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<u>Item No</u> Public

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - BRIDGNORTH

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Council is requested to approve the recommendations of the Community Governance Working Party in respect of a review recently undertaken respect of the Parishes of Bridgnorth, Tasley, and Worfield.
- 1.2 This work was undertaken by a Working Party comprising Councillors Bardsley, Butler (Chairman), Mellings, Mosley, Motley, Shingleton, and Turner.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That, having regard to the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, associated Guidance on Community Governance Reviews produced jointly by the department for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and to the responses that have been received during the consultation periods, there should be no change to the current community governance arrangements for parishes of Bridgnorth, Tasley and Worfield.

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 There are no cost implications for the Council.

5.0 Community Governance Review

- 5.1 A petition was submitted by Bridgnorth Town Council for a Community Governance Review to consider amendments to those boundaries of the parish which adjoin the parishes of both Tasley and Worfield.
- 5.2 If this change, following the Community Governance Review, was recommended by the Council to be made, it is likely to have had implications to the relevant electoral divisions along the boundary between Bridgnorth and Worfield and representations would need to be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission.
- 5.3 The Council gave public notice of a Community Governance Review and published the Terms of Reference for the review in July 2019 and invited public comments.
- 5.4 The Community Governance Working Party published, in October 2019, its draft proposals to make no change to the current community governance arrangements at this stage and consulted further.
- 5.5 Having regard to representations received during the periods of public consultations, the Community Governance Working Party has published its final recommendations that there should be no change to the current community governance arrangements.
- 5.6 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 Councillors Lea, Lynch, Parr, Winwood, and Wood, Shropshire Councillors for the divisions in which the Parishes are situated, support the proposal to make no change.

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

Final Recommendations document

Cabinet Member

Peter Nutting

Local Member

Christian Lea, Elliott Lynch, William Parr, Les Winwood, and Michael Wood

Appendices

None