

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE 29 JULY 2021

ELECTORAL REVIEW - COUNCIL WARDING PATTERN SUBMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND (LGBCE)

REPORT OF PROJECT OFFICER

LEAD CABINET MEMBER – CLLR SHAUN DAVIES – LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) commenced an Electoral review of the Borough in May 2021. The Commission intends that the outcome of the review will be in place for local elections which are scheduled for May 2023. The present electoral arrangements for the Borough (council size, ward boundaries, ward names and allocation of councilors to wards) commenced following the last review in 2013. There are currently 54 councillors representing 30 Borough wards. Initial consultation took place on an appropriate council size, LGBCE opted for a Council size remaining at 54. They then sought submissions on warding patterns to assist them in re drawing the Borough's ward boundaries based on a council size of 54 councillors. At the start of the review the council submitted to LGBCE current electorate figures and forecast electorate figures with development site details. The review's considerations can only be made on electorate estimates up to 2027, six years from the beginning of the review process.
- 1.2 The review's primary purposes are to ensure that each councilor represents approximately the same number of electors, this is balanced with the need for wards to reflect community interests and identities, to have clear and identifiable boundaries and to provide effective and convenient local government. Also that respondents should consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests. Members of the council's Boundary

Review Committee have met regularly to work towards the submission of a warding pattern for the Borough. The Commission advises that all submissions are given equal weight, regardless of whom they are from. In line with the requirements of the review the council has produced forecast electorates up to 2027 for each ward. LGBCE measures electoral imbalance by calculating the % that each ward differs from the Borough average. LGBCE will give particular consideration to wards where the electoral imbalance is over +/- 10% from the Borough average.

- 1.3 Electorate projections produced by LGBCE at the beginning of the review forecast a Borough electorate of 147,062 by 2027. The average number of electors per councillor being 2,723 for a 54 member Council.
- 1.4 The council's proposals are for 33 Borough wards, represented by 54 councillors. Of the 33 wards 18 are single member, 9 are two member and six are three member wards. Details of each proposed ward map have been provided to the Committee, with the majority of the draft proposals being approved at the meeting on 27 July. Proposals include adjustments to a number of wards to allow better representation and effective local government as well as the creation of a three member Lawley ward to represent the growing community in that area, together with a single member Horsehay ward. The existing Ketley & Overdale ward ceases to exist and forms part of the new Lawley ward together with a single member Ketley ward and a single member Overdale & The Rock ward. The existing Brookside ward, currently represented by 2 councillors is proposed to be reduced to a single member ward. This serves to address current slight over representation in this area based on the number of registered electors. The Edgmond and Ercall Magna wards are separated into two single member wards. In Wellington, Arleston and College single member wards are combined to create a two seat ward. Haygate and Park wards are also combined to create a two seat ward. In Newport, the two current wards are split into four single member wards. Four of the original 30 wards remain unchanged under these proposals.
- 1.5 The LGBCE timetable for the rest of the review is as follows. Consultation closes on 2 August. They then publish draft recommendations on 2 November and public consultation on those recommendations takes place up to 10 January 2022. Final recommendations are then published on 29 March 2022 before an order is made before parliament to enable those arrangements to be in place for May 2023 local elections. The Commission will also make recommendations on any associated Parish warding arrangements with their final recommendations.
- 1.6 Further information and data relating to this review are published on the LGBCE website [Telford and Wrekin | LGBCE Site](#)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee approve submission of the Council’s proposed Borough warding pattern to LGBCE in the terms set out within this report**
- 2.2 That the Committee delegates authority to the Associate Director: Policy & Governance, in consultation with the Chair of the Boundary Review Committee, to finalise the wording of the submission and submit the proposed warding pattern to LGBCE by 2 August**

3 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-Operative Council priority objective(s)?	
	Yes	<i>The proposals contained in this report contribute to all of the Council’s priorities as it aims to provide better electoral representation across the Borough</i>
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	<i>The review is Borough-wide and, whilst specific impacts will not be known until final recommendations are published by LGBCE in March 2022, is expected to have no greater impact on any specific groups than the general population</i>

TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	<i>Early 2023, prior to local elections in May 2023</i>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	<i>Any financial implications arising from the final recommendations of the review will be identified in a future report: these may arise if there is a change in the number of wards and/or members</i>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<i>The Review follows a legal process which is set out in the report summary</i>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	<i>The Review is Borough- wide and will potentially affect all wards, dependent on final recommendations by LGBCE</i>
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	<i>The Review is Borough- wide and will potentially affect all wards, dependent on final recommendations by LGBCE</i>

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. INFORMATION

Average estimated electorate per councillor 2027 based on LGBCE projections

2723 electors per councillor for 1 member ward

5446 electors per councillor for 2 seat ward

8169 electors per councillor for 3 seat ward

LGBCE Statistics for existing Borough wards based on Electoral data and projected growth to 2027, with 12 wards over +/- 10% variance.

Name of Current ward	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
1 Admaston & Bratton	1	2,427	-11%
2. Apley Castle	1	3,042	12%
3. Arleston	1	2,859	5%
4. Brookside	2	4,396	-19%

5. Church Aston & Lilleshall	1	2,577	-5%
6. College	1	2,478	-9%
7. Dawley & Aqueduct	3	7,359	-10%
8. Donnington	2	4,870	-11%
9. Dothill	1	2,699	-1%
10. Edgmond & Ercall Magna	2	5,454	0%
11. Ercall	1	2,885	6%
12. Hadley & Leegomery	3	7,963	-3%
13. Haygate	1	2,692	-1%
14. Horsehay & Lightmoor	2	6,792	25%
15. Ironbridge Gorge	1	2,883	6%
16. Ketley & Overdale	3	12,151	49%
17. Madeley & Sutton Hill	3	8,044	-2%
18. Malinslee & Dawley Bank	2	4,816	-12%
19. Muxton	2	5,845	7%
20. Newport North & West	2	5,457	0%
21. Newport South & East	2	5,249	-4%
22. Oakengates & Ketley Bank	3	7,712	-6%
23. Park	1	2,282	-16%
24. Priorslee	2	6,543	20%
25. Shawbirch	1	2,430	-11%
26. St Georges	2	5,014	-8%
27. The Nedge	3	7,349	-10%
28. Woodside	2	4,732	-13%

29. Wrockwardine	1	3,018	11%
30. Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	2	5,044	-7%

Proposed Warding Pattern for 54 member Council, with 2 wards over +/- 10% variance

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Admaston & Bratton	WAA and part WSH	1	2574	-5	Receives
2 Apley Castle	WAC - gives Maxell site development to Shawbirch	1	2764	2	Gives away
3 Brookside	TBR and part TBZ - gives Stirchley part to The Nedge	1	3084	13	Reduced by 1 seat
4 Church Aston & Lilleshall	WCA WCC WCJ and part WMH (Humbers) from Muxton	1	2750	1	Receives
5 College & Arleston *	WCO WAR	2	5366	-1	Combined
6 Dawley & Aqueduct	TDA TDM TDY TDZ gives to Malinslee	2	5643	4	Reduced by 1 seat
7 Donnington	WDE WDG WDO and part of TPW from Priorslee	2	5297	-3	Receives
8 Dothill	WDT	1	2705	-1	Unchanged
9 Edgmond	WED WEE WEG	1	2514	-8	Split
10 Ercall Magna	WEM WEP WER WEW WEY WEZ	1	3021	11	Split
11 Ercall	WGE gives to Haygate & Park	1	2501	-8	Gives away
12 Hadley & Leegomery	WHC WHL WHM	3	8014	-2	Unchanged
13 Haygate & Park *	WHY WHZ WPA and part of WGE from Ercall	2	5473	0	Combined
14 Horsehay *	THC	1	2897	6	Reduced
15 Ironbridge Gorge	TIB TIG TIH TIO TIR TIS gives to Woodside	1	2652	-3	Gives away
16 Ketley	TKY gives millennium village area to Oakengates & Ketley Bank	1	2822	4	Reduced
17 Lawley *	TLL THL THZ WWL	3	7918	-3	New
18 Madeley & Sutton Hill	TMA TMB TMC TMD	3	8060	-1	Unchanged

19 Malinslee & Dawley Bank	TME TMG TMH TML TLE TDP TDX	3	7848	-4	Increased by 1 seat
20 Muxton	WMH WMM WMO gives to Church Aston	2	5766	6	Gives away
21 Newport East *	WNE and takes 415 from WNS	1	2621	-4	Split into single seats
22 Newport North *	WNN	1	2667	-2	Split into single seats
23 Newport South *	WNS WNV WSS Gives 415 from WNS TO Newport East	1	2628	-3	Split into single seats
24 Newport West *	WNW	1	2866	5	Split into single seats
25 Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE TOH TOO TOT TOW part TKY from Ketley WOB WOL	3	8361	2	Receives
26 Overdale & The Rock *	TLN plus 120 from Old Park	1	2918	7	New ward
27 Priorslee	TPP TPR TSS	2	5698	5	Gives and receives
28 Shawbirch	WSH and part WAC from Apley Castle	1	2530	-7	Receives
29 St Georges	TSE TSG TSP TSW part TPW, TPG TPZ from Priorslee	2	5692	5	Gives and receives
30 The Nedge	TTH TTO TTR TTS and part TBZ from Brookside	3	8737	7	Receives
31 Woodside	TWO part TIH from Ironbridge part THC from Horsehay	2	5226	-4	Receives
32 Wrockwardine	WWC WWD WVN WWR Gives WWL to new Lawley	1	2533	-7	Reduced
33 Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	TWR TWT	2	5064	-7	Unchanged
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Admaston & Bratton

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 Admaston & Bratton	WAA and part WSH	1	2574	-5

Admaston & Bratton borders on to the Shawbirch ward. It is possible to move Leeses Close, Brook Meadow, Allerton's Meadow and Spafield Close from Shawbirch into Admaston & Bratton. This area would be subject to parish warding arrangements. There are approximately 150 electors, this leaves Admaston & Bratton at 2,574 electors

Apley Castle

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 Apley Castle	WAC - gives Maxell site development to Shawbirch	1	2764	2

Apley Castle is significantly above variance. However, the development of the old Maxell site is scheduled to provide a further 300 electors. These electors can be moved to the adjacent Shawbirch ward to improve the variance in that ward and Shawbirch can give electors to Admaston & Bratton which is also below variance. The new development properties will not be able to access the Apley Castle ward directly, they will need to go out on to the road leading to the Shawbirch island. The Committee believes that this development fits better in to the Shawbirch ward.

Brookside

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 Brookside	TBR and part TBZ - gives Stirchley part to The Nedge	1	3084	13 Reduced by 1 seat

The Brookside 2 member ward was significantly under variance, as was the adjacent Nedge ward. Within a 54 councillor warding pattern it is inevitable that some existing wards will be reduced in order to accommodate growth and representation elsewhere in the Borough. The current ward contains two polling districts, the larger part of TBZ (Stirchley) can be moved to The Nedge which already contains some parts of Stirchley, leaving a single member Brookside ward which is 13% above the optimum. This variance is high but this provides the best solution for representation and community interests for Brookside and also The Nedge

Church Aston & Lilleshall

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 Church Aston & Lilleshall	WCA WCC WCJ and part WMH (Humbers) from Muxton	1	2750	1

Church Aston & Lilleshall could feasibly take 100 electors from the more rural western end of the current Muxton ward (Humbers area) which is 7% above variance. These properties sit on Humber Lane and Humber Way and Donnington Way, bringing the variance in Church Aston & Lilleshall closer to the optimum. In terms of community identity there is no clear evidence that these electors identify with Muxton. They sit adjacent to the boundary with the more rural Church Aston & Lilleshall ward. At the present time there are 15 empty properties in this area, by 2026 the number of electors is likely to be in excess of 100. Transferring these electors would mean the area would need to be warded at parish level.

College & Arleston

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 College & Arleston *	WCO WAR	2	5366	-1	Combined

Representation of the 7 seat Wellington area was problematic due to the very low electorate in Park ward. The Committee believed that a number of the Wellington wards shared common interests and that merging some of these single seat wards into 2 seat wards could provide community cohesion, good local government and a pattern of wards that were gave good electoral equality

The College and Arleston seats share strong community links with common schools, community centres and local policing teams. It is considered that because of the strong community cohesion/affinity that the two wards share

Dawley & Aqueduct

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Dawley & Aqueduct	TDA TDM TDY TDZ gives to Malinslee & Dawley Bank	2	5643	4	Reduced by 1 seat

The existing 3 seat Dawley & Aqueduct and the neighbouring 2 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank wards are both significantly below variance. However, in terms of community identity and electoral equality, the Committee considered that a balance can be achieved by reducing Dawley & Aqueduct to a 2 member ward by moving polling districts TDP and TDX to Malinslee & Dawley Bank and adding polling district TLE from the former Ketley & Overdale ward. This would then create a 3 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank and a 2 seat Dawley & Aqueduct, both within acceptable variance

Donnington

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Donnington	WDE WDG WDO and part of TPW from Priorslee	2	5297	-3	Receives

The current Donnington ward is below acceptable variance. However, by transferring approximately 320 electors from the Kenwray Drive area (currently in Priorslee), electoral equality can be significantly improved. The Committee believed that these properties, whose addresses are actually Donnington, share a stronger community identity with Donnington than Priorslee.

Dothill

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Dothill	WDT	1	2705	-1	Unchanged

No change

Edgmond

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Edgmond	WED WEE WEG	1	2514	-8	Split

Ercall Magna

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Ercall Magna	WEM WEP WER WEW WEY WEZ	1	3021	11	Split

The Committee looked at Edgmond & Ercall Magna being split into 2 single wards, but Edgmond is -9% and E Magna + 10%. Initially 2 single wards did not appear to be a good solution as the 2 member ward is currently at 0% variance. However this ward is very large and the two areas are set apart, having different community identities. We considered including the settlement of Kynnersley in Edgmond from Ercall Magna which would give better variances for 2 single member wards. However, it is unclear as to what community ties Kynnersley would have with Edgmond. On balance, despite relatively large variances from the optimum elector numbers, the Council believes that 2 single wards would provide better community identity, representation and more effective local government for the 2 communities. The names of the wards should remain unchanged.

Ercall

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Ercall	WGE gives to Haygate & Park	1	2501	-8	Gives away

As referred to earlier in the report, the low numbers in the Park ward of Wellington created difficulties in achieving a balanced warding pattern for the area. Consequently the Committee looked at existing wards that shared similar identities and affinity. The proposal to merge Haygate and Park wards into a 2 member ward requires electors from the existing Ercall ward as it was +6% over variance. It is proposed that electors from the Wrekin road, Ercall Gardens/Appledore Gardens area be transferred into the new Haygate & Park ward

Hadley & Leegomery

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Hadley & Leegomery	WHC WHL WHM	3	8014	-2	Unchanged

No change

Haygate & Park

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Haygate & Park *	WHY WHZ WPA and part of WGE from Ercall	2	5473	0	Combined

As referred to earlier in the report, the low numbers in the Park ward of Wellington created difficulties in achieving a balanced warding pattern for the area. Consequently the Committee looked at existing wards that shared similar identities and affinity. Haygate and Park wards can be combined and take electors from Ercall ward to create a 2 member ward which is at the optimum variance. The 2 wards have previously been combined as part of County election arrangements.

Horsehay

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Horsehay *	THC	1	2897	6	Reduced

The area covering the southern part of Horsehay and Lightmoor is currently within the existing 2 seat Horsehay & Lightmoor ward which is 25% above variance. This area together with the Lawley has seen significant ongoing development. The proposals provide for a new 3 member Lawley seat to the north and a new 1 member Horsehay seat to the south of the Frame lane area.

Ironbridge Gorge

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Ironbridge Gorge	TIB TIG TIH TIO TIR TIS gives to Woodside	1	2652	-3	Gives away

Ironbridge Gorge gives electors away to Woodside in order to improve electoral variance for both wards

Ketley

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Ketley	TKY gives millennium village area to Oakengates & Ketley Bank	1	2822	4	Reduced

The current TKY polling district containing Ketley is too large for a single seat ward. The original Ketley & Overdale ward ceases to exist under these proposals. Part of the Millennium community is in Ketley and part is already in Oakengates & Ketley Bank, the proposals are that the Millennium community electors are moved from THY into Oakengates and Ketley Bank so that the whole community is cohesively included in one ward. This provides better electoral equality for both Ketley and Oakengates & Ketley Bank wards.

Lawley

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Lawley *	TLL THL THZ WWL	3	7918	-3	New

The proposals are for a 3 member Lawley seat including electors currently within both Wrockwardine and Horsehay & Lightmoor wards. The area has seen high and ongoing development and the Committee considered where an appropriate boundary should be drawn for the area covering Lawley and Horsehay. The boundary of the ward runs south as far as the Frame Lane area, with further development ongoing to the south in the new Horsehay ward. The Committee decided that the name of the new ward should be Lawley

Madeley & Sutton Hill

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Madeley & Sutton Hill	TMA TMB TMC TMD	3	8060	-1	Unchanged

No change

Malinslee & Dawley Bank

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Malinslee & Dawley Bank	TME TMG TMH TML TLE (part) TDP TDX	3	7848	-4	Increased by 1 seat

The existing 3 seat Dawley & Aqueduct and the neighbouring 2 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank wards are both significantly below variance. However, in terms of community identity and electoral equality, the Committee considered that a balance can be achieved by reducing Dawley & Aqueduct to a 2 member ward by moving polling districts TDP and TDX to Malinslee & Dawley Bank. This would then create a 3 seat Malinslee & Dawley Bank including the majority of polling district TLE (other than Old Park) and a 2 seat Dawley & Aqueduct, both within acceptable variance

Muxton

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Muxton	WMH WMM WMO gives to Church Aston	2	5766	6	Gives away

The current Muxton ward is 7% above optimum variance. This variance can be improved by moving approximately 100 electors from Muxton into Church Aston & Lilleshall from polling district WMH. There is no obvious connection/ affinity for this area with Muxton and the area would be better suited to being part of the more rural Church Aston & Lilleshall ward.

Newport East

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Newport East *	WNE and takes 415 from WNS	1	2621	-4	Split into single seats

Newport North

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Newport North *	WNN	1	2667	-2	Split into single seats

Newport South

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Newport South *	WNS WNV WSS Gives 415 from WNS TO Newport East	1	2628	-3	Split into single seats

Newport West

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Newport West *	WNW	1	2866	5	Split into single seats

The current electoral variance for both wards is reasonable. However, 4 single seat wards, as has previously been the case, can provide better representation and community identity for Newport. The Committee recognised that the area of Newport East was low on electoral numbers and in order to provide broadly equal representation for 4 wards this area would need to receive electors

from an adjoining ward. Newport East (WNE) could take 415 electors from Newport South (WNS) by drawing the ward boundary along Meadow Road and Meadow View road, with the properties to the north going in to a single Newport East ward. This would provide 4 single wards all within 5% variance

Oakengates & Ketley Bank

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Oakengates & Ketley Bank	TOE TOH TOO TOT TOW part TKY from Ketley WOB WOL	3	8361	2	Receives

The current 3 seat ward is 6% below variance. However, the proposals for Ketley & Overdale ward to cease to exist mean that the existing polling district containing Ketley is too large for a 1 seat ward. Part of the Millennium community is already contained with Oakengates & Ketley Bank, the proposals are that the Millennium community electors are moved from THY into Oakengates and Ketley Bank so that the whole community is included in one ward. This provides better electoral equality for both Ketley and Oakengates & Ketley Bank wards.

Overdale & The Rock

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Overdale & The Rock *	TLN plus 120 from Old Park in TLE	1	2918	7	New ward

Overdale & The Rock is currently contained within the existing Ketley & Overdale ward, which cease to exist within the current proposals. However, the proposed ward, including the inclusion of 120 electors from the Old Park area, provides a cohesive and single member ward for these communities. The existing Old Park area has community ties with The Rock rather than Malinslee & Dawley Bank and these electors would be better served by inclusion in Overdale & The Rock. These electors are already within Lawley & Overdale parish council area, as are electors in Overdale & The Rock.

Priorslee

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Priorslee	TPP TPR TSS	2	5698	5	Gives and receives

Priorslee ward is currently significantly over variance, however by moving polling districts TPW (part) TPG and TPZ into St Georges and moving polling district TSS into Priorslee from St Georges, better electoral equality is achieved and provides firm identifiable boundaries for Priorslee ward. Priorslee St Peters church is contained within the TSS area, providing an identifiable and long standing affinity between this area and Priorslee.

Shawbirch

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Shawbirch	WSH and part WAC from Apley Castle	1	2530	-7	Receives

Apley Castle is significantly above variance. However, the development of the old Maxell site is scheduled to provide a further 300 electors. These electors can be moved to the adjacent Shawbirch ward to improve the variance in that ward and Shawbirch can give electors to Admaston & Bratton which is also below variance. The new development properties will not be able to access the Apley Castle ward directly, they will need to go out on to the road leading to the Shawbirch island. The Committee believes that this development fits better in to the Shawbirch ward.

St Georges

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 St Georges	TSE TSG TSP TSW part TPW, TPG TPZ from Priorslee	2	5692	5 Gives and receives

St Georges current ward is below variance, whilst the adjoining Priorslee ward is above variance. Electors from polling districts TPW (part) TPG and TPW can be transferred from Priorslee to St Georges to provide better electoral equality. In terms of identity and physical geography, these areas fit better within St Georges than Priorslee ward

The Nedge

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 The Nedge	TTH TTO TTR TTS and part TBZ from Brookside	3	8737	7 Receives

The Nedge 3 seat ward is currently below variance. However following the proposal to reduce Brookside to a 1 seat ward, electors from the Stirchley part of that ward can be added to The Nedge which already contains Stirchley electors. This puts both wards over optimum variance but in the context of reducing 1 seat from the area the Committee believe this is the best solution to provide electoral equality and effective local government for the overall area. Parish warding arrangements will be required for the TBZ electors moving to The Nedge.

Woodside

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 Woodside	TWO part TIH from Ironbridge part THC from Horsehay	2	5226	-4 Receives

The existing Woodside ward was significantly below variance at -13%. However, the area can take in electors from Nightingale walk area of the current Horsehay ward and from the Roberts Road area of the current Ironbridge Gorge ward. The former area sits just north of the Woodside boundary. The latter area has previously been in the Woodside ward. This provides for better electoral equality. Parish warding arrangements will need to be put in place for the electorate coming in from the Horsehay area

Wrockwardine

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance
1 Wrockwardine	WWC WWD WVN WWR Gives WWL to new Lawley	1	2533	-7 Reduced

Wrockwardine gives away 578 electors from WWL to the new Lawley & Overdale ward, reducing the elector count to 2533, 7% below the optimum elector numbers. However there is a difference between our projected elector numbers and the commissions for this area which appear to be around the Khan Close, Lewis Crescent area off Haygate road. The councils current register shows around 100 properties already occupied in this area with the rest of the development being built at the present time. We are not certain that the commission's projection has allowed for all of these properties, our estimates are that Wrockwardine would be at total of 2533 by 2027, -7% from the optimum variance. There is limited potential to extend the ward north into the existing Ercall Magna ward possibly towards Crudginton or High Ercall but in each case the population is sparse and by taking in larger settlements there is then an imbalance created within the Ercall Magna ward. In view of these factors it is proposed that the single seat Wrockwardine is retained

Wrockwardine Wood & Trench

Name	Current Polling districts	Seats	2027 electors	Variance	
1 Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	TWR TWT	2	5064	-7	Unchanged

No change

2 **IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

As set out in section 3 of this report

3 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

27 July Boundary Review Committee and previous meetings of the committee during 2020 and 2021

4 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Telford and Wrekin | LGBCE Site](#)

LGBCE Electoral Reviews Technical Guidance

Report prepared by Phil Griffiths, Project Officer, Telephone: 01952 384280