

POLLING PLACES AND DISTRICTS REVIEW WORKING GROUP

**Meeting held in Torkard Room, Council Offices, Urban Road,
Kirkby-in-Ashfield,**

on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Jason Zadrozny in the Chair;

Councillors David Griffiths, Kevin Rostance, Ms Helen-Ann Smith, Sam Wilson, Mike Smith (Substitute for Cheryl Butler)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Cheryl Butler

Officers Present: Ian Dobson

PP.5 Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers

A general personal interest was declared by all Members of the Working Group in respect of the polling places and districts review and their standing for election as Councillors.

PP.6 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Group agreed the minutes as a true record of the last meeting.

PP.7 Polling Places – Existing Structure & Working Proposals Update

The Chairman requested that the Group work through the report of the Service Manager, Electoral Services and provide comments and suggestions.

ABBNEY HILL

The Service Manager, Electoral Services confirmed to the Group that the existing arrangements for Abbey Hill ward remain the most convenient.

ANNESLEY & KIRKBY WOODHOUSE

No changes proposed.

ASHFIELDS WARD

No changes proposed.

CARSIC

No changes proposed.

CENTRAL & NEW CROSS

No further updates

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HUCKNALL CENTRAL

No changes proposed.

HUCKNALL NORTH

No further updates

HUCKNALL SOUTH

No further updates

HUCKNALL WEST

No further updates

HUTHWAITE & BRIERLEY

No further updates

JACKSDALE

The Service Manager updated Members about the previous query regarding electors in the Jubilee area having to vote at the Westwood United Reformed Church rather than in Selston ward. It was noted that this cannot be resolved through changes to polling districts as the area is formally part of the Jacksdale ward following the Local Government Boundary Commission review which came into force in May 2015. Members requests that a note is made that the area would be more locally connected by inclusion in Selston ward.

KINGSWAY

The Group considered the previous proposal to remove Kingsway primary school as a polling place. It was agreed that consideration be given to the convenience of proposed voting arrangements, in particular for residents of parts of KWY2 on Greenacres where Forest Street Baptist Church may not be convenient. Members were reluctant to continue using the school and requested that use of part of the Kingsway pub be investigated.

RECOMMENDED

That further consideration be given to the arrangements for Kingsway ward.

KIRKBY CROSS & PORTLAND

No changes proposed

LARWOOD

Members considered proposals to equalise the electorates across both polling districts.

RECOMMENDED

That the proposals be taken forward.

LEAMINGTON

The Group discussed redrawing LEM1 polling district lines to allow for part of the polling district to vote at Heathcote Court. The Service Manager, Electoral Services agreed to investigate and report back to the Group.

SELSTON

No further updates.

SKEGBY

The Service Manager, Electoral Services confirmed to the Group that the existing arrangements for Skegby ward remain the most convenient.

ST MARY'S

No further updates.

STANTON HILL & TEVERSAL

The Group considered alternative arrangements for SHL1 which currently uses St Katherine's Scout Hut as a polling place, which may not be available in the future. The Service Manager, Electoral Services proposed designating The Ship Room in Canvarvon Pub as the polling station. Members suggested that the Teversal Visitor Centre may be more suitable and requested that be investigated.

SUMMIT

The Service Manager, Electoral Services informed the Group that it is considered that the Morvern Park School Sports Hall provides the most convenient facilities for electors in SUM4 and that since the last meeting, the school had confirmed that it could be used as a polling place. The Group were concerned around the availability of parking and potential congestion caused in the area. The Group expressed their view that the Summit Centre is a more suitable polling place.

SUTTON JUNCTION & HARLOW WOOD

No further updates.

THE DALES

No further updates.

UNDERWOOD

No further updates.

A general point was made around looking into providing more sturdy signage for polling stations to ensure that they clearly visible.

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It was agreed that a written update be provided to the Group on any outstanding issues prior to the commencement of the review.

PP.8 **Review**

The Service Manager, Electoral Services informed Members that the notice of review will be published on 1 October 2018, where representations will be sought from experts in accessibility and interested parties. As part of the process, the Acting Returning Officer is required to publish proposals, which will largely be based on the workings of the Group. It was explained that the Council will ultimately determine the polling scheme at the Council meeting to be held in November 2018.

The meeting closed at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman.