslee & Dawley Bank	TME	Old Park Primary School & Children's Centre, Community Centre, Malinslee TF3 2BF	2373	621	
	TMG	Community Room at George Chetwood Court, 45 George Chetwood Court, Dawley TF4 2QS	1571	384	
	TMH, TML	Dawley Baptist Church, Bank Road, Dawley Bank TF4 2QF	806 590	257 190	
19. Muxton	WMH, WMO	Muxton Community Centre, Saltwells Drive, Muxton TF2 8RJ	645 3714	169 1316	
	WMM	Donnington Community Hub, St Matthews Road, Donnington TF2 7RB	64	13	
20. Newport East	WNE	Newport Baptist Church, Water Lane, Newport TF10 7LD	2390	751	
21. Newport North	WNN	Hallcroft Close Community Hall, 11 Hallcroft Close, Newport TF10 7PG	2470	952	
22. Newport South	WNS, WNX	Newport Bowling Club, Granville Avenue, Newport TF10 7DX	1838	623	
			77	20	
23. Newport West	WNW	Parish Church Room, New Street, Newport TF10 7LD	2606	798	
24. Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE	Queenswood Primary School, Yates Way, Ketley Bank TF2 0AZ	2007	697	
	TOH, TOO, TOW	Oakengates United Church, Stafford Road, Oakengates TF2 6JH	344 2294 380	117 780 154	
	TOK, WOB	Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road, Ketley TF1 5AN	357 414	104 126	
	TOT, WOL	Wilsons Auctions, Trench Lock 2, Trench Lock TF1 5YL	1137 709	258 126	
	TOX, TOY	The Carpenter Family Centre, Oak Road, Overdale TF3 5BT	1035 1526	312 590	
	26. Priorslee	TPP	Sports Hall at Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Drive, Priorslee TF2 9SQ	2295	729
		TPR, TPS	Priorslee Community Centre, Priorslee Avenue, Priorslee TF2 9NR	1752 354	723 86
WSB WSD		Shawbirch Community Centre, Oakfield Road, Shawbirch TF5 0LT Church Hall, Severn Drive, Wellington TF1 3JP	2051 2229	736 901	



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28. St Georges	TSE	St Georges Sports & Social Club, Church Street, St Georges TF2 9LU	1056	288
	TSG	St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council, London Road, St Georges TF2 9JY	1668	525
	TSP	St Georges Methodist Church, Church Street, St Georges TF2 9JY	1992	686
	TSW	The Lamb Inn, Moss Road, Wrockwardine Wood TF2 7BH	437	145
29. The Nedge	TTH,	The Sambrook Centre, Grange Avenue, Stirchley TF3 1FL	336	122
	TTS,		2348	714
	TTT		1275	520
	TTO	Randlay Community Centre, Randlay Centre, Randlay TF3 2HZ	2083	691
	TTR	Hollinswood Community Centre, 7 Downmead, Hollinswood TF3 2EW	2035	501
30. Woodside	TWL,	Park Lane Centre, Park Lane, Woodside TF7 5QZ	131	38
	TWO		4678	1030
31. Wrockwardine	WWC	Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine, Telford TF6 5DG	778	233
	WWD	Little Wenlock Village Hall, Malthouse Bank, Little Wenlock TF6 5BJ	435	142
	WWN,	Rodington Village Hall, Rodington, Nr Shrewsbury SY4 4QS	452	163
	WWW		187	69
	WWR	Longdon-on-Tern Village Hall, Longdon-on-Tern, Telford TF6 6LE	298	136
32. Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	TWR	Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood TF2 7AH	3002	1053
	TWT	Teagues Bridge Primary School, Teagues Crescent, Trench TF2 6RE	1606	625