

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA



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6th June 2018



Dear Sirs,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WARWICK DISTRICT **DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Town Council has considered the Commission's draft recommendations in relation to the electoral arrangements for Warwick District with particular regard to the proposals for electoral boundaries and representation within Royal Leamington Spa.

The Town Council remains committed to the principle of coterminous boundaries and is disappointed that the Commission has not incorporated this into its final recommendations in respect of the District Wards of Leamington Brunswick, Leamington Clarendon and Leamington Milverton. This has resulted in the creation of two anomalous Wards at Parish (Town) elections which have poor levels of electoral equality compared to the other Wards of the Town and display very little evidence of a community of interest.

The Council therefore recommends that Royal Leamington Spa is divided into 5 electoral wards for both District and Parish elections based on the same boundaries as the current County Council Divisional boundaries. This is considered to be the best compromise in terms of electoral equality, reflecting community interest and delivering effective and convenient local government. If such Ward arrangements are adopted, the Town Council further recommends the following levels of representation for elections to Royal Leamington Spa Town Council:-

Town Ward	No of Councillors
Leamington Brunswick	4
Leamington Clarendon	4
Leamington Milverton	4
Leamington North	4
Leamington Willes	4
Total	20

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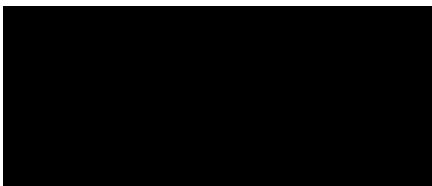
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The Council has also considered the alternative scenario arising from the Commission's draft recommendations. The Council has noted that a consequence of the creation of the Milverton Ward is that the area associated with the old village of Lillington, including the Lillington Conservation Area, will be separated from the remainder of the area of Lillington. The Council has therefore suggested that in respect of elections to the Town Council, where boundaries are not coterminous, the Milverton Ward is renamed "Milverton and Lillington Village"

In the event that the Commission approves these proposals as its final recommendations, the Council considers the following Parish (Town) Ward arrangements to be the most effective means of delivering convenient local government :-

Parish Ward	Electorate 2023	No. of Councillors
Brunswick	8034	3
Clarendon	7352	3
College	748	1
Milverton and Lillington Village	7092	2
North	7450	3
Victoria Park	1259	1
Willes	8171	4
Total		17

Yours faithfully,



Robert Nash
Town Clerk