

## 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 <sup>(part)</sup>, 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.