

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on Tuesday, 30 July 2019 at 6.00 pm in Meeting Rooms G3/G4, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT

Present: Councillors C Cassar (Chair), R A Overton (Vice-Chair), K T Blundell, E J Greenaway, A D McClements and B J Thompson

In Attendance: D Bowen (Elections Team Leader) and W Buckley (Electoral Services Officer)

Apologies: N A Dugmore

BRC1 Apologies for Absence

Jonathan Eatough, Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning, Councillor N A Dugmore.

BRC2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Thompson declared an interest in BCR-04 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations because he is the councillor for the Park ward.

Cllr E J Greenaway declared an interest in BCR-04 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations because she is a councillor for Lawley & Overdale Parish Council.

BRC3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Boundary Review Committee held on 7th February 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BRC4 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

The Service Delivery Manager, Governance & legal Services presented the report of the Assistant Director of Governance, Procurement & Commissioning regarding the review on polling districts, polling places and polling stations in Telford & Wrekin Borough and sought member approval on the proposed changes to the polling stations, the current polling stations under review were:

1. Lawley Village Primary School.
2. Ketley Bank Community Centre.
3. St. Patricks Catholic Primary School.
4. The Red Lion Annex, Holyhead, Wellington.

Member preference was that schools were used as little as possible, and that alternative sites such as portacabins and dual polling stations be considered.

Members were assured that all avenues had been explored and that the proposals would cause minimal disruptions, although the new venues, came with their own difficulties but these had been considered fully. It was confirmed that during the consultation that there had been some engagement with individuals with disabilities in order to make sure that the proposed venues were accessible for themselves as well as the wider community. It was proposed, that the following polling stations changes be used for future elections:

1. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lawley.
2. Queenswood Primary School, Yates Way, Ketley Bank.
3. Wellington Children's Centre, North Road, Wellington.
4. Sir John Bayley Club. Haygate Road, Wellington.

Upon being put to the vote it was unanimously:

RESOLVED – that:

- a) That actions taken to date in respect of consultation for those proposals set out Section 5 to this report be noted;
- b) The changes to the Polling Stations set out in paragraph 5.10 of the report be approved subject to satisfactory inspections; and
- c) Delegated authority to the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning be granted to take all necessary steps to conclude the review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations in the borough prior to a further report being brought to the Boundary Review Committee for approval 3 October 2019.

The meeting ended at 6.23 pm

Chairman:

Date: Thursday, 3 October 2019