

**SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF
THE PARISHES OF LUDFORD AND LUDLOW**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH
ACT 2007**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PARISH AND PARISH COUNCILS)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**

FINAL PROPOSALS

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Shropshire Council has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review of the Parishes of Ludford and Ludlow. The area to be included in the review is the whole of the Parishes of Ludford and Ludlow.
- 1.2 The Council gave public notice of a Community Governance Review and published the Terms of Reference for the review of the Parishes of Ludford and Ludlow in December 2023. Copies of the Terms of Reference were sent by e-mail to the Parish Councils and to other stakeholders in the area. Information on the effect of the review was also available for inspection at the Council's offices at Shirehall, Shrewsbury and on the Council's website.
- 1.3 The Terms of Reference were intended to prompt local consideration and initiate discussion in order that the Council could take account of local feeling when preparing its Draft Proposal Document. All concerned were invited to submit their comments in writing by 26 January 2024.
- 1.4 The Council published its Draft Proposals on 21 March 2024 and gave the same level of publicity as had been given when the Terms of Reference had been published.
- 1.5 Comments have been received from Ludford Parish Council and its Councillors objecting to any boundary change and from Ludlow Town Council and its Councillors in favour of merging Ludford with Ludlow. In addition, many

comments have been received from local residents in favour of, and against, any proposed changes.

- 1.6 Two of the Shropshire Councillors for the Ludlow area have indicated their support for a merger of the two parishes whilst another has indicated her support for maintaining the status quo.

2. **Proposed Changes to the Electoral Arrangements**

- 2.1 It is proposed that no changes to current governance arrangements for the Parishes of Ludford and Ludlow are appropriate at this time.

3. **What Happens Next**

- 3.1 A revised timetable for this review was outlined in the draft proposals document published on 21 March 2024 as follows:-

<u>Stage</u>	<u>What Happens?</u>	<u>Timescales</u>
	Final Recommendations are published – concluding review	10 July 2024
	Council resolves to make Reorganisation Order	18 July 2024

4.0 **Summary of Draft Recommendations**

- 4.1 Having regard to the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, associated Guidance on Community 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 initial consultation period, the recommendation of the Community Governance Working Group is that there should be no change to the current community governance arrangements:

4.2 There will now be a short period after the final proposals are published before the Council approves the recommendations. This will allow further time for any final submissions and/or arguments to be made covering matters which did not arise during earlier stages of the Review.

5. **How to contact us**

5.1 Comments should be submitted to the Democratic Services Section of Shropshire Council by e-mail at communitygovernance@shropshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can contact us at the following address:

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Should you require any further information or need clarification on the review process, please the above contact details.