

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive as Returning Officer	Council	22 November 2016

CHANGE OF POLLING STATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To report on a suggested change of polling station to Highfield Primary School in the Chorley East Borough Ward.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That approval is given or a decision taken to item 8 below.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3. 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

4. In February 2016 we were approached by the Head Teacher of Highfield Primary School Chorley asking if we could seek an alternative venue as a polling station to avoid the school having to close on polling day.
5. The school is a polling station in the borough ward of Chorley East.

PROPOSAL

6. In response to the Head Teacher we agreed to explore alternatives but only after the May 2016 elections and the EU Referendum in June 2016.
7. Following these dates and after looking for alternatives we identified the Scout Centre building near to the school as a possible suitable polling station venue. After we visited the centre and deemed it to be suitable we then contacted the sitting ward councillors for their views. All indicated that they thought the centre would be a suitable location.
8. With the above in mind we are therefore proposing that for future elections we adopt the **Chorley District Scout Centre, Wright Street. Chorley PR6 0SL** as a replacement polling station to Highfield Primary School.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

9. 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

10. There are no financial implications

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

11. The Monitoring Officer has reported no comments.

GARY HALL
RETURNING OFFICER

There are no background papers to this report.

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