



Council
Thursday, 5th September, 2019 at 6.30 pm
in the Assembly Room - Town Hall, Saturday Market
Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

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1. **URGENT BUSINESS** (Pages 2 - 9)

To receive any items of business which in the opinion of the Mayor are urgent.

Polling Station and Places Review

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URGENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

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POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW

Summary

This report presents to Council a revised Polling District and Polling Place Review Schedule which had been prepared in readiness for the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in May 2020. However, in the light of the current uncertainty around a potential General Election being called it is essential to get the changes in place and allow flexibility for changes should other stations not be available if a snap election is called.

Recommendation

- 1) The attached Polling District Report and Polling Place Review Schedule is adopted.
- 2) That the Chief Executive and Returning Officer be given delegated authority to agree any changes to polling stations required and to further amend the Polling District and Polling Place Schedule accordingly.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Council meets its statutory obligations.

1. BACKGROUND

Members will be aware of the Council's duty to undertake a review of the polling districts and polling places in respect of Parliamentary electoral areas that fall within the boundaries of the Borough. This review was last conducted in 2018. However, in the meantime it is the Returning Officer's responsibility to keep polling stations under review. A number of current polling stations will also be unavailable for use at the upcoming PCC elections in 2020.

2. Proposals

The detail of the proposals is set out as an appendix to the report.

In summary:

1. Polling District (PP1)
 - Relocate electors in Old Hunstanton to vote at the Polling Station in Holme-next-the-Sea
2. Polling District (PJ1 ^(part), PJ3 & PK1)
 - Polling Station to change from 'Goodwins Hall Care Home' to 'Windsor Park'
 - Residents of Windsor Park then vote at that polling station
3. Polling District (RE1)
 - Polling Station to change from 'St. Cecilia's Church', Dersingham to the new Village Hall, Dersingham
4. Polling District (PC1 & PC3)
 - Polling Station to change from Reffley Community Hall to the 'Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints', Reffley.
5. Polling District (PF1)
 - Relocate PF1 electors from North Lynn Methodist Church, to vote at the 'Discovery Youth Centre' Polling Station, North Lynn
6. Polling District (TH6)
 - Polling Station to change from 'Central Hall' Emneth to 'Emneth Methodist Church'.

Ward Members have been consulted on the proposals. Ward Members have raised concerns about the change to the Church of the Latter Day Saints, but as explained in the attachment to the report the venue is available, entirely accessible, and we hold a number of polling stations in church premises.

3. Policy Implications

None.

4. Financial Implications

None.

5. Statutory Considerations

Publishing the Polling District and Polling Place Review Schedule is a statutory requirement.

6. Risk Management

The Council's risk management system is integrated with the Polling District and Polling Place Review, so the risks associated are identified and linked.

7. Access to Information

Background information as referenced in the Polling District and Polling Place Review Schedule.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES - SCHEDULE

Polling District - the area created by the division of a constituency, division or ward into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to the electors
- Responsibility of the Council to designate

Polling Place - the area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer - **Responsibility of the Council to designate**

Polling Station - the room or building where the poll takes place - **Responsibility of the Returning Officer to designate**

| <u>Ward</u> | <u>Polling District</u> | <u>Area of Polling Place</u> | <u>Polling Station</u> | <u>District Electorate</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Brancaster | PP1 - Old Hunstanton | The Parish of Home-next-the-Sea | Village Hall, 24 Kirkgate Street, Holme-next-the-Sea | 353 |
| Gaywood Chase | PK1 | Area of PK1 Polling District comprising the streets of: Aberdeen Street, Avenue Road, Bransby Close, Extons Gardens, Extons Place, Extons Road, Fayers Terrace, Graham Street, Holcombe Avenue, Kings Avenue, Mount Street, Park Avenue, Russell Street, Silfield Terrace, Tennyson Road, Yoxford Court and any new developments in the area bounded by those streets | Windsor Park, King's Lynn, PE30 5PW | 877 |
| St Margaret's with St Nicholas | PJ1 | Windsor Park Residents only | Windsor Park, King's Lynn, PE30 5PW | TBC |
| St Margaret's with St Nicholas | PJ3 | Area of PJ3 Polling District comprising the streets of: Charles Street, Chase Avenue, Edward Street, Goodwins Road (1-27, 2-54), Guanock Place, Guanock Terrace (1-43), Robert Street, Thomas Street, Vancouver Avenue (75-79, 74-88), William Street, York Road and any new developments in the area bounded by those streets | Windsor Park, King's Lynn, PE30 5PW | 303 |
| Dersingham | RE1 - Dersingham | The Parish of Dersingham | Dersingham Village Centre, 83 Manor Road, Dersingham | 3,993 |

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| Gaywood North Bank | PC1 | Area of PC1 Polling District comprising the streets of: Anne`s Close, Ashbey Road, Ayre Way, Balmoral Road, Barnwell Road, Blackford, Blenheim Road, Brancaster Close, Bridge Place, Burghley Road, Burnham Avenue, Castle Close, Chew Court, Churn Court, Cogra Court, Colney Court, Dairy Way (1-33, 38-2), Draycote Close, Earsham Drive, Eastern Yard, Edinburgh Avenue, Elsing Drive, Euston Way, Fenland Road, Gaskell Way, Golf Close, Grafton Close, Grafton Road, Gresham Close, Grimston Road, Hemington Close, Hinchingbrook Close, Houghton Avenue, Ickworth Close, Kendle Way, Langley Road, Levers Close, Lexham Road, Lilac Wood, Mannington Place, Meadowvale Gardens, Peckover Way, Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Rainsthorpe, Redfern Close, Reffley Lane, Riverside, Riverview Way (25-29), Russett Close, Ryley Close, Sandringham Road, Seathwaite Road, Sorrel Court, Spring Close, Temple Road, Vancouver Court, Wootton Road (170, 203-209, 224-414) and any new developments bounded by those streets | Windsor Park, King's Lynn, PE30 5PW | 3,604 |
| Gaywood North Bank | PC3 | Area of PC3 Polling District comprising the streets of: Buttercup Close, Dairy Way (35-85, 84-40), Riverview Way (2-8, 1-25), Vole Court and any new developments bounded by those streets | Windsor Park, King's Lynn, PE30 5PW | 130 |
| North Lynn | PF1 | An area defined by a line drawn from the centre of where John Kennedy Road meets Edward Benefer Way and proceeding for 100m into the docks approach before turning west and following the south side of Alexandra Dock and on to the mid point of the river. Follow the river to a point due west of Point Cottages and turn north north east to the east bank of the river and follow as far as a point due east of Pierrepoint Farm where South Wootton ward begins and then turn first east for 150m and then south for 650m. Then proceed south easterly following Old Way drain continuing in a broadly south easterly direction towards Edward Benefer Way, then proceeding generally easterly to a point North of Edward Benefer Way, on the former Hunstanton Railway Line, then due South along the line to where it intersects with the Bawsey drain, then westwards and then south westwards back to the beginning | North Lynn Discovery Centre, 8 Columbia Way, King's Lynn | 2,179 |
| Emneth and Outwell | TH6 | The Parish of Emneth | Emneth Methodist Church, Emneth, Wisbech | 2,264 |



Polling Station Report

Polling Station Review 2018 / 2020

Change of Polling Stations

Polling District – Brancaster (PP1)

St Mary the Virgin Church (Old Hunstanton) (current polling station)

In 2018 Old Hunstanton's regular polling station (The Social Club) closed. Investigations into alternative premises were carried out. The majority were rejected due to: unsuitability, lack of facilities, availability issues, lack of parking etc.

'St Mary the Virgin Church', was used for both the Borough/Parish and European Parliamentary elections of 2019. However, after those elections, feedback was that the Church wasn't entirely suitable.

Average distance to Hunstanton polling station (1.4 miles)

Average distance to Holme polling station (1.9 miles)

Hunstanton's polling station is already a busy one, compared to the number attending Holme Village Hall. In 2017 during the boundary review, the villagers voiced their views about remaining as a 'Coastal Ward, including Holme next the Sea'. If Old Hunstanton electors vote at Holme polling station, they will be voting in their own Borough Ward, whereas Hunstanton would be voting in a different Ward.

Relocating

Having exhausted all other avenues, the conclusion was reached to send Old Hunstanton electors to either Hunstanton Town Hall or Holme Village Hall.

Proposal

The recommended option is to send Old Hunstanton's electors to Holme.

Polling District – St Margaret’s with St Nicholas & Gaywood Chase (PJ1 (part), PJ3 & PK1)

Goodwins Hall Care Home (current polling station)

The cost to hire Goodwins Hall has risen disproportionately this year, meaning the station is not considered value for money.

Windsor Park

It is proposed to move the polling station to Windsor Park. All aspects about the polling station are good – parking, accessibility, availability, facilities & disabled access (although the building is just outside of the ward boundary, the border is on the road where the building is located). It is also proposed that the residents of Windsor Park (on PJ1 register) would vote at this facility.

Proposal

A move from Goodwins to Windsor Park would see a substantial saving. Location is not a factor as Goodwins Hall and Windsor Park are only (approx.) 300 yards away from each other.

Polling District – Dersingham (RE1)

St. Cecilia’s Church (current polling station)

The church room is small for a large polling station.

Dersingham Village Hall

The village has recently opened a new large modern community facility that is centrally situated. The venue is easily accessible, plenty of parking and excellent disabled access.

Proposal

Move from St. Cecilia’s to Dersingham Village Hall.

Polling District – Gaywood North Bank (PC1)

Reffley Community Hall (current polling station)

Reffley Community Hall is not always available at short notice.

Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

The church is available to hire at short notice and was well received when used at the recent EU elections. Facilities are good, together with good access and parking.

Proposal

Move from Reffley Community Hall to Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

Polling District – North Lynn (PF1)

North Lynn Methodist Church (current polling station)

The polling station is potentially unavailable due to planned large scale building works in 2020.

There is no other viable polling station nearby.

Distance between the Methodist Church and the Discovery Centre is only (approx.) 600 metres.

Proposal

Move the **PF1** electorate to the 'Discovery Youth Centre' (currently **PE1**) and make a dual station.

Polling District – Emneth (TH6)

Central Hall (current polling station)

Central Hall is unavailable on PCC Election day, due to VE Day commemoration event

Proposal

Utilise Emneth Methodist Church, located opposite Central Hall. Venue is entirely suitable and has good disabled access.