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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2011

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report details the findings of the Review of the Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations in the Parliamentary Constituencies in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006).
- 1.2 Every authority must complete a review of each polling district, polling place and polling station within its area every four years. On this occasion, it was considered best to commence the review immediately after the Referendum on the Alternative Voting System held in May as all polling stations were inspected on the day of the Referendum.
- 1.3 Council initiated the review on the 23rd of June by giving public notice of its intention to conduct it and a consultation was held between the 1st of July and the 5th of August. All members were informed of this review on 29 June 2011 and invited to submit comments for consideration. The draft conclusions were then shared with members in October and revised accordingly.
- 1.4 Existing polling arrangements were assessed and the views of interested groups and individuals were invited. These included electors, political parties, Members of the Council, those organisations who cater for the specific needs of people with different disabilities and the Returning Officer for Telford and Wrekin Council.
- 1.5 Any comments, suggestions and requests received were explored and those found to be achievable and in the best interests of the electors affected are outlined in the recommendations given below.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Council approves the following changes which, have been agreed with local members, in order for them to be implemented on or by 1 December 2011.

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Division	Proposed Changes
Alverley and Claverley	That Claverley Primary School replaces Claverley Village Hall as a polling station
Bridgnorth West and Tasley	To move the polling district boundary to follow Westgate and Wenlock Road.
Prees	That Fauls Village Hall replaces Lower Heath Primary School as a polling station.
Bagley	That Bagley Sports and Social Club replaces Greenfields United Church Hall as a polling station
	That the Elim Church replaces the Grange Centre as a polling station.
Battlefield	That the Welti Fitness Centre replaces the Breakfast Club Room at Harlescott Junior School as a polling station.
Cattlefields and Ditherington	To correct the register with regard to Ditherington Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Rowena Terrace to enable them to vote at Ditherington Community Centre.
Harlescott	That Mount Pleasant Primary School replaces the Grange Centre as a polling station.
Monkmoor	To move electors living on Calder Close, Fairness Close, Fearn Drive, Frith Close, Galton Drive, Ledwych Close, Longbridge Close, Shaw Road, Tenbury Drive, Twyfords Way, Weald Drive and at 1 Upton Lane to vote at Forest Way Grouped Dwelling Scheme instead of Porchfield Grouped Dwelling Scheme.
Albrighton	That the Red House replaces Albrighton Table Tennis Club as a polling station for Albrighton North.
Shifnal North	That Sheriffhales Village Hall replaces Sheriffhales Primary School as a polling station.

2.2 That the Council approves option 1 with regard to Cleeton St. Mary electors which will require 53 Cleeton St.Mary electors to vote at Bitterley Village Hall in future at a possible increased cost of £420 for a by-election.

REPORT

LUDLOW CONSTITUENCY

ALVELEY AND CLAVERLEY

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LAA, LAD	Alveley, Romsley	Alveley Village Hall	1849	Double
LAB	Claverley	Claverley Village Hall	1328	Single
LAC	Quatt Malvern	Quatt Village Hall	163	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes are proposed to the village halls at Alveley and Quatt.

Claverley Village Hall has been deemed unsuitable for use as a polling station due to the very steep drive up to the hall, the lack of parking and the narrowness of the road that it is on. Claverley Primary School has been inspected and found to be a suitable replacement and the Headteacher has no objection to its use for this purpose and will, where possible, arrange for a Professional Development day to take place on election day so as to cause minimal disruption for pupils and parents.

It is therefore recommended that the school be used instead of the village hall for all future elections. There would be no staffing or financial implications resulting from this change.

Councillor Mrs. T Woodward and Claverley Parish Council are in agreement with this proposal.

BISHOPS CASTLE

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LBA, LBB, LBE, LBF	Bishop's Castle, Colebatch, Lydham, Mainstone	Bishop's Castle Public Hall	1743	Single
LBC, LBD	Edgton, Lydbury North	Lydbury North Village Hall	532	Single
LBG, LBH, LBI, LBJ, LBK	More, Myndtown, Norbury, Ratlinghope, Wentnor	Norbury Village Hall	598	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

BRIDGNORTH EAST AND ASTLEY ABBOTS

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LCA	Astley Abbots	Astley Abbots Village Hall	388	Single
LCB	Bridgnorth (part of East ward)	Bridgnorth Youth Club	653	Single
LCC	Bridgnorth (part of East ward)	The Annexe, College House	1183	Single
LCD	Bridgnorth (part of East ward)	Bridgnorth Community College	709	Single
LCE	Bridgnorth (part of Morfe ward)	St. James Hall	2112	Double
LCF	Bridgnorth (part of Morfe ward)	Quatford Village Hall	271	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BRIDGNORTH WEST AND TASLEY

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LDA	Bridgnorth (part of Castle ward)	Oldbury Village Hall	303	Single
LDB, LDC	Bridgnorth (part of Castle ward)	The Castle Hall	2147	Double
LDD	Bridgnorth (West ward)	St. Leonards Hall Church	2290	Double
LDE	Tasley	Tasley Village Hall	630	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Oldbury Village Hall and Tasley Village Hall.

The Castle Hall/St. Leonards Church – It is recommended that the boundary between these two polling districts moves to follow Westgate and Wenlock Road. This will see the electors from Portmans Way, Farmlands Road, Highfields Road, Westgate Drive and Three Ashes Drive change to vote at St. Leonards Church Hall, instead of the Castle Hall. There are no financial implications resulting from this proposal.

Councillors L Winwood and J Hurst-Knight are in agreement with this proposal.

BROSELEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LEA, LEC	Broseley (East ward and Jackfield)	Birchmeadow Centre	967	Single
LEB	Broseley (East ward)	Broseley Church Hall	1253	Single
LED	Broseley (West ward)	Victoria Hall	1456	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Birchmeadow Centre or the Victoria Hall.

The location of Broseley Church Hall has been questioned and two alternatives suggested by the Broseley Parish Council. These are the Gun Room at the King and Thai Restaurant which we have been informed is unavailable as it is unsafe and has been condemned and the provision of a portacabin at the Lady Forester Residential and Day Care Centre which would cost in excess of £1,400 per election.

As no further suggestions have been received and, in the absence of any other suitable alternative, it is recommended that Broseley Church Hall continues to be used as a polling station.

Councillor Dr. Jones and Broseley Town Council are in agreement with this proposal.

BROWN CLEE

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LFA, LFC, LFN, LFO, LFQ	Acton Round, Aston Eyre, Monkhopton, Morville, Upton Cressett	Morville Village Hall	669	Single
LFB, LFE, LFH, LFP	Aston Botterell, Burwarton, Cleobury North, Neenton	Cleobury North and District Village Hall	350	Single
LFD, LFM, LFI, LFL	Billingsley, Middleton Scriven, Deuxhill, Glazeley	Deuxhill Village Hall	268	Single
LFF	Chelmarsh	Chelmarsh Parish Hall	411	Single
LFG	Chetton	Chetton Parish Hall	279	Single
LFJ	Ditton Priors	Ditton Priors Village Hall	644	Single
LFK	Eardington	Eardington and Astbury Village Hall	437	Single

No change, apart from Eardington and Astbury Village Hall where a portable ramp will be used at election time. There may be a financial implication if further portable ramps have to be purchased.

CHIRBURY AND WORTHEN

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LGA, LGB, LGC	Brompton and Rhiston, Chirbury, Marton	Chirbury Parish Hall	573	Single
LGD	Middleton	Priest Weston Village Hall	177	Single
LGE	Worthen with Shelve (Heath ward)	Snailbeach Village Hall	514	Single
LGF	Worthen with Shelve (Hope and Shelve ward)	Hope Village Hall	502	Single
LGG	Worthen with Shelve (Worthen ward)	Worthen Village Hall	655	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

CHURCH STRETTON AND CRAVEN ARMS

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LHA, LHB, LHC, LHD	Church Stretton (All Stretton, North, South and Little Stretton wards)	Silvester Horne Institute	3776	Double
LHE, LHF	Craven Arms (Halford and Stokesay wards)	Craven Arms Community Centre	1864	Single
LHG, LHI	Hopesay, Sibdon Carwood	Aston on Clun Village Hall	475	Single
LHH	Onibury	Onibury Village Hall	238	Single
LHJ	Wistanstow	Wistanstow Village Hall	626	Single

No change, apart from Silvester Horne Institute where concerns have been expressed over disabled access. There is no alternative venue available, so it is proposed that the Silvester Horne Institute continues to be used. It should be noted, however, that work has taken place this summer on improved facilities for the disabled and in future a layout plan will be included with the ballot boxes so that the Presiding Officers set up the stations in such a way that disabled electors approach both tables at the same time. The Church Stretton Town Council will also be asked to position traffic cones to prevent able-bodied people parking near to the disabled entrance. There are no financial implications resulting from these improvements.

Both Councillors J A Gibson and D W Evans support this proposal.

CLEE

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LIA, LIB	Bitterley (Bitterley and Cleeton St. Mary wards)	Bitterley Village Hall	709	Single
LIC, LID	Boraston, Burford	Burford Parish Hall	1204	Single
LIE	Caynham (Clee)	Clee Hill Village Hall	702	Single
LIF	Caynham (Knowbury ward)	Caynham Village Hall	491	Single
LIG, LIH, LII, LIJ	Greete, Hope Bagot, Nash, Whitton	Nash Village Hall	531	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes are proposed to Burford Parish Hall and the village halls at Caynham and Nash.

It has been pointed out that the 53 electors of Cleeton St. Mary ward have to travel a 14 mile round trip to Bitterley Village Hall to vote and would prefer to vote at Cleehill Village Hall which is 7.66 miles (Councillor Huffer advises that he has spoken to some of the Cleeton St. Mary electors and those who expressed a preference confirmed that a change to Clee Hill Village Hall would be preferred.

If this change is approved, there will be no financial implications for Unitary, UK Parliamentary or European elections when Clee Hill Village Hall, will already be in use for the (Caynham) Clee electors. However, if a by-election is called in the parish of Bitterley, there may be an increase of £420 (£110 hire of Clee Hill Village Hall, plus £310 staffing costs) unless Shropshire Council's policy of charging £2.00 per elector is the lower cost.

The Council is requested to determine which of the two options — Option 1- move 53 Cleeton St.Mary electors to vote at Bitterley Village Hall at a possible increased cost of £420 for a by-election; or option 2 - leave voting arrangements in Bitterley Parish as they are at present - is preferable.

Bitterley Parish Council and Councillor R Huffer support option 1.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LJA, LJF, LJH	Cleobury Mortimer, Milson, Neen Sollars	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Hall	2453	Double
LJB	Coreley	Coreley Memorial Hall	308	Single
LJC, LJK	Farlow, Wheathill	Farlow and Oreton Village Hall	506	Single
LJD	Hopton Wafers	Hopton Wafers Village Hall	608	Single
LJE	Kinlet	Kinlet Village Hall	808	Single
LJG	Neen Savage	Neen Savage Parish Hall	265	Single
LJI, LJJ	Sidbury, Stottesdon	Chorley Village Hall	621	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

CLUN

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LKA	Bettws y Crwyn	Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall	174	Single
LKB, LKC, LKH	Bedstone, Bucknell, Hopton Castle	Bucknall Memorial Hall	726	Single
LKD, LKK	Clun (Chapel Lawn ward), Stowe	Redlake Valley Village Hall	263	Single
LKE	Clun (Clun ward)	Clun Memorial Hall	800	Single
LKF	Clunbury	Clunbury Village Hall	433	Single
LKG	Clungunford	Clungunford Parish Hall	260	Single
LKI	Llanfairwaterdine	Everest Hall	182	Single
LKJ	Newcastle on Clun	Newcastle Community Centre	262	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

CORVEDALE

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LLA, LLC, LLG	Abdon, Clee St. Margaret, Heath	Clee St. Margaret Village Hall	298	Single
LLB, LLF, LLH	Acton Scott, Eaton under Heywood, Hope Bowdler	Ticklerton Village Hall	434	Single
LLD	Culmington	Culmington Village Hall	318	Single
LLE	Diddlebury	Diddlebury Village Hall	537	Single
LLI, LLM	Hopton Cangeford, Stoke St. Milborough	Stoke St. Milborough Village Hall	318	Single
LLJ	Munslow	Beambridge Clubroom	319	Single
LLK	Rushbury	Rushbury Village Hall	537	Single
LLL	Stanton Lacy	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	325	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

HIGHLEY

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LMA, LMB	Highley	Severn Centre, Bridgnorth	2743	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

LUDLOW EAST

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LNA, LNC	Ludlow (Clee View and Rockspring wards)	Ludlow Baptist Church	2090	Double
LNB	Ludlow (Hayton ward)	St. Peters Parish Centre	984	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

LUDLOW NORTH

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LOA	Bromfield	Ludlow Race Course	234	Single
LOB	Ludlow (Bringewood ward)	St. Peters Parish Centre	874	Double
LOC, LOD	Ludlow, (Corve and Whitcliffe wards)	Ludlow Library and Museum	1953	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

LUDLOW SOUTH

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LPA, LPB	Ashford Bowdler, Ashford Carbonell	Ashford Carbonell Village Hall	343	Single
LPC, LPD	Ludford, Ludlow (Gallows Bank ward)	St. John Ambulance HQ	2512	Double
LPE	Richards Castle	Richards Castle Village Hall	254	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to the village halls at Ashford Carbonell and Richard's Castle.

Ludlow Town Council has suggested that an additional polling station be located in the Parys Road/Sheet Road area of Ludlow. We have been unable to find any possible venue and the Town Council has also been unable to suggest a location so it is recommended that the polling station arrangements in the Gallows Bank ward remain as they are at present.

MUCH WENLOCK

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LQA	Barrow (Willey)	Willey and District Village Hall	132	Single
LQB	Barrow (Barrow and Benthall)	Barrow Primary School	407	Single
LQC	Broseley (Broseley Wood ward)	Victoria Hall, Broseley	265	Double
LQD, LQG,	Easthope,	Shipton Village Hall	341	Single
LQG, LQH	Shipton, Stanton Long			
LQE, LQF	Much Wenlock	The Priory Hall	2364	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

WORFIELD

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
LRA, LRB, LRE	Badger, Beckbury, Ryton	Beckbury Village Hall	559	Single
LRC	Kemberton	Kemberton Village Hall	193	Single
LRD, LRH, LRI	Rudge, Worfield (Hobbins and North wards)	Worfield Recreation Room	1791	Single
LRF	Stockton	Norton Village Hall	265	Single
LRG	Sutton Maddock	Sutton Maddock Parish Room	224	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes to the village halls at Norton, Beckbury and Kemberton Village Halls and Sutton Maddock Parish Room.

Three representations have been received about voting arrangements for The Hobbins estate in Worfield. The main request was for a portacabin to be located on the estate itself, but this would cost in excess of £1,400 per election.

It was also suggested that the electors would have a shorter distance to travel to Quatford Village Hall but, although a shorter route, it is travelled through very narrow country lanes. The only viable suggestion of locating the polling station at St. James' Hall was rejected by Worfield and Rudge Parish Council. Therefore, in the absence of any suitable replacement, it is recommended that the electors of The Hobbins estate continue to vote at Worfield Recreation Room.

NORTH SHROPSHIRE CONSTITUENCY

CHESWARDINE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NAA	Cheswardine	Cheswardine Village Hall	844	Single
NAB	Childs Ercall	Childs Ercall Jubilee Hall	563	Single
NAC	Hinstock	Hinstock Village Hall	876	Single
NAD	Sutton Upon Tern	The Hive Community Centre	818	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change apart from The Hive Community Centre where temporary polling booth lights will be used at election time. There are no financial implications resulting from this improvement.

ELLESMERE URBAN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NBA, NBB	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Town Hall	2933	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

GOBOWEN, SELATTYN AND WESTON RHYN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NLA	Gobowen (part)	The Cross Keys, Selattyn	368	Single
NLB	Gobowen (part)	The Pavilion, Gobowen	1245	Single
NLC	Gobowen (part)	Gobowen Church	1668	Single
NLD	Oswestry Rural (Rhydycroesau with Llanforda ward)	Rhydycroesau Village Hall	222	Single
NLE	Weston Rhyn	Weston Rhyn Village Institute	2102	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, apart from the Cross Keys, Selattyn where temporary polling booth lights will be sent at election time.

HODNET

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NCA	Hodnet	Hodnet Lyon Memorial Hall	1211	Single
NCB, NCC	Stanton-Upon- Hine-Heath (High Hatton and Stanton wards)	Stanton Village Hall	418	Single
NCD, NCE	Stoke Upon Tern (Stoke Heath and Stoke Upon Tern wards)	Stoke on Tern Village Hall	987	Single
NCF	Weston Under Redcastle	Weston Under Redcastle Village Hall	225	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

LLANYMYNECH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NDA,	Kinnerley (Argoed,	Kinnerley Parish Hall	926	Single
NDB,	Edgerley,			
NDC,	Kynaston and			
NDD	Maesbrook wards)			
NDE	Knockin	Knockin Assembley	215	Single
		Rooms		_
NDF	Llanyblodwel	Silver Band Hall	669	Single
NDG	Llanymynech	Llanymynech Village	363	Single
		Hall		
NDH	Melverley	Melverley Village Hall	121	Single
NDI	Pant	Pant Memorial Hall	965	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

MARKET DRAYTON EAST

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NEA, NEB	Market Drayton (East ward)	Longlands Primary School	2204	Double
NEC	Market Drayton (East ward)	Beacon Community Centre	186	Double
NED, NEE	Norton-in-Hales (Betton and Norton-in-Hales wards)	Norton-in-Hales Jubilee Hall	470	Single
NEF	Woore	Woore Victory Hall	870	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

MARKET DRAYTON WEST

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NFA, NFB, NFC	Market Drayton (North)	Beacon Community Centre	3654	Double
NFD, NFE	Market Drayton (South)	Market Drayton Town Hall	2332	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

OSWESTRY EAST

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NGA	Oswestry (Cabin Lane ward)	Eastern Oswestry Community Centre	1956	Single
NGB	Oswestry (Cambrian ward)	Monkmoor Community Centre	1904	Single
NGC	Oswestry (Gatacre ward - part)	Carreg Llwyd Evangelical Hall	2335	Double
NGD, NGE	Oswestry (Gatacre ward - part)	Gatacre Pavilion	2146	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

OSWESTRY SOUTH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NHA	Oswestry (Castle ward - part)	Oswestry Memorial Hall	1041	Single
NHB	Oswestry (Castle Ward - part)	Horeb Welsh Methodist Rooms	1311	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

OSWESTRY WEST

Existing Arrangements

Polling	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double
District				Station
NIA	Oswestry	Seion Chapel	934	Single
	(Maserfield ward)			
NIB	Oswestry	Gatacre Pavilion	582	Double
	(Maserfield ward)			
NIC	Oswestry	Oswestry Memorial	935	Single
	(Maserfield ward)	Hall		

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

PREES

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NJA	Adderley	Adderley Village Hall	299	Single
NJB	Ightfield	Calverhall Village Hall	409	Single
NJC	Moreton Say	Moreton Say Village Hall	359	Single
NJD	Prees (Fauls ward)	Lower Heath School	357	Single
NJE	Prees (Prees ward)	Prees Village Hall	1023	Single
NJF	Prees (Higher Heath ward)	Higher Heath Village Hall	765	Single

No change, apart from Lower Heath School. Fauls Church Hall has been inspected and found to be a suitable replacement for Lower Heath School. It is therefore recommended that Fauls Church Hall replaces Lower Heath School for all future elections. Lower Heath School currently costs £100 to hire and Fauls Church Hall will cost £94.50, a saving of £5.50 per election.

RUYTON AND BASCHURCH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NKA	Baschurch (Baschurch ward)	Millington Close Community Centre	1375	Single
NKB	Baschurch (Weston Lullingfields ward)	Weston Lullingfields Village Hall	392	Single
NKC	Hordley	Hordley and Bagley Village Hall	225	Single
NKD	Ruyton-XI-Towns	Ruyton-XI-Towns Memorial Hall	914	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

SHAWBURY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NMA	Clive	Clive Village Hall	415	Single
NMB	Grinshill	Grinshill Village Hall	198	Single
NMC	Hadnall	Hadnall Village Hall	557	Single
NMD	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst (Lee Brockhurst)	Lee Brockhurst Village Hall	88	Single
NME	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst (Moreton Corbet)	Preston Brockhurst Village Hall	152	Single
NMF, NMG	Shawbury	Shawbury Village Hall	2045	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

ST. MARTINS

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NNA, NNB	St. Martins	St. Martins Centre	2258	Double
NNC, NND	St. Martins	Criftins Parish Hall	1179	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

ST. OSWALD

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NOA	Oswestry Rural (Maesbury with Aston ward)	Maesbury Primary School	588	Single
NOB	Oswestry Rural (Morda with Sweeney ward)	Morda Village Hall	1518	Single
NOC, NOD	Oswestry Rural (Trefonen with Treflach and Sychtyn wards)	Trefonen Village Hall	1139	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

THE MERES

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NPA, NPB	Cockshutt Cum Petton (Cockshutt and Petton wards)	Cockshutt Millennium Hall	597	Single
NPC, NPD	Ellesmere Rural (Tetchill and Welsh Frankton wards)	Welsh Frankton Village Hall	616	Single
NPE	Loppington	Loppington Village Hall	467	Single
NPF, NPG	Myddle and Broughton (Broughton and Harmer Hill wards)	Harmer Hill Village Hall	469	Single
NPH	Myddle and Broughton (Myddle ward)	Myddle Village Hall	570	Single
NPI	Welshampton and Lyneal (Lyneal ward)	Lyneal Activity Centre	243	Single
NPJ	Welshampton and Lyneal (Welshampton ward)	Welshampton Village Hall	416	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

WEM

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NQA	Wem Rural (Edstaston ward)	Edstaston Village Hall	485	Single
NQB	Wem Rural (Newtown ward)	Newtown Primary School	288	Single
NQC, NQD	Wem Rural (Wem ward) and Wem (part of East ward)	Edinburgh House, Wem	1413	Quad
NQE	Wem (part of East ward)	Edinburgh House, Wem	1322	Quad
NQF	Wem (part of West ward)	Edinburgh House, Wem	1160	Quad
NQG	Wem (part of West ward)	Edinburgh House, Wem	1067	Quad
NQH	Whixall	Whixall Social Centre	628	Single

No change, apart from Edstaston Village Hall where a temporary ramp will be used at election time. There may be a financial implication if further portable ramps have to be purchased.

WHITCHURCH NORTH

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NRA	Whitchurch (part of North ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1291	Six
NRB	Whitchurch (part of North ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1120	Six
NRC	Whitchurch (part of West ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1312	Six
NRD	Whitchurch (part of West ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1351	Six

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

WHITCHURCH SOUTH

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NSA, NSC	Whitchurch (parts of South ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1376	Six
NSB	Whitchurch (part of South ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1074	Six
NSD	Whitchurch Rural (Ash ward)	Ash Village Hall	559	Single
NSE	Whitchurch Rural (Tilstock ward)	Tilstock Bradbury Village Hall	617	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

WHITTINGTON

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
NTA	West Felton	West Felton Village Hall	1138	Single
NTB	Whittington	Whittington Senior Citizens Club	2032	Double

No change.

SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM CONSTITUENCY

ABBEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SAA	Abbey	Robertsford Scout Hut	1437	Single
SAB	Abbey	Heaths Houses	1562	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BAGLEY

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SBA	Bagley	Greenfields United Church Hall	2192	Double
SBB	Bagley	The Grange Centre	1289	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

Bagley Sports and Social Club has been inspected and found to be a suitable replacement for Greenfields United Church Hall which does not have any parking. It is therefore recommended that the Sports and Social Club replaces the Church Hall for all future elections. The cost of the Church Hall is £202 and the cost of the Sports and Social Club is £250. This results in an increase of £48 per election. There is no increase in staffing costs.

The Elim Church has been inspected and found to be a suitable replacement for the Grange Centre which is no longer available. It is therefore proposed that the Elim Church replaces the Grange Centre for all future elections. The cost of the Grange Centre is £100 and the cost of the Elim Church is £175 which results in an increase of £75 per election. There is no increase in staffing costs.

Councillor Mrs.B J Baker is in agreement with both of these proposals.

BATTLEFIELD

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SCA	Battlefield	Harlescott Social Club	1305	Single
SCB	Battlefield	Breakfast Club Room, Harlescott Junior School	1375	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Harlescott Social Club.

The Welti Fitness Centre has been inspected and found to be a suitable replacement for the Breakfast Club Room at Harlescott Junior School, where objections from the school are raised each year. It is therefore recommended that the Welti Fitness Centre replaces the Breakfast Club Room for all future elections. The cost of the Breakfast Club Room is £100 and the cost of the Welti Fitness Centre is £144 which is an increase of £44 per election. There would be no increase in staffing costs.

Councillor Price is in agreement with this proposal.

BAYSTON HILL, COLUMN AND SUTTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SDA	Bayston Hill	Bayston Hill Memorial Hall	1499	Single
SDB	Bayston Hill	Bayston Hill Methodist Church	254	Double
SDC	Column	St. Giles Memorial Hall	2673	Double
SDD	Sutton and Reabrook	Belle Vue Youth Club	1662	Single
SDE	Sutton and Reabrook	Mereside Community Centre	11	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

BELLE VUE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SEA	Belle Vue	Salvation Army Hall	1116	Single
SEB	Belle Vue	Belle Vue Methodist Church	2147	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BOWBROOK

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SFA	Bowbrook	Bicton Heath Community Centre	2819	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BURNELL

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SGA, SGI, SGL, SGM	Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford and Ruckley and Langley	Pitchford Village Hall	425	Single
SGB, SGJ, SGK	All Stretton, Leebotwood and Longnor	Leebotwood Parish Hall	464	Single
SGC	Cardington	Cardington Village Hall	359	Single
SGD	Church Pulverbatch	Church Pulverbatch Village Hall	288	Single
SGE	Condover (Condover ward)	Condover Village Hall	654	Single
SGF, SGG, SGH	Condover (Dorrington, Ryton and Stapleton wards)	Dorrington Village Hall	836	Single
SGN, SGO	Smethcott and Woolstaston	Picklescott Village Hall	199	Single

No change.

CASTLEFIELDS AND DITHERINGTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SHA	Castlefields and	Castlefields	2371	Triple
	Ditherington (part)	Community Centre		
SHB	Castlefields and	Ditherington	902	Single
	Ditherington (part)	Community Centre		_

Returning Officer's Proposals

Ditherington Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Rowena Terrace are currently incorrectly included in the SHA (Castlefields) portion of the Register and electors vote at Castlefields Community Centre. It is recommended that these properties are included in the SHB (Ditherington) portion and the electors living there vote in future at the Ditherington Community Centre.

Councillor A N Mosley is in agreement with this proposal.

It is also proposed that the large housing development that is currently being built on the old MEB site on Ditherington Road is also included in the Ditherington Register with the electors voting at Ditherington Community Centre.

Councillor Moseley is in agreement with these proposals.

There are no financial implications resulting from these proposals.

COPTHORNE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SIA	Copthorne	Woodfield Infants School	900	Double
SIB, SIC	Copthorne	Shropshire Education and Conference Centre	1640	Double
SID	Copthorne	Rad Valley Scout Hut	466	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

HARLESCOTT

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SJA	Harlescott	Hope Church Centre	2481	Double
SJB	Harlescott	The Grange Centre	930	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to the Hope Church Centre.

Mount Pleasant Primary School has been inspected and found to be a suitable replacement for the Grange Centre which is no longer available. It is therefore proposed that the Primary School replaces the Grange Centre for all future elections. The cost of the Grange Centre is £100 and the cost of Mount Pleasant School is also £100 so there is no increase in hiring cost. In addition, there is no increase in staffing costs.

Councillor V J Bushell is in agreement with this proposal.

LONGDEN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SKA	Ford	Ford Parish Hall	597	Single
SKB	Great Hanwood	Vine Close Grouped Dwelling Scheme	834	Single
SKC, SKD	Longden (Longden ward), Longden (Hook-a-Gate ward)	Swire Hall, Longden	1011	Single
SKE, SKF	Pontesbury (Cruckton ward), Pontesbury (Plealey ward)	Cruckton Village Hall	637	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

LOTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SLA	Alberbury with Cardeston (Alberbury)	Alberbury Village Hall	278	Single
SLB	Alberbury with Cardeston (Cardeston)	Wattlesborough Village Hall	449	Single
SLC, SLD	Great Ness, Little Ness	Nesscliffe Village Hall	824	Single
SLE	Montford	Montford Parish Hall	421	Single
SLF	Westbury (Westbury ward)	Westbury Village Hall	722	Single
SLG	Westbury (Yockleton ward)	Victory Hall, Yockleton	363	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

MEOLE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SMA	Meole	The Meet Place	979	Single
SMB	Meole	Meole Brace Memorial Hall	1999	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

MONKMOOR

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SOA	Monkmoor	Forest Way Grouped Dwelling Scheme	1031	Single
SOB	Monkmoor	Porchfield Grouped Dwelling Scheme	2324	Double

At present, 444 electors living on Calder Close, Fairness Close, Fearn Drive, Frith Close, Galton Drive, Ledwych Close, Longbridge Close, Shaw Road, Tenbury Drive, Twyfords Way, Weald Drive and at 1 Upton Lane vote at Porchfield Grouped Dwelling Scheme.

It is recommended that these properties are included in the SOA portion of the register and the electors vote at Forest Way Grouped Dwelling Scheme in future. There will be no financial implications or increase in staffing costs.

The Scout Hut at Upton Lane has been suggested as an extra polling station in the Monkmoor Division. However, it is felt that vehicular access to the hut may be an issue at election time, as it is located in a narrow cul-de-sac with difficult off-street parking (there is limited parking at the hut itself). In addition, contact with someone responsible for booking the premises has proved impossible and could present serious difficulties at the time of an election. It is therefore recommended that Upton Lane Scout Hut is not used as a polling station.

Councillor A Durnell is in agreement with these proposals.

PORTHILL

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SPA	Porthill	Darwin Community Centre	1149	Single
SPB	Porthill	Woodfield Infants School	2023	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, apart from at Darwin Community Centre where a portable ramp will be used at election time. There may be a financial implication if further portable ramps have to be purchased.

QUARRY AND COTON HILL

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SQA	Quarry and Coton Hill	Bear Steps Hall	1223	Single
SQB	Quarry and Coton Hill	Castlefields Community Centre	600	Triple
SQC	Quarry and Coton Hill	Quaker Meeting Room	1016	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, apart from at the Quaker Meeting Room where, the main hall will be requested instead of the smaller ante room in future.

RADBROOK

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SRA	Radbrook	Radbrook Community Centre	2010	Double
SRB	Radbrook	Rad Valley Scout Hut	1139	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

REA VALLEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SNA	Minsterley	Minsterley Parish Hall	1225	Single
SNB,	Pontesbury	Pontesbury Public Hall	1803	Single
SNC,	(Asterley	-		_
SND	Habberley and			
	Pontesbury wards)			

Returning Officer's Proposals

SEVERN VALLEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SSA	Atcham	The Malthouse, Atcham	192	Single
SSB	Berrington	The Chapel Community Centre	749	Single
SSC	Buildwas	Buildwas Village Hall	231	Single
SSD, SSH, SSI	Church Preen, Hughley, Kenley	Church Preen Village Hall	227	Single
SSE	Cound	The Guildhall, Cound	338	Single
SSF, SSG, SSK	Cressage, Harley, Sheinton	Cressage Village Hall	819	Single
SSJ	Leighton and Eaton Constantine	Leighton Village Hall	377	Single
SSL	Wroxeter and Uppington	Wroxeter Cricket Club	289	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

SUNDORNE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
STA, STB	Sundorne	The Lantern	2780	Double
STC	Sundorne	Ditherington	205	Single
		Community Centre		

Returning Officer's Proposals

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Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SUA	Astley	Astley Village Hall	364	Single
SUB	Bicton	Bicton Village Hall	794	Single
SUC, SUD, SUF, SUG	Bomere Heath (Albrighton, Bomere Heath, Leaton and Preston Gubbals wards)	Bomere Heath Village Hall	1413	Single
SUE	Bomere Heath (Fitz ward)	Fitz Village Hall	228	Single
SUH	Uffington	Uffington Village Hall	193	Single
SUI	Upton Magna	Upton Magna Village Hall	240	Single
SUJ	Withington	Withington Parish Hall	171	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

UNDERDALE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
SVA	Underdale	St. Peters Church Hall	2825	Double

Returning Officer's Proposals

TELFORD AND WREKIN CONSTITUENCY

ALBRIGHTON

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
WAE	Albrighton (North)	The Red House	1195	Single
WAF,	Albrighton South,	Albrighton Table	2458	Double
WAG	Boningale	Tennis Club		

Returning Officer's Proposals

The suitability of Albrighton Table Tennis Club has been questioned due to the poor condition of the building and the facilities it offers. It is therefore proposed that all of the electors in the Albrighton Division vote at The Red House. Although this would now be a triple station, there is a separate room that could accommodate the electors from the North ward. There are no financial implications resulting from this proposal.

Both the Returning Officer for the Telford and Wrekin Constituency and Councillor Pate are in agreement with this recommendation.

SHIFNAL NORTH

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
WBA	Sheriffhales	Sherrifhales Primary School	592	Single
WBB	Shifnal (Idsall ward)	Shifnal Senior Social Club	2357	Double
WBC	Shifnal (Rural ward)	Shifnal Town Football Club	781	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

Sheriffhales Village Hall has been inspected and found to be a suitable replacement for Sheriffhales Primary School. It is therefore recommended that the Village Hall replaces the school for all future elections. The current cost of the school is £100 and the cost of the village hall will be £122 which is an increase of £22 per election.

No change to Shifnal Senior Social Club.

It is proposed that the main function room at Shifnal Town Football Club is used instead of the smaller room used at present. The current cost of the small room is £192 and the cost of the main function room will be £300 + vat (£360) which is an increase of £168 per election.

The Returning Officer for Telford and Wrekin Council is in agreement with all of the above recommendations.

SHIFNAL SOUTH AND COSFORD

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	Single/Double Station
WCP,	Boscobel,	Donington Church	1166	Single
WCQ	Donington	Centre		
WCR	Shifnal (Manor ward)	Shifnal Village Hall	2185	Double
WCS	Tong	Tong Parish Hall	201	Single

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change. The Returning Officer for Telford and Wrekin also does not propose any change.

3.0 Implications.

3.1 Financial

The recommendations set out above incorporate either decreased or increased costs based on the hire charges applied for the Referendum held last May. There will be a total increase of £351.50 for room hire per election if all of the proposals are accepted. However hire charges for many of the existing polling station venues will probably increase next year. In addition, three new portable ramps may need to be purchased.

3.2 Legal

The Electoral Commission can challenge how the review has been carried out by the Council if it receives representations from specific sources who state that the Council has failed to conduct a proper review by the given deadline. The Commission will then investigate the manner in which the review was carried out and may direct the Council to make different alterations.

Background Papers.

Section 18C(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

The Electoral Commission Circular EC19/2010, "Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations".