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COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks members' approval for the renaming of the Myddle and Broughton Parish Council.
- 1.2 Following requests from a relevant Town/Parish Council, Members are requested to consent to Community Governance Reviews being undertaken which affect the following Parishes:
 - 1.2.1 Abdon/Heath;
 - 1.2.2 Adderley/Market Drayton/Moreton Say
 - 1.2.3 Albrighton;
 - 1.2.4 Wem Rural; and
 - 1.2.5 Wroxeter and Uppington
- 1.3 A Community Governance Working Party was authorised, by Cabinet on the 13th of April 2011, to carry out future Community Governance Reviews.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended:
 - (a) That, under the provisions of Section 75(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) the Parish of Myddle and Broughton be renamed as the Parish of "Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill" and that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services gives notice of the change of name as required.
 - (b) That the Community Governance Working Party, in accordance with S79 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act), undertakes a review of the electoral arrangements and makes recommendations in respect of the Parishes of:

- i) Abdon/Heath;
- ii) Adderley/Market Drayton/Moreton Say
- iii) Albrighton;
- iv) Wem Rural; and
- v) Wroxeter and Uppington

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 The recommendations in this report have no impact on the safeguarding arrangements for children and vulnerable adults. Shropshire Council is required to keep the electoral arrangements of Parishes in its area under review. The recommendations in this report do not have an adverse impact on human rights or equalities. When conducting a review, the Council is required to have regard to the identities and interests of the community in the area and is required to consult with local government electors in the area under review and any other person or body which, in the opinion of the Council, might have an interest in the review.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of carrying out the review will be borne by Shropshire Council and will be limited to officer time and any costs associated with the consultation and any publication required. There is no power to reclaim these costs from the Town/Parish Councils.

5.0 Change of Name for the Parish of Myddle and Broughton

- 5.1 Following public consultation and lengthy discussion, Myddle and Broughton Parish Council resolved to request that the name of the Parish is changed to "Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill."
- 5.2 Section 75(1) of the 1972 Act provides authority for Shropshire Council to change the name of a Parish at the request of the Council for the Parish.
- 5.3 Notice of the change of name is required to be given to the Secretary of State, the Director of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General. It is also required to be published in the Parish and elsewhere if considered appropriate.
- 5.4 Councillor Brian Williams, Shropshire Councillor for the division in which the Parish is situated, supports the proposed change of name.

6.0 The Parishes of Abdon and Heath

- 6.1 A request has been received from Abdon and Heath Parish Council to create a new Parish by amalgamating the separate Parishes of Abdon and Heath.

Currently, the Parishes have a combined Council consisting of three members for the Parish of Abdon and two for the Parish of Heath.

- 6.2 The new Parish would be known as the Parish of Abdon and Heath and the Parish Council has suggested that the new Parish should have a Parish Council consisting of 5 members.
- 6.3 S79 of the 2007 Act provides authority for Shropshire Council to consider and, if appropriate, to make an order confirming such changes to the electoral arrangements of a Parish Council.
- 6.4 Councillor Cecelia Motley, Shropshire Councillor for the division in which the Parish is situated, supports the proposed change.

7.0 The Parishes of Adderley, Market Drayton and Moreton Say

- 7.1 A request has been received from Market Drayton Town Council to carry out a Community Governance review with a view to reducing the number of Town Councillors from 17 to 12. The Parish is currently divided into three wards and it not proposed that this should change.
- 7.2 The Town Council has also made a further request to include within the Parish boundary the industrial estate by the Gingerbread Man Pub and the new Muller site to the North of the bypass. If this change, following the Community Governance Review, is recommended by the Council to be made, it is likely to have implications to the relevant electoral divisions and representations will need to be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission.
- 7.3 S79 of the 2007 Act provides authority for Shropshire Council to consider and, if appropriate, to make an order confirming such changes to the electoral arrangements of a Parish Council.
- 7.4 Councillors Roger Hughes and David Minnery, Shropshire Councillors for the Market Drayton West division within the Parish of Market Drayton, support the proposed changes. Councillor John Cadwallader, Shropshire Councillor for the Market Drayton East division, part of which is within the Parish of Market Drayton, supports the proposal to reduce the number of Town Councillors.
- 7.5 Councillor Paul Wynn, Shropshire Councillor for the division adjacent to the Parish of Market Drayton and in which the Parishes of Adderley and Moreton Say which would be affected by the proposals are situated, does not support the proposal to amend the boundaries.

8.0 The Parish of Albrighton

- 8.1 A request has been received from the Albrighton Parish Council for a review of the electoral arrangements within the parish seeking the discontinuance of

the present warding arrangements. The Parish Council is currently separated into two wards, the North Ward and the South Ward.

- 8.2 The Parish Council has not requested that there be any other change to the electoral arrangements.
- 8.3 S79 of the 2007 Act provides authority for Shropshire Council to consider and, if appropriate, to make an order confirming such changes to the electoral arrangements of a Parish Council.
- 8.4 Councillor Malcolm Pate, Shropshire Councillor for the division in which the Parish is situated, supports the proposed change.

9.0 The Parish of Wem Rural

- 9.1 A request has been received from the Wem Rural Parish Council for a review of the electoral arrangements within the parish. It is suggested that the “Wem” ward should be renamed because of the confusion which is often caused due to its proximity to the Parish of Wem, which is adjacent to the Parish of Wem Rural.
- 9.2 The Parish Council has not requested that there be any other change to the electoral arrangements.
- 9.3 S79 of the 2007 Act provides authority for Shropshire Council to consider and, if appropriate, to make an order confirming such changes to the electoral arrangements of a Parish Council.
- 9.4 Councillor Chris Mellings, Shropshire Councillor for the division in which the Parish is situated, supports the proposal to change the name of the ward.
- 9.5 Councillor Pauline Dee, Shropshire Councillor for the division in which the Parish is situated, supports the proposed change.

10.0 The Parish of Wroxeter and Uppington

- 10.1 A request has been received from Wroxeter and Uppington Parish Council to carry out a Community Governance review to reduce the number of Parish Councillors from 11 to 9. The Parish is not currently divided into wards and it not proposed that this should change.
- 10.2 The Parish Council has not requested that there be any other change to the electoral arrangements.
- 10.3 S79 of the 2007 Act provides authority for Shropshire Council to consider and, if appropriate, to make an order confirming such changes to the electoral arrangements of a Parish Council.

- 10.4 Councillor Claire Wild, Shropshire Councillor for the division in which the Parish is situated, supports the proposed change.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Cabinet Member

Keith Barrow

Local Member

John Cadwallader, Pauline Dee, Roger Hughes, Chris Mellings, David Minnery, Cecelia Motley, Malcolm Pate, Claire Wild, Brian Williams and Paul Wynn.

Appendices

None