



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Boundary Review Committee

Thursday 27 October 2022

Interim Review of Polling Places, Polling Districts and Polling Stations

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Wards Affected:	All Wards	
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision	
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable	
Report considered by:	Not Applicable	

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Boundary Review Committee:-

- 1.1 Notes the Returning Officer's proposals for revised polling places, polling districts and polling stations as set out in this report at Appendix 1 and to approve commencement of public consultation on these proposals, closing on 25 November 2022.
- 1.2 Notes the proposals for consultation set out in sections 3.5 to 3.7 of this report; and
- 1.3 Delegates authority to the Director: Policy & Governance to take all necessary steps to conclude the review prior to a further report being brought to the Committee for approval on 28 November 2022.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To review polling places, polling districts and polling stations following the Borough boundary review completed undertaken this year by the LGBCE.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Borough's new ward boundaries will come in to force at the Borough and Parish elections on 4 May 2023.
- 3.2 The changes to the existing ward boundaries are the result of the recent review of the Borough's electoral arrangements by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). That 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 three councillor wards, 12 two councillor wards and 15 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 at their website, which is 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 be undertaken. This is a review of polling districts, the sub areas into which each ward is divided and also the polling places, the buildings in which polling stations are located. The last statutory review 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.
- 3.5 The consultation period runs up to 25 November 2022. Ward and polling district maps and a Borough wide map will be provided on the Council's website to assist residents in identifying their proposed polling station. To assist with consultation, the support of the Council's engagement team has been sought in order to reach out to a wider audience. In addition, officers will work 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 Copies of the proposals will be deposited at Addenbrooke House and Southwater, inviting responses to be made.

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3.7 Comments will also be sought from the following -

- Town and Parish Councils
- Borough Councillors
- MP's for Telford and The Wrekin

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 vote by 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. A3 detailed maps will be provided at the meeting.

Admaston & Bratton

Electors move in to the ward from the Crowdale road area of the Shawbirch (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 Shawbirch	New	Admaston House Community Centre	WAB

Apley Castle

Electors move out from Berberis Road area to Hadley & Leegomery ward (WHC) and the Hadley Castle ward of Hadley & Leegomery parish council. Apley Castle residents continue to vote at the Leegate Centre. It is proposed that Berberis Road area electors vote at Hadley Old Folks rest room in the Hadley & Leegomery ward. The polling station at the Leegate Centre is already a double station accommodating electors from Apley Castle and Leegomery area of Hadley & Leegomery ward.

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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 College	No	Arleston Community Centre	Unchanged
WCO	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)

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.

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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
TDP		No	Dawley Christian Centre	Unchanged
TDX		No	Dawley Christian Centre	Unchanged

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TDY		Receives Aqueduct electors from TDM	Southall School	Unchanged
TDZ		No	Aqueduct Primary	Unchanged

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	Donnington Library, Turreff Hall	Unchanged
WDO		No	Donnington Library, Turreff Hall	Unchanged

Edgmond

This ward has split into a single councillor ward from 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

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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 previous Edmond & 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.

Current PD code	Ward change	Polling District change/new	Polling Place	New PD Code
WEM		No	Kynnersley Village Hall	Unchanged
WEP		No	St Lawrence C of E Primary	Unchanged
WER	Yes	Roden area electors move out to Wrockwardine (WWW)	High Ercall Village Hall	Unchanged
WEW		No	Ellerdine Village Hall	Unchanged
	Yes	New PD FOR 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

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Hadley & Leegomery

This ward loses electors from the Horton area (WHC) to Edmond & Ercall Magna (WEX) and gains electors (WHC) 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 gains electors from Apley Castle WAC and loses electors to Ercall Magna WEX	Hadley Old Folks Rest Room	Unchanged
WHL		No	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 (WHZ).

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
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

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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 Golf Club	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 Golf Club	Unchanged

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	Abraham Darby Sports	Unchanged

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		Woodside ward (TWO	& Leisure Centre	
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

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	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	TLB
THZ	Yes	Gains electors from Smallhill road are of Horsehay & Lightmoor	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	TLS
TLE	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	TLB
TLL	Yes	Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward	Anytime Fitness Centre,	Unchanged

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			Gresham Drive	
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	Madeley Rest Room	Unchanged
TMB	No	No	Chillcott Gardens	Unchanged
TMC	No	No	Sutton Hill Community Centre	Unchanged
TMD	No	No	Abraham Darby Sports & Leisure Centre	Unchanged

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

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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

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

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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

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
TOK	Yes	New. Gains electors from Ketley & Overdale ward (TKY)	Ketley Community Centre	

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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

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

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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

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)		WSB
WDT	Merged with Shawbirch	No but renumbered		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

Wrockwardine

This ward gains electors (WWW) from the Roden area 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).

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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 Erccall 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

5.0 **Alternative Options**

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**

Without consultation on the proposals the Council would be in breach of legal requirement for conducting the polling places, districts and stations review.

7.0 **Council Priorities**

7.1 Community focussed , innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The costs of the 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.

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.

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, the Keeping it Real board will be fully consulted and their views considered.

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

15.0 Appendices

- 1 Returning Officer's Proposals
- 2 Maps of new Borough Wards

16.0 Report Sign Off

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Legal	27/10/2022	27/10/2022	RP