Community and Governance Committee Meeting

Agenda Item: 6.CG Divisional Boundary Review

Date: 26th January 2023

Appendix: CG116



Background Information

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission England (the Commission) is asking for residents and parishes to help in drawing up a new pattern of electoral divisions in Shropshire.

In drawing up the new divisions, the Commission aims to ensure that each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors. The review will also try to create divisions that as far as possible reflect the interests and identities of communities across Shropshire.

The Recommendation

The Boundary Review working group has considered the Shropshire Council Divisional Boundaries as part of the review consultation.

The Market Drayton Divisional boundaries should be extended to include the Parishes of Adderley and Moreton Say.

The area to be split into three separate divisions.

The divisions to be called Market Drayton North, Market Drayton South and Market Drayton East.

Moreton Say to be within the South Division and Adderley within the North Division.

Each division will be served by one Councillor

Map showing the proposed boundaries are attached.

The Rationale

The parishes of Adderley and Moreton Say both border Market Drayton, yet they are currently within the Prees Division and served by a Whitchurch Town Councillor.

Including them within the Market Drayton Divisions would result in their Councillor representing their Parish and the town where they access facilities/Services.

The residents of both parishes use the services within the Town: doctors, dentist, schools, shops, sporting facilities, swimming pool

As part of the democratic process the residents would be able to vote for Councillors who serve in the area where they use the services.

Including Adderley Parish would bring the main economic area, the Western Way employment site within a Market Drayton Division. (Includes Buildbase, Hales Sawmills, Muller Wiseman, Trent Fasteners, Cattle Market)

The majority of future developments will be on the outskirts of the Market Drayton, within the parish boundaries; including Adderley and Moreton Say in the town divisional boundaries will result in a more cohesive community.

The relationship between the parishes and the town is evidenced in the local Place Plans as they are included in the Market Drayton area not the Whitchurch area.

Market Drayton is the nearest transport hub for the surrounding parishes.

