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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2014

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 The main purpose of the review is to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting and that all polling stations are accessible to electors who are disabled. The guidelines also state that every parish should be in its own polling district and that every polling place should, where possible, be in its own polling district. Community buildings are becoming more difficult to find in some areas compared to previous years.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members of Council approves the following changes which have been agreed with Ward Members, in order for them to be implemented on or by 1 December 2014. That delegated powers be given to the Returning Officer to find a suitable alternative, in conjunction with local members, should any polling station not be available for a particular election.

DIVISION	PROPOSED CHANGES
LIF Caynham (Knowbury ward)	It is recommended that Knowbury Village Hall replace Caynham Village Hall as the polling station for LIF Caynham (Knowbury Ward).
LOC Ludlow (Corve and Whitcliffe wards)	It is recommended that delegated powers be given to the Returning Officer to agree any polling stations for LOC Ludlow (Corve and Whitcliffe wards) in conjunction with local members.

<p>NQC Wem Rural (Wem Ward), NQD Wem (part of the East Ward), and NQE (part of East Ward)</p>	<p>It is recommended that polling stations be created for :</p> <p>(a) NQC Wem Rural (Wem Ward) for a single polling station</p> <p>(b) That NQD Wem (part of East Ward) and NQE (part of East Ward) form a single polling station</p>
<p>SAA Abbey and SAB Abbey</p>	<p>It is recommended that properties on Monkmoor Road, be moved from SAA Abbey - Robertsford Scout & Guide Hut polling station to SAB Abbey - Shropshire Wildlife Trust polling station.</p>
<p>SIA Copthorne and SIB Copthorne</p>	<p>It is recommended that a Poll Clerk position be reinstated to assist voters with accessing the parking facility at the polling station.</p>
<p>SMB Meole</p>	<p>It is recommended that a third polling station be created in Radbrook Community Centre to cover properties within SMB division, including Canonvale, Grange Road, Grangefields, Grangefields Road, Longden Road, Priory Drive, Priory Ridge and Roman Road.</p>
<p>SPA Porthill</p>	<p>It is recommended that an additional polling station be created in the Salvation Army Hall, Salters Lane, Belle Vue to cover properties within SPA division, including Londgen Road, Brewery Houses, Old Roman Road, Luciefelde Road, Red Barn Lane, Vane Road, Pengrove, Pengwern Court, and Kingsland Road.</p>
<p>WCP Boscobel and WCQ Donington</p>	<p>(a) It is recommended that no changes are made, and RAF Cosford Hive continue to be used as a polling station for the forthcoming General Parliamentary Election 2015.</p> <p>(b) That RAF Cosford Hive polling station be reviewed following the completion of the identified alternative venue within the Donington area.</p>

REPORT

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 The Council is obliged to conduct a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations on a regular basis and to undertake such Community Governance Reviews as are required to keep the electoral arrangements within its area up to date.
- 3.2 There is no anticipated environmental impact associated with the recommendations in the report.
- 3.3 The recommendation is not at variance with the Human Rights Act 1998 and is unlikely to result in any adverse Human Rights Act implications. The recommendations are in line with relevant legal procedures prescribed by the Act and with guidance issued by the Home Office.
- 3.4 Any amendments to the current polling districts, polling places and polling stations will take into account the provisions of the Equalities Act, Representation of People Act 1983 (as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006), and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 3.5 The Council must seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in the local authority area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- 3.6 The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Appendix 1 gives either decreased or increased costs where they have occurred based on the hire charges applied for the European Parliamentary Election held last May 2014. There will be a total increase of £825 per Parliamentary and Unitary election if all of the proposals are accepted, and total increase of £1165 per by-election for the affected wards. It should be remembered that hire charges for many of the existing polling station venues may increase next year.

5. Background

- 5.1 Every authority must complete a review of each polling district, polling place and polling station within its area every five years. On this occasion, it was considered best to commence the review immediately after the European Parliamentary Election in May 2014 as all polling stations were inspected on the day of the Election.

- 5.2 Council initiated the review on 27th February 2014 by giving public notice of its intention to conduct it and a consultation was held between 1st July and 5th August 2014.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 Guidance issued by the Electoral Commission stipulates how reviews should be conducted in four stages. The first stage requires the Council to give public notice of its intention to conduct the review. The second requires the Council to review the existing polling arrangements to determine their suitability, or otherwise. The third stage requires the Council to consult widely. This includes local electors, interested groups and bodies, including political parties, elected Members and organisations experience in assessing the needs of people with disabilities. The final stage relates to the consideration of proposals for changes to polling district boundaries and polling places by the Council, as these can require alterations to be made to the electoral register.
- 5.6 It is planned that any changes resulting from the review would be incorporated into the annual review and published on 1 December 2014 in advance of the General Election the following May.

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

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

Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

Electoral Commission Guidance on Review of Polling Districts and Places – 28 August 2013.

Cabinet Member

Councillor Mike Owen

Local Members

All

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Proposals

APPENDIX 1

LUDLOW CONSTITUENCY**ALVERLEY AND CLAVERLEY****Existing Arrangements**

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LAA, LAD	Alveley, Romsley	Alveley Village Hall	1816	2
LAB	Claverley	Claverley Primary School	1368	1
LAC	Quatt Malvern	Quatt Village Hall	157	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes proposed for Alveley, Romsley and Quatt Malvern polling places.

Claverley Primary School - The use of Claverley Primary School has been questioned by Philip Dunne MP, and requested that consideration be given to moving the polling station back to Claverley Village Hall. Officers conducted an assessment of the proposals, consulting with Councillor T Woodward, Ward Member, and concluded that the venue was unsuitable for use as a polling station due to the very steep drive, the lack of parking, narrow access road and pedestrian safety. It should be noted that no adverse comments have been received from Claverley Primary School or Claverley Parish Council.

As no further suggestions have been received, and in the absence of other suitable alternatives, it is recommended that Claverley Primary School continues to be used as a polling station.

BISHOPS CASTLE**Existing Arrangements**

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LBA, LBB, LBE, LBF	Bishops Castle, Colebatch, Lydham, Mainstone	Bishops Castle Public Hall	1620	1
LBC, LBD	Edgton, Lydbury North	Lydbury North Village Hall	447	1
LBG, LBH, LBI, LBJ, LBK	More, Myndtown, Norbury, Ratlinghope, Wentnor	Norbury Village Hall	570	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BRIDGNORTH EAST AND ASTLEY ABBOTTS

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LCA	Astley Abbots	Astley Abbots Village Hall	364	1
LCB	Bridgnorth (part of East ward)	Bridgnorth Youth Club	620	1
LCC	Bridgnorth (part of East ward)	The Annexe, College House	1189	1
LCD	Bridgnorth (part of East ward)	Bridgnorth Community College	687	1
LCE	Bridgnorth (part of Morfe ward)	St. James Hall	2182	2
LCF	Bridgnorth (part of Morfe ward)	Quatford Village Hall	273	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Astley Abbots Village Hall, Bridgnorth Youth Club, The Annexe – College House, Bridgnorth Community College, and Quatford Village Hall.

St James Hall - Bridgnorth Town Council has requested consideration be given to using Low Town Community Hall as an alternative polling station for residents of Morfe Ward, as they considered it was more accessible to those electors.

Councillors W Parr and C Lea were consulted on the proposals. Both Ward Members considered that the existing polling station was more appropriate for a greater proportion of residents who are elderly, or have limited mobility, and stated that they would not support the proposals put forward by Bridgnorth Town Council.

No alternative proposals have been submitted by Bridgnorth Town Council.

As no further suggestions have been received, and in the absence of other suitable alternatives, it is recommended that St James Hall continues to be used as a polling station for Morfe Ward residents.

BRIDGNORTH WEST AND TASLEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LDA	Bridgnorth (part of Castle ward)	Oldbury Village Hall	291	1
LDB, LDC	Bridgnorth (part of Castle ward)	The Castle Hall	1884	2
LDD	Bridgnorth (West ward)	St. Leonards Hall Church	2506	2
LDE	Tasley	Tasley Village Hall	888	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BROSELEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LEA, LEC	Broseley (East ward and Jackfield)	Birchmeadow Centre	933	1
LEB	Broseley (East ward)	Broseley Church Hall	1222	1
LED	Broseley (West ward)	Victoria Hall	1453	3

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes.

BROWN CLEE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LFA, LFC, LFN, LFO, LFQ	Acton Round, Aston Eyre, Monkmhopton, Morville, Upton Cressett	Moreville Village Hall	616	1
LFB, LFE, LFH, LFP	Aston Botterell, Burwarton, Cleobury North, Neenton	Cleobury North & District Village Hall	322	1
LFD, LFF	Chelmarsh	Chelmarsh Parish Hall	532	1
LFG, LFM, LFI	Chetton	Chetton Parish Hall	351	1
LFJ	Ditton Priors	Ditton Priors Village Hall	636	1
LFK, LFL	Eardington	Eardington & Astbury Village Hall	443	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes.

CHIRBURY AND WORTHEN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LGA, LGB, LGC	Brompton and Rhiston, Chirbury, Marton	Chirbury Parish Hall	520	1
LGD	Middleton	Priest Weston Village Hall	181	1
LGE	Worthen with Shelve (Heath Ward)	Snailbeach Village Hall	483	1
LGF	Worthen with Shele (Hope and Shelve Ward)	Hope Village Hall	448	1
LGG	Worthen with Shelve (Worthen Ward)	Worthen Village Hall	621	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

CHURCH STRETTON AND CRAVEN ARMS

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LHA, LHB	Church Stretton (All Stretton Ward) Church Stretton (North Ward)	Silvester Horne Institute	1924	2
LHC, LHD	Church Stretton (South Ward) Church Stretton (Little Stretton Ward)	Silvester House Institute	1845	2
LHE, LHF	Craven Arms (Halford and stokesay wards)	Craven Arms Community Centre	1930	1
LHG, LHI	Hopesay, Sibdon Carwood	Aston on Clun Village Hall	463	1
LHH	Onibury	Onibury Village Hall	234	1
LHJ	Wistanstow	Wistanstow Village Hall	575	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

CLEE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LIA	Bitterley (Bitterley and Cleeton St. Mary ward)	Bitterley Village Hall	630	1
LIC, LID	Boraston, Burford	Burford Parish Hall	1189	1
LIB, LIE	Caynham (Clee ward)	Clee Hill Village Hall	707	1
LIF	Caynham (Knowbury ward)	Caynham Village Hall	449	1
LIG, LIH, LII, LIJ	Greete, Hope Bagot, Nash, Whitton	Nash Village Hal	493	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Bitterley Village Hall, Burford Parish Hall, Clee Hill Village Hall and Nash Village Hall.

Caynham Village Hall – This polling station has been deemed as no longer suitable due to the lack of parking facilities and there being no pavement on the approach for pedestrians on a busy road. Knowbury Village Hall has been identified as a suitable alternative. No adverse comments on the proposals have been received from Councillor R Huffer, Ward Member, or Caynham Parish Council.

There would be no staffing or financial implications resulting from the change.

RECOMMENDATION:

It recommended that Knowbury Village Hall replace Caynham Village Hall as the polling station for LIF Caynham (Knowbury Ward).

CLEOBURY MORTIMER

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LJA, LJF, LJH	Cleobury Mortimer, Milson, Need Sollars	Cleobury Mortimer Market Hall	2364	2
LJB	Coreley	Coreley Memorial Hall	279	1
LJC, LJK	Farlow, Wheathill	Farlow & Oretton Village Hall	478	1
LJD	Hopton Wafers	Hopton Wafers Village Hall	635	1
LJE	Kinlet	Kinlet Village Hall	777	1
LJG	Neen Savage	Neen Savage Parish Hall	262	1
LJI, LJJ	Sidbury, Stottesdon	Chorley Village Hall	578	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes to Cleobury Mortimer Market Hall, Coreley Memorial Hall, Hopton Wafers Village Hall, Kinlet Village Hall, Neen Savage Parish Hall, and Chorley Village Hall.

Farlow and Oretton Village Hall – Wheathill Parish Council has requested consideration be given to electors from Wheathill Ward be moved to Cleobury North Village Hall as it was considered a more suitable location. Officers conducted an assessment of proposals and as there would be a requirement to site the polling station across a division boundary, it was concluded that it would not be practical or advisable due to the risk factors of cross contamination of ballot papers between the different divisions.

Ward Members from both divisions affected have been consulted over the proposals, and although Councillor M Shingleton indicated that this would benefit a large proportion of electors due to better access roads, others would still find the existing provision more convenient. Councillor R Tindall indicated that he could not support the proposals. No other submissions or complaints have been received in respect of continued use of this polling station.

It is recommended that no changes are made, and the existing polling station remains in use for LJK Wheathill.

CLUN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LKA	Bettws y Crwyn	Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall	179	1
LKB, LKC, LKH	Bedstone, Bucknell, Hopton Castle	Bucknell Memorial Hall	678	1
LKD, LKK	Clun (Chapel Lawn ward), Stowe	Redlake Valley Village Hall	231	1
LKE	Clun (Clun ward)	Clun Memorial Hall	765	1
LKF	Clunbury	Clunbury Village Hall	425	1
LKG	Clungunford	Clungunford Parish Hall	247	1
LKI	Llanfairwaterdine	Everest Hall	168	1
LKJ	Newcastle on Clun	Newcastle Community Centre	249	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

CORVEDALE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LLA, LLC, LLG	Abdon, Clee St Margaret, Heath	Clee St Margaret Village Hall	300	1
LLB, LLF, LLH	Action Scott, Eaton under Heywood, Hope Bowdler	Ticklerton Village Hall	397	1
LLD	Culmington	Culmington Village Hall	310	1
LLE	Diddlebury	Diddlebury Village Hall	507	1
LLI, LLM	Hopton Cangeford, Stoke St Milborough	Stoke St. Milborough Village Hall	299	1
LLJ	Munslow	Beambridge Club Room	282	1
LLK	Rushbury	Rushbury Village Hall	516	1
LLL	Stanton Lacy	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	287	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

HIGHLEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LMA	Highley	Severn Centre	1188	2
LMB	Highley	Severn Centre	1298	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

LUDLOW EAST

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LNA	Ludlow (Clee View Ward)	Ludlow Baptist Church	1107	2
LNC	Ludlow (Rockspring Ward)	Ludlow Baptist Church	865	2
LNB	Ludlow (Hayton ward)	St Peter's Parish Centre	1022	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

LUDLOW NORTH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LOA	Bromfield	The Clive	204	1
LOB	Ludlow (Bringewood ward)	St Peters Parish Centre	824	1
LOC	Ludlow (Corve ward)	Ludlow Museum Resource Centre	880	2
LOD	Ludlow (Whitcliffe ward)	Ludlow Museum Resource Centre	944	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to The Clive and St Peters Parish Centre.

Ludlow Museum Resource Centre – This polling station is no longer available due to the relocation of Council staff from Stone House, Ludlow. Officers have liaised with the Ward Member, Councillor Boddington and Philip Dunne MP over possible alternatives, and these are still being investigated. One possible venue identified was The Feathers Hotel but, on visiting, one of the rooms was found to be located on the first floor making access for the disabled very difficult. Other identified venues are still in the process of being investigated for suitability.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that delegated powers be given to the Returning Officer to agree in conjunction with local members, any polling stations for LOC Ludlow (Corve and Whitcliffe wards).

LUDLOW SOUTH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LPA, LPB	Ashford Bowdler, Ashford Carbonell	Ashford Carbonell Village Hall	331	1
LPC, LPD	Ludford, Ludlow (Gallows Bank ward)	St John Ambulance Headquarters	2335	2
LPE	Richards Castle	Richard's Castle Village Hall	236	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

MUCH WENLOCK

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LQA	Barrow (Willey)	Willey & District Village Hall	118	1
LQB	Barrow (Barrow and Benthall)	The Victoria Hall	394	3
LQC	Broseley (Broseley Wood ward)	The Victoria Hall	237	3
LQD, LQG, LQH	Easthope, Shipton, Stanton Long	Shipton Village Hall	334	1
LQE	Much Wenlock	The Priory Hall	1178	2
LQF	Much Wenlock	The Priory Hall	1140	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes.

WORFIELD

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
LRA, LRB, LRE	Badger, Beckbury, Ryton	Beckbury Village Hall	520	1
LRC	Kemberton	Kemberton Village Hall	188	1
LRD, LRH, LRI	Rudge, Worfield (Hobbins and North wards)	Worfield Village Hall	1701	1
LRF, LRG	Stockton, Sutton Maddocks	Norton Village Hall	464	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

NORTH SHROPSHIRE CONSTITUENCY

CHESWARDINE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NAA	Cheswardine	Cheswardine Parish Hall	820	1
NAB	Childs Ercall	Childs Ercall Jubilee Hall	572	1
NAC	Hinstock	Hinstock Memorial Hall	876	1
NAD	Sutton upon Tern	Royal Irish Community Centre	702	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

ELLESMERE URBAN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NBA	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Town Hall	1660	2
NBB	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Town Hall	1302	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

GOBOWEN, SELATTYN AND WESTON RHYN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NLA	Gobowen (part)	The Cross Keys	338	1
NLB	Gobowen (part)	The Pavillion	1199	1
NLC	Gobowen (part)	Gobowen Church Hall	1636	1
NLD	Oswestry Rural (Rhydycroesau with Llanforda ward)	Rhydycroesau Village Hall	196	1
NLE	Weston Rhyn	Weston Rhyn Village Institute	2124	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

HODNET

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NCA	Hodnet	Hodnet Lyon Memorial Hall	1151	1
NCB, NCC	Stanton upon Hine Heath (High Hatton and Stanton ward)	Stanton Village Hall	421	1
NCD, NCE	Stoke upon Tern (Stoke Heath and Stoke upon Tern wards).	Stoke on Tern Parish Hall	950	1
NCF	Weston under Redcastle	Weston under Redcastle Village Hall	219	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

LLANYMYNECH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NDA, NDB, NDC, NDB	Kinnerley (Argoed, Edgerley, Kynaston and Maesbrook wards)	Kinnerley Parish Hall	927	1
NDE	Knockin	Knockin Assembly Rooms	218	1
NDF	Llanyblodwel	Silver Band Hall	598	1
NDG	Llanymynech	Llanymynech Village Hall	421	1
NDH	Melverley	Melverley Village Hall	120	1
NDI	Pant	Pant Memorial Institute	922	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes.

MARKET DRAYTON EAST

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NEA	Market Drayton (East ward)	Longlands Primary School	1064	2
NEB	Market Drayton (East ward)	Longlands Primary School	1097	2
NEC, NED	Norton-in-Hales (Betton and Norton-in-Hales wards)	Norton in Hales Jubilee Hall	461	1
NEE	Woore	Woore Victory Hall	1000	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

MARKET DRAYTON WEST

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NFA	Market Drayton (North)	Beacon Community Centre	1732	2
NFB, NFC	Market Drayton (North)	Beacon Community Centre	2412	2
NFD	Market Drayton (South)	Market Drayton Town Hall	1010	2
NFE	Market Drayton (South)	Market Drayton Town Hall	1314	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

OSWESTRY EAST

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NGA	Oswestry (Cabin Lane ward)	Eastern Oswestry Community Centre	2476	1
NGB	Oswestry (Cambrian ward)	Monkmoor Community Centre	1360	1
NGC	Oswestry (Gatacre ward – part)	Gatacre Pavilion	640	2

NGD	Oswestry (Gatacre ward – part)	Hope Church Oswestry	2362	2
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Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

OSWESTRY SOUTH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NHA	Oswestry (Castle Ward)	Oswestry Memorial Hall	799	2
NHC	Oswestry (Victoria Ward)	Oswestry Memorial Hall	1445	2
NHB	Oswestry (Castle Ward)	Horeb Welsh Methodist Rooms	871	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes to Oswestry Memorial Hall.

Horeb Welsh Methodist Rooms have been identified as requiring ramp access to be used at election time. There may be financial implications if further portable ramps have to be purchased.

OSWESTRY WEST

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NIA, NIB	Oswestry (Maserfield ward)	Seion Chapel	1346	1
NIC	Oswestry (Maserfield ward)	Gatacre Pavillion	1404	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

PREES

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NJA	Adderley	Adderley Village Hall	277	1
NJB	Ightfield	Calverhall Village Hall	380	1

NJC	Moreton Say	Moreton Say Village Hall	338	1
NJD	Prees (Fauls ward)	Fauls Church Hall	347	1
NJE	Prees (Prees ward)	Prees Village Hall	1079	1
NJF	Prees (Higher Heath ward)	Higher Heath Village Hall	813	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

RYTON AND BASCHURCH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NKA	Baschurch (Baschurch ward)	Millington Close Community Room	1489	1
NKB	Baschurch (Weston Lullingfields ward)	Weston Lullingfields Village Hall	359	1
NKC	Hordley	Hordley & Bagley Village Hall	214	1
NKD	Ryton-XI-Towns	Ruyton-XI-Towns Memorial Hall	921	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Millington Close Community Room, Weston Lullingfields Village Hall, and Hordley & Bagley Village Hall.

Ruyton-XI-Towns Memorial Hall - Comments have been received from the Presiding Officer over the suitability of Ruyton-XI-Towns Memorial Hall as a polling station due to limited disabled access and unsuitable staff facilities. An assessment was undertaken of the proposed alternative venue, The Victoria Rooms, and although the venue would be suitable, there were issues with limited on street parking, and being sited on a steep access road which could cause issues for elderly and physically disabled voters.

Councillor N Bardsley has been consulted on the proposals and provided no adverse comments. The Parish Council and Oswestry & District Access Group are supporting the continued use of the current polling station. No other submissions or complaints have been received in respect of continued use of this polling station.

In the absence of other suitable alternatives, it is recommended that no changes are made, and Ruyton-XI-Towns Memorial Hall continues to be used as a polling station.

SHAWBURY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NMA	Clive	Clive Village Hall	428	1
NMB	Grinshill	Grinshill Village Hall	192	1
NMC	Hadnall	Hadnall Village Hall	527	1
NMD	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst (Lee Brockhurst)	Lee Brockhurst Village Hall	82	1
NME	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst (Moreton Corbet)	Preston Brockhurst Village Hall	147	1
NMF	Shawbury	Shawbury Village Hall	1129	2
NFG	Shawbury	Shawbury Village Hall	849	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

ST MARTINS

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NNA	St Martins	St Martins Centre	1124	2
NNB	St Martins	St Martins Centre	1131	2
NNC, NND	St Martins	Criftins Parish Hall	1141	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

ST OSWALD

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NOA	Oswestry Rural (Maesbury with Aston ward)	Maesbury WI Hut	577	1
NOB	Oswestry Rural (Morda with Sweeney ward)	Morda Village Hall	1535	1
NOC, NOD	Oswestry Rural	Trefonen Village Hall	1086	1

	(Trefonen with Treflach and Sychtyn wards)			
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Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes.

THE MERES

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NPA, NPB	Cockshutt cum Petton (Cockshutt and Petton wards)	Cockshutt Millennium Hall	574	1
NPC, NPD	Ellesmere Rural (Tetchill and Welsh Frankton wards)	Welsh Frankton Village Hall	613	1
NPE	Loppington	Loppington Village Hall	429	1
NPF, NPG	Myddle and Broughton (Broughton and Harmer Hill wards)	Harmer Hill Village Hall	481	1
NPH	Myddle and Broughton (Myddle ward)	Myddle Village Hall	551	1
NPI	Welshampton and Lyneal (Lyneal ward)	Lyneal Activity Centre	256	1
NPJ	Welshampton and Lyneal (Welshampton ward)	Welshampton Parish Hall	419	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

WEM

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NQA	Wem Rural (Edstaston ward)	Edstaston Village Hall	478	1
NQB	Wem Rural (Newtown ward)	Newtown CE Primary School	270	1
NQC, NQD	Wem Rural (Wem ward) and	Edinburgh House	1375	4

	Wem (part of East ward)			
NQE	Wem (part of East ward)	Edinburgh House	1327	4
NQF	Wem (part of West ward)	Edinburgh House	1141	4
NQG	Wem (part of West ward)	Edinburgh House	1111	4
NQH	Whixall	Whixall Social Centre	602	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Edstaston Village Hall and Whixall Social Centre.

Newtown CE Primary School – Wem Rural Parish Council requested consideration be given to the polling station for Wem Rural (Newtown Ward) be relocated to Edstaston Village Hall as it was not considered appropriate for the school to be closed for an election.

Officers conducted an assessment of proposals and liaised with Ward Members, Councillor C Mellings and Councillor P Dee to ascertain its viability. Councillor Mellings indicated that although the proposed venue could accommodate a double station, and understood the rationale of the Parish Council over the school closure, voters should be given the opportunity to vote within their own Ward. A proposal was made to provide a mobile unit to resolve the issue, however, this would incur a considerable cost and no suitable site had been identified. Councillor Dee indicated that she was not opposed to the proposal put forward by the Parish Council.

A further submission was received from Wem Rural Parish Council requesting that Edinburgh House be considered as an alternative polling station. Officers considered the proposals and concluded that the venue would not support an additional polling station. Councillor P Dee indicated that she would be supportive of the proposal if additional space could be identified. Councillor Mellings indicated, as previously, that voters should be given the opportunity to vote within their Ward, and that he did not support the proposal. It should be noted that no adverse comments have been received from Newtown Primary school, and no other submissions or complaints have been received in respect of continued use of this polling station.

It is recommended that no changes be made, and Newtown Primary School continues to be used as a polling station.

Edinburgh House – Councillor C Mellings raised concern over polling arrangements for NQC Wem Rural (Wem Ward) and NQD Wem (part of East Ward). Currently the identified wards are combined to form a single polling station, however, it would be more appropriate for Wem Rural to become a single polling station.

Following consideration of the proposal it was concluded it would be appropriate to create a separate polling station for NQC Wem Rural (Wem Ward), and NQD Wem (part of East Ward) and NQE (part of East Ward) form a single polling station, with an electorate of 2317. There would be no financial implications associated with the proposal.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That NQC Wem Rural (Wem Ward) for a single polling station
- (b) That NQD Wem (part of East Ward) and NQE (part of East Ward) form a single polling station

WHITCHURCH NORTH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NRA	Whitchurch (part of North ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1159	6
NRB	Whitchurch (part of North ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1082	6
NRC	Whitchurch (part of West ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1514	6
NRD	Whitchurch (part of West ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1470	6

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

WHITCHURCH SOUTH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NSA	Whitchurch (part of South ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	984	6
NSB	Whitchurch (part of South ward)	Whitchurch Market Hall	1017	6
NSC	Whitchurch Rural (Ash ward)	Ash Village Hall	523	1
NSD	Whitchurch Rural (Tilstock ward)	Tilstock Bradbury Village Hall	588	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

WHITTINGTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
NTA	West Felton	West Felton Village Hall	1116	1
NTB	Whittington	Whittington Senior Citizens Hall	2009	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM CONSTITUENCY

ABBHEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SAA	Abbey	Robertsford Scout & Guide Hut	1348	1
SAB	Abbey	Shropshire Wildlife Trust	1384	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that properties on Monkmoor Road, be moved from SAA Robertsford Scout & Guide Hut polling station to SAB Shropshire Wildlife Trust polling station.

BAGLEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SBA	Bagley	Bagley Sports & Social Club	2125	2
SBB	Bagley	Riversway Elim Church	1337	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BATTLEFIELD

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SCA	Battlefield	Harlescott Social Club	1286	1
SCB	Battlefield	Shrewsbury Sports Village	1378	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BAYSTON HILL, COLUMN AND SUTTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SDA	Bayston Hill	Bayston Hill Methodist Church Hall	1498	2
SDB	Bayston Hill	Bayston Hill Methodist Church Hall	1262	2
SDC	Column	St Giles Memorial Hall	2736	2
SDD	Sutton and Reabrook	Belle Vue Youth Club	1660	1
SDE	Sutton and Reabrook	Mereside Community Centre	1201	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BELLE VUE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SEA	Belle Vue	Salvation Army Hall	983	1
SEB	Belle Vue	Belle Vue Road Methodist Church	2279	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes to Belle Vue Road Methodist Church polling station.

Salvation Army Hall - If recommendations are resolved in respect of SPB Porthill Division, the Salvation Army Hall will become a double station

BOWBROOK

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SFA	Bowbrook	Bicton Heath Community Centre	2897	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

BURNELL

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SGA, SGI, SGL, SGM	Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley, Langley	Pitchford Village Hall	438	1
SGB, SGK, SGJ	All Stretton, Leebotwood and Longnor	Leebotwood Village Hall	481	1
SGC	Cardington	Cardington Village Hall	348	1
SGD	Church Pulverbatch	Church Pulverbatch Village Hall	277	1
SGE	Condover (Condover ward)	Condover Village Hall	648	1
SGF, SGG, SGH	Condover (Dorrington, Ryton and Stapleton wards)	Dorrington Village Hall	846	1
SGN, SGO	Smethcott and Woostaston	Picklescott Village Hall	207	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

CASTLEFIELDS AND DITHERINGTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SHA	Castlefields and Ditherington	Castlefields Community Centre	1983	2
SHB	Castlefields and Ditherington	Ditherington Community Centre	974	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

COPTHORNE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SIA	Copthorne	Woodfield County Infants School	911	2

SIB	Copthorne	Shropshire Education & Conference Centre	1640	1
SID	Copthorne	Rad Valley Road Scout & Guide HQ	477	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes to Rad Valley Road Scout & Guide HQ polling station.

Woodfield County Infants School – If recommendations are resolved in respect of SPB Porthill Division, Woodfield County Infants School will be reduced to a single polling station.

Shropshire Education & Conference Centre – Car parking access issues have been raised by Councillor P Nutting, and a request was made to move SIA Copthorne and SIB Copthorne to Rad Valley Road Scout & Guild HQ. Officers assessed the submission and concluded that the proposed station could not support four polling stations. No further proposals have been received.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a Poll Clerk position be reinstated to assist voters with accessing the parking facilities at the polling station.

HARLESCOTT

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SJA	Harlescott	Hope Church Centre	2414	2
SJB	Harlescott	Mount Pleasant Primary School	868	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

LONGDEN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SKA	Ford	Ford Parish Hall	580	1
SKB	Great Hanwood	St Thomas' Church Extension	801	1
SKC, SKD	Longden (Longden ward), Longden (Hook-a-Gate ward)	The Swire Hall	992	1
SKE, SKF	Pontesbury (Cruckton ward), Pontesbury (Plealey ward)	Cruckton Village Hall	640	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes.

LOTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SLA	Alberbury with Cardeston (Alberbury ward)	Alberbury Village Hall	259	1
SLB	Alberbury with Cardeston (Cardeston ward)	Wattlesborough Village Hall	449	1
SLC, SLD	Great Ness, Little Ness	Nesscliffe Village Hall	806	1
SLE	Montford	Montford Parish Hall	420	1
SLF	Westbury (Westbury ward)	Westbury Village Hall	657	1
SLG	Westbury (Yockleton ward)	Yockleton Village Hall	361	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

MEOLE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SMA	Meole	The Meet Place	949	1
SMB	Meole	Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall	2030	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes to The Meet Place polling station.

Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall – Councillor M Owen, Ward Member, raised concern over polling station arrangements for electors within the Longden Road area, indicating that following boundary changes electors are required to travel to Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall. However, in reality they tend not to vote due to the distances involved.

Officers considered the concerns raised, and although no appropriate venues were identified within the division boundary, there was capacity to incorporate an additional polling station within Radbrook Community Centre, Calverton Way, which is currently utilised as a double station for electors in SRA Radbrook division.

The proposal would incur additional venue hire charges of £150, and staff costs of £310 for a by-election.

Following consultation with Councillor K Roberts, and with no adverse comments being received from the Town Council, it was concluded that the proposal would be acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a third polling station be created in Radbrook Community Centre to cover properties within SMB division, including Canonvale, Grange Road, Grangefields, Grangefields Road, Longden Road, Priory Drive, Priory Ridge and Roman Road.

MONKMOOR

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SOA	Monkmoor	Belvidere Primary School	1417	1
SOB	Monkmoor	Crowmoor Primary School	1625	2

Returning Officer’s Proposals

No changes to Crowmoor Primary School polling station.

Belvidere Primary School – A submission was received from a local resident raising concerns over the day closure of a primary school. They indicated that many parents were unhappy with the closure of the school for elections and requested that alternative venues, including other school premises in the division be considered. No other submissions or complaints have been received in respect of the continued use of this polling station.

Officers assessed the concerns and liaised with Community Regeneration Officers to identify suitable alternative venues within Monkmoor division. Although several venues were identified, all were located in the west of the division, which would not be acceptable. Consultation was undertaken with Councillor P Moseley, who confirmed that she was reasonably happy with current polling station location. No adverse comments have been received from Shrewsbury Town Council or Belvidere Primary School over the continued use of the venue.

It is recommended that no changes are made to Belvidere Primary School polling station.

PORTHILL

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SPA	Porthill	Darwin Community Centre	1231	1
SPB	Porthill	Woodfield County Infants School	1994	2

Returning Officer’s Proposals

No change to Darwin Community Centre polling station.

Woodfield County Infants School – Councillor Mrs A Chebsey, Ward Member, raised concern over electors within the Longden Road area having to travel a significant distance to access a polling station.

Officers considered the concerns raised, and although no appropriate venues were identified within the division boundary, there was capacity to incorporate an additional polling station within the Salvation Army Hall, Salters Lane, Belle Vue, currently utilised as a single polling station for electors in SEA Belle Vue division.

The proposal would incur additional venue hire charges of £200, and staff costs of £310 for a by-election.

Following consultation with Councillor A Chebsey, Councillor K Roberts, and Councillor A Mosley, and with no adverse comments being received from Shrewsbury Town Council, it was concluded that the proposal would be acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that an additional polling station be created in the Salvation Army Hall, Salters Lane, Belle Vue to cover properties within SPA division, including Longden Road, Brewery Houses, Old Roman Road, Luciefelde Road, Red Barn Lane, Vane Road, Pengrove, Pengwern Court, and Kingsland Road.

QUARRY AND COTON HILL

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SQA	Quarry and Coton Hill	The Hive	1450	1
SQB	Quarry and Coton Hill	Castlefields Community Hall	435	1
SQC	Quarry and Coton Hill	Quaker Meeting House	867	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

RADBROOK

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SRA	Radbrook	Radbrook Community Centre	2051	2
SRB	Radbrook	Rad Valley Road Scout & Guide HQ	1191	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No changes to Rad Valley Road Scout & Guide HQ.

Radbrook Community Centre – If recommendations are resolved in respect of SRA Meole Division, Radbrook Community Centre will become a triple station.

REA VALLEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SNA	Minsterley	Minsterley Parish Hall	1350	1
SNB, SNC, SND	Pontesbury (Asterley Habberley and Pontesbury wards)	Pontesbury Public Hall	1815	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

SEVERN VALLEY

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SSA	Atcham	The Malthouse	163	1
SSB	Berrington	The Chapel Community Centre	716	1
SSC	Buidwas	Buildwas Village Hall	231	1
SSD, SSH, SSI	Church Preen, Hughley, Kenley	Church Preen Village Hall	212	1
SSE	Cound	Cound Guildhall	355	1
SSF, SSG, SSK	Cressage, Harley, Sheinton	Cressage Village Hall	798	1
SSJ	Leighton and Eaton Constantine	Leighton Village Hall	376	1
SSL	Wroxeter and Uppington	Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club	277	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

SUNDORNE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
STA, STB	Sundorne	The Lantern	2832	2
STC	Sundorne	Ditherington Community Centre	200	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

TERN

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SUA	Astley	Astley Village Hall	384	1
SUB	Bicton	Bicton Village Hall	838	1
SUC, SUD SUF, SUG	Bomere Heath (Albrighton, Bomere Heath, Leaton and Preston Gubbals wards)	Bomere Heath Village Hall	1391	1
SUE	Bomere Heath (Fitz ward)	Fitz Village Hall	234	1
SUH	Uffington	Uffington Village Hall	196	1
SUI	Upton Magna	Upton Magna Village Hall	223	1
SUJ	Withington	Withington Parish Hall	189	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

UNDERDALE

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
SVA	Underdale	St Peter's Church Hall	3109	2

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change.

TELFORD AND WREKIN CONSTITUENCY

ALBRIGHTON

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
WAE	Albrighton (North Ward)	The Red House	1149	3
WAF	Albrighton (South Ward)	The Red House	1139	3
WAF, WAG	Albrighton (South Ward) Boningle	The Red House	1156	3

Returning Officer's Proposals

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

SHIFNAL NORTH

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
WBA	Sheriffhales	Sheriffhales Village Hall	546	1
WBB	Shifnal (Idsall ward)	Shifnal Senior Social Club	2110	2
WBC	Shifnal (Rural ward)	Shifnal Town Football Club Social Club	696	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

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

SHIFNAL SOUTH AND COSFORD

Existing Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors	No. of Stations in Venue
WCP, WCQ	Boscobel, Donington	RAF Cosford Hive	954	1
WCR	Shifnal (Manor ward)	Shifnal Village Hall	2205	2
WCS	Tong	Tong Parish Hall	198	1

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change to Shifnal Village Hall and Tong Parish Hall.

RAF Cosford Hive – The use of RAF Cosford Hive has been questioned by Donington with Boscobel Parish Council, requesting that consideration be given to identifying a polling station within the immediate Donington area, however, no alternative was proposed.

Officers have been unable to identify a suitable alternative at the current time. Further consultation has been undertaken with the Parish Council and Councillor M Pate, but no alternatives have been provided. Officers have identified that a community venue is being developed within the Donington area and would be available within 12 months, and could be assessed for use as a polling station.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (c) It is recommended that no changes are made, and RAF Cosford Hive continue to be used as a polling station for the forthcoming General Parliamentary Election 2015.
- (d) That RAF Cosford Hive polling station be reviewed following the completion of the identified alternative venue within the Donington area.