

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 21st February 2012

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WARD(S): Wexham Lea

PART I **FOR DECISION**

DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACE – POLLING DISTRICT NC

1 Purpose of Report

To consider the designation of a Polling Place for Polling District NC (Wexham Lea Ward).

2 Recommendation

The Council is requested to resolve that the designated Polling Place for Polling District NC be the Portacabin, Wexham Road, Slough, Berkshire (see attached map for location) with immediate effect.

3 Other Implications

(a) Financial

The cost for the use of Ethelberts School last year was just over £400. A portacabin will cost in the region of £1000, therefore there will be an increase in cost of approximately £600.

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications associated with this report.

4 Supporting Information

- 4.1 At its meeting on 29th November 2011 the Council resolved that the Polling Place for Polling District NC be designated as Khalsa School, however, the board of governors have reconsidered and have decided that they do not wish the School to be used.
- 4.2 Officers have visited the area to identify suitable alternatives. Consideration was given to St Joseph's School, but as it is a senior school elections would disrupt their exam timetable on a regular basis. Consideration was also given to West Wing on Stoke Road, however this was considered too far for the voters to travel. Officers also considered whether one of the neighbouring polling places could be suitable, however all of these are a fair distance away. Officers therefore recommend that a portacabin is sited in the service road on Wexham Road. The site has adequate access and would be suitable for use subject to obtaining the normal consents. Please see Appendix A for exact location.

5 Background Papers

Agenda and Minutes – Council 29th November 2011.