

Agenda Item 6

6.1 External Auditor

Sent to all member clerks and to County Committee

This message is to advise you that you will be receiving communication in the next couple of weeks concerning the process for the next round of audit.

You will get confirmation that your auditors will be PKF Littlejohn LLP (their contact details will be provided)

You will also see a scale of fees for their audits - NB it will show a fee of £200 for councils with a budget of up to £25,000. Please be clear that if you are in this bracket you will be able to self certificate your Council as being **exempt from external audit in which case there will be no fee to pay.**

The scale is included in case you wished to voluntarily ask for an external audit because you were concerned about some aspect of your account. In that case you would have to pay the fee stated.

6.2 December Services

Here are the December Services for St Michael's Weston:

Sunday 10th December Tree of Lights Services at St Gregory's
6.30pm Offchurch. No Service at Weston

Saturday 16th December Carol Services with Mulled Wine and
6.00pm Mince Pies at Weston

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve
4.00pm Crib Service with The Pilgrim Puppets at Weston

10.30pm Christmas Holy Communion at St John's Wappenbury

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day
9.30am Family Communion at St Gregory's Offchurch 10.30am Family Service at St Margaret's
Hunningham

6.3 HS2 Drop in Sessions

HS2 is holding regular drop-in surgeries at:

	Offchurch Village Hall School Hill Leamington Spa CV33 9AL	Cublington Village Hall Broadway, Cublington Leamington Spa CV32 7JR	Ufton Village Hall Ufton Leamington Spa CV33 9PF
Thursday 9 November 2017	10am to 12 noon	1pm to 3pm	4:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 11 January 2018	10am to 12 noon	1pm to 3pm	4:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 8 February 2018	10am to 12 noon	1pm to 3pm	4:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 8 March 2018	10am to 12 noon	1pm to 3pm	4:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 12 April 2018	10am to 12 noon	1pm to 3pm	4:30pm to 6:30pm

6.4 Review of Parliamentary Boundaries

Dear All,

Please see the below the submission made by Warwick District Council, as agreed by the Licensing & Regulatory Committee, to the Boundary Commission for England with regard to the 2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies within the West Midlands Region.

“The Licensing & Regulatory Committee of Warwick District Council has considered the revised proposals for the Parliamentary Constituencies within the West Midlands Region on behalf of the District Council and has made the following observations to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE).

Warwick District Council does not object to the proposals as laid out in the revised proposals for new constituency boundaries in the West Midlands and in doing so:

- (a) welcomes the retention of Warwick and Leamington in a single constituency;*
- (b) regrets the proposals for Kenilworth, which faces their fourth reshuffle in 35 years (having been part of Warwick and Leamington, Rugby and Kenilworth, Kenilworth and Southam); and*
- (c) regrets that Radford Semele and Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch and Wappenbury JPC will move to the Rugby & Southam constituency.*

Warwick District Council recommends one minor but important change that the boundary for the Coventry South & Kenilworth constituency should be amended to the south of Kenilworth so that it follows the current Town Boundary (as set out at Map 1), thus removing a potential of part of a new development of circa 100 homes which is anticipated to be completed before the next general election being in another constituency. This would also reflect the proposed Warwick District Council Ward Boundary changes, due to come into force in May 2019.

Warwick District Council highlights to the Commission the developments H43 and H08, of ultimately 4000 houses within its adopted Local Plan, as identified in the plan at Map 2, which would more readily identify with the Coventry South & Kenilworth constituency than the Warwick & Leamington constituency, but acknowledges that the BCE are not permitted to consider growth as part of their remit.

Warwick District Council highlights that the base data for the review has significantly altered from December 2015 to the present with the register of electors (within England) having grown from then to the General Election in June 2017 by 1.439 million electors, which means to achieve electoral equality, each constituency would need to be circa 78,000 electors. Warwick and Leamington Constituency has increased by 6793 electors in this time (which is 2.5 times the average national increase) and Kenilworth & Southam has increased by 2,400 (just below the national average of 2712). Therefore not taking account of this growth, within the original terms of reference is one which will cause significant electoral inequality within both the West Midlands and the rest of the Country as soon as the proposed recommendations are adopted.

Warwick District Council informs the Commission that between now and the next scheduled General Election, this District will have increased by 8258 homes (as outlined within our adopted Local Plan) which equates to circa 13,000 new electors within Warwick District.”

Your sincerely

Graham Leach

Democratic Services Manager and
Deputy Monitoring Officer

6.5 Contribution towards Christmas lights

Request for a contribution of £800 towards an estimated £1,600 costs of purchase for Christmas lights. These will be a permanent fixture down the length of the Limes on Sabin Drive. The Village Events committee hope to raise a good amount towards this target.