

Shropshire Council

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As Leader of the Shropshire Labour Group of Councillors (countywide) I wish to make the following comments on behalf of the County party: 1. We would support retaining the existing number of 74 Councillors, if this can be achieved without putting too much pressure on the elector number tolerances in the outlier divisions. Otherwise we will accept 75 Councillors. 2. We support the proposed boundaries in Shrewsbury Town, subject to Weir Hill remaining as part of a coterminous seat with Shrewsbury Town Council rather than being attached to a rural ward outside of Shrewsbury such as the proposed Severn Valley East. 3. We support the proposal from Cllr Ted Clarke that the Bayston Hill electoral division mirrors the boundaries of Bayston Hill Parish Council on community grounds notwithstanding that this seat will be above the recommended size of divisions from the BC. 4. We support the Council's proposal of the three seats in Bridgnorth which should not include any link to the Worfield division. The proposed boundary following the River would provide logical warding; as does retaining the existing Bridgnorth Town West, and creating the Central division from the existing Castle and East wards to the River. 5. We support the Councils proposals to separate the Craven Arms and Bishops Castle divisions to create single member divisions. 6. We believe the Council's proposals for St Martins fail to recognise the needs of the community by segregating the area including the St Martins primary school from the village of St Martins. This school is an important community amenity around which the community has grown. If St Martins needs to be reduced in size then this should be by the transfer of Duddeston Heath into the Meres division with the subsequent transfer of Harmer Hill, Myddle and Broughton parish to Tern division. 7. We support the Oswestry Town Centre proposals and might recommend new names for East 1 and East 2, such as "North East" and "South East". Overall we feel that if most seats can achieve the correct electoral ratio, we would tolerate 1 or 2 outliers such as Bayston Hill and Chirbury & Worthern, where the geographic boundaries mean that it may be a few hundred electors over or under the elector numbers required.

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