

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive as Returning Officer	Council	13 January 2015

POLLING STATION REVIEW

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To report on the review of Polling Station premises and locations and to seek approval from Members for the reported findings.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That approval is given to proposed actions in paragraphs 5 to 9 below.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	✓	A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

BACKGROUND

- As part of the polling place review we are required to carry out this year, we received a number of requests for consideration as follows:
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REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION AND PROPOSALS

- EUXTON SOUTH BOROUGH WARD

A request was received from the Head Teacher of Balshaw Lane Primary School for us to use an alternative to the school as a polling station.

We have look at this request before and are again unable to find a suitable alternative and therefore propose that the school remains as a polling station. Should there be another suitable location in future then the situation could be reviewed.

6. COPPULL WARD

A request was received from the Chair of Governors for Coppull Parish C of E Primary School for us to look into an alternative location. Again we have been unable to find a suitable location but will review the situation should a suitable location emerge in future.

7. CLAYTON LE WOODS AND WHITTLE LE WOODS WARD

A request was received to consider introducing an additional polling station between the area of the Seaview public house on Preston Road and the existing polling station at the Village Hall on Union Street. No suitable premises have been identified and more detailed analysis of elector numbers is required. This request will therefore be investigated further after the May 2015 elections.

8. EUXTON NORTH WARD

A request was also received to look into an additional polling station within this ward. As above this will be investigated further after the May 2015 elections.

9. HEATH CHARNOCK AND RIVINGTON WARD

We received a request to reconsider the use of Rivington Village Hall as a polling station due to the low numbers of electors using the station. The suggestion is that these electors instead go to Anderton Primary School on Babylon Lane Anderton. A change is not being proposed for the 2015 General Election year but this request will be considered after May 2015.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

10. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	✓
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

11. As no changes are proposed at this time there are no additional budgetary implications

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

12. There are no comments from the Monitoring Officer.

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE AS RETURNING OFFICER

There are no background papers to this report.

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