



**Council**

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## Community Governance Review

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### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 To seek Council approval for the final proposals on the community governance reviews recommended by the Community Governance Review Working Group

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides authority for Shropshire Council to undertake community governance reviews and to decide whether to give effect to recommendations made in those reviews. In making those decisions, it is necessary to take account of the views of local people.
- 2.2 Following the completion of the review undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), a number of the new division boundaries dissect an existing Parish. The LGBCE does not have the power to change Parish Boundaries but must create a Parish Ward where a division boundary cuts across a parish.
- 2.3 Shropshire Council, at its meeting held on 14 December 2023, agreed to commence a Community Governance Review to ensure that the community governance for the area continues to be effective and convenient and that it reflects the identities and interests of the community.

- 2.4 At its meeting on 21 March 2024, the Council resolved to commence consultations on the draft proposals of the Working Group.
- 2.3 Consultation commenced on 22 March 2024 and concluded on 10 May 2024. The Community Governance Review Working Group (consisting of Councillors Nick Bardsley, Gwilym Butler (Chair), Ted Clarke, Nick Hignett, Simon Jones, Duncan Kerr, Heather Kidd, David Minnery, Cecilia Motley, Alex Wagner and Claire Wild) met, on 17 June 2024, to discuss the responses received during the consultation and prepare recommendations for final proposals to be considered by the Council.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the final proposals for the following Community Governance reviews set out in appendices 1 to 5 be approved and that the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance be authorised to seek the approval of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and to make appropriate orders:
4. Albrighton/Donington/Boscobel  
(a) Baschurch/Pimhill (Bomere Heath and District)  
(b) Ludlow/Ludford  
(c) Market Drayton/Adderley  
(d) Shrewsbury

## **Report**

### **5. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

5. 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.

### **6. Financial Implications**

6. This report is seeking approval to the final proposals which will involve some costs in terms of officer time.

### **7. Climate Change Appraisal**

7. The Community Governance Review will have no obvious impact in terms of climate change.

### **8. Background**

- 7.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides authority for Shropshire Council to undertake community governance reviews and to decide whether to give effect to recommendations made in those reviews. In making those decisions, it is necessary to take account of the views of local people.
- 7.2 The second period of consultation closed on 10 May 2024. The Community Governance Review Working Group considered the responses received during the consultation and agreed to make final proposals as follows:
- 7.3 Albrighton/Donington/Boscobel  
That the Parishes of Albrighton, Donington and Boscobel be merged, split into three wards and represented by a Parish Council.
- 7.4 Baschurch/Pimhill  
That the Walford Heath Parish Ward of Pimhill Parish be moved into the Parish of Baschurch and a new ward for the Parish of Baschurch be created for Walford and Walford Heath. It was further proposed that the parish of Pimhill be renamed “Bomere Heath and District.”
- 7.5 Ludlow/Ludford  
That no changes are made to the current arrangements at this time.
- 7.6 Market Drayton/ Adderley  
That the Weston Way Parish Ward of Adderley Parish be moved into the Market Drayton East Ward of the Parish of Market Drayton
- 7.7 Shrewsbury
- a. That the Bicton Urban ward of Bicton Parish be moved into the Bowbrook ward of the Shrewsbury Parish
  - b. That the Upper Edgebold ward of Great Hanwood Parish be moved into the Radbrook ward of the Shrewsbury Parish
  - c. That the Hendrick Crescent ward of Atcham Parish be moved into the Sutton and Reabrook ward of the Shrewsbury Parish and from the Severn Valley division into the Oteley and Rebrook division
  - d. That the area of land north of the A5 currently in the Berrington Parish be moved into the Sutton and Reabrook ward of the Shrewsbury Parish and from the Severn Valley division into the Oteley and Rebrook division
  - e. the Pimley Manor ward of Uffington Parish be moved into the Sundorne ward of the Shrewsbury Parish;
  - f. That the Bowbrook ward be renamed Bicton Heath
  - g. That the Sutton and Reabrook ward be renamed Oteley and Reabrook
  - h. That the Sundorne ward be renamed Sundorne and Old Heath
- It is further proposed that the names of the following wards of the Parish of Shrewsbury be amended to match the Shropshire Council electoral divisions:
- a the Bowbrook ward be renamed Bicton Heath
  - b the Sutton and Reabrook ward be renamed Oteley and Reabrook
  - c the Sundorne ward be renamed Sundorne and Old Heath
- 7.7 The comments of the Local Member, where received, are included in the appendices.
- 7.8 In order to complete each review, final orders are required to be made.

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

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Regulations made thereunder.

**Local Member:** All

**Appendices**

Draft Proposals

Appendix 1 - Albrighton/Donington

Appendix 2 - Baschurch/Pimhill(Bomere Heath and District)

Appendix 3 - Ludlow/Ludford

Appendix 4 - Market Drayton/Adderley

Appendix 5 - Shrewsbury