### **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council **DATE:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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# PART I FOR DECISION

#### **POLLING DISTRICT AND PLACE REVIEW - 2018**

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To advise the Council of the consultation on the polling places review and seek agreement to the recommendations of the Review Group.

# 2. Recommendations

The Council is requested to resolve that polling places be designated for each of the Borough Wards as set out at Appendix 1 to the report for implementation for the May 2019 Borough Elections.

#### 3. The Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan

Effective, transparent and equitable democratic and decision making processes are an essential pre-requisite to the delivery of all the Council's priorities.

#### 4. Other Implications

### (a) Financial

There are no financial or risk management implications. The costs associated with the Review have been accommodated within existing resources.

## (b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications associated with this report. The Review has been carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation and the recommendations within this report meet legal requirements. The proposals have no workforce implications.

## **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the Council agreed the terms of reference and timetable for a Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places and established a Review Group to carry out the Review. The Review Group was chaired by Councillor Hussain.
- 5.2 It is a statutory requirement for a local authority to keep all polling arrangements under review and to establish a polling place within each polling district wherever possible. These arrangements were last reviewed in 2013.

# **Polling Places**

- 5.3 The authority must seek to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable and that they are accessible to all electors, including any with disabilities.
- 5.4 The Working Group agreed the following principles to underpin the Review:
  - An aim to carry out a 'light touch' approach to look at alternative venues across the borough to provide a better service to electors by offering superior polling facilities, accessibility and location for electors.
  - An aim for approximately 2,000/2,500 voters per polling district wherever possible.
  - An aim to reduce the number of porta cabins used as polling stations if at all possible.

## **Initial Proposals**

- 5.5 Following consultation with local councillors and interested groups and inspection of premises, the Working Group have recommended that the majority of the existing polling stations should remain unchanged.
- 5.6 There are four proposals for change

PD	Ward	Polling Place	Proposal
СНВ	Chalvey	Chalvey Community Centre, The Green, Slough	Change: Brook House High Street Slough SL1 2TX
ELA	Elliman	Portable Office, Lismore Park	Change: James Elliman School Elliman Avenue, Slough SL2 5BA
LMC			Change:

	Langley St Marys	Portable Office, Tamar Way, Grass verge on Tamar Way, Parlaunt Road	Langley Leisure Centre Parlaunt Road Slough, SL3 8PD
UPA	Upton	Portable Office, Middlegreen Road, Junction Halkingcroft	Change: St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School 1 Langley Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL3 7AF

- 5.7 Ward members have been consulted on the proposals and have indicated their support.
- 5.8 A complete list of polling places is attached at Appendix 1.

# **Polling Districts**

5.9 There are no proposals to change the boundary of any Polling district.

# 6 Background Papers

Responses to consultation Report to Working Group – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018

# Polling Places - 2018

PD	Ward	Polling Place	Proposal
BNA	Britwell & Northborough	Britwell Hub, Wentworth Avenue	No Change
BNB	Britwell & Northborough	Claycots School, Monksfield Way	No Change
BNC	Britwell & Northborough	Northborough Community Hall, 101 Pevensey Road	No Change
BSA	Baylis & Stoke	Manor Park Community Centre, Villiers Road	No Change
BSB	Baylis & Stoke	Singh Sabha Sports Centre, Stoke Poges Lane	No Change
BSC	Baylis & Stoke	Ramgarhia Education Centre, Woodland Avenue	No Change
CEA	Central	Beacon House Conference Room, London & Quadrant Housing Association,	No Change
СЕВ	Central	Portable Office, Entrance To Goodman Park,Junction With Uxbridge Road	No Change
CEC	Central	St Mary`s Church, Church Street	No Change
CGA	Cippenham Green	Cippenham Baptist Church, 11 Elmshott Lane	No Change
CGB	Cippenham Green	Cippenham Central Hall, Central Drive	No Change
CGC	Cippenham Green	The Royal British Legion, Cippenham, Brook Path	No Change
СНА	Chalvey	Claycots School, (Old Town Hall)	No Change
СНВ	Chalvey	Chalvey Community Centre, The Green, Slough	Change: Brook House High Street Slough SL1 2TX
СНС	Chalvey	Slough Bowls Club, 50 Chalvey Road East	No Change
СМА	Cippenham Meadows	Cippenham Community Centre, Earls Lane	No Change
СМВ	Cippenham Meadows	Weekes Drive Community Hall, Tamarisk Way, Off Weekes Drive	No Change
СМС	Cippenham Meadows	Shiloh Pentecostal Church, 17 Pitts Road	No Change
СРА	Colnbrook with Poyle	Westfield Community Hall, Severn Crescent	No Change
СРВ	Colnbrook with Poyle	Colnbrook Village Hall, Vicarage Way	No Change

СРС	Colnbrook with Poyle	Pippins School, Raymond Close, Rodney Way	No Change
ELA	Elliman	Portable Office, Lismore Park	Change: James Elliman School Elliman Avenue, Slough SL2 5BA
ELB	Elliman	Littledown School Hall, Queens Road	No Change
ELC	Elliman	Portable Office, Borderside, On the Green Area	No Change
FAA	Farnham	St Anthony`s RC Church, Farnham Road	No Change
FAB	Farnham	The Faraday Social Club Ltd, Faraday Road	No Change
FAC	Farnham	Methodist Church, Hampshire Avenue	No Change
HLA	Haymill & Lynch Hill	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Leaholme Gardens	No Change
HLB	Haymill & Lynch Hill	Portable Office, Whittaker Road, Green In front of Play Area, Whittaker Road	No Change
HLC	Haymill & Lynch Hill	Primrose Hall, 48 Goldsworthy Way	No Change
LKA	Langley Kedermister	Kedermister Hall, Kedermister Park, Reddington Drive	No Change
LKB	Langley Kedermister	Langley Free Church, Trelawney Avenue	No Change
LKC	Langley Kedermister	Holy Family Catholic Primary School, High Street	No Change
LMA	Langley St Marys	St Mary`s Church Hall, St Mary`s Road	No Change
LMB	Langley St Marys	Parlaunt Park Primary Academy, Kennett Road	No Change
LMC	Langley St Marys	Portable Office, Tamar Way, Grass verge on Tamar Way, Parlaunt Road	Change: Langley Leisure Centre Parlaunt Road Slough, SL3 8PD
UPA	Upton	Portable Office, Middlegreen Road, Junction Halkingcroft	Change: St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School 1 Langley Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL3 7AF

UPB	Upton	3RD Upton Scout Hut, Upton Court Park, Upton Court Road	No Change
UPC	Upton	St Francis Church, Upton Court Road, London Road	No Change
WLA	Wexham Lea	Wexham Court Parish Hall, Norway Drive	No Change
WLB	Wexham Lea	Portable Office, The Cherries, Wexham	No Change
WLC	Wexham Lea	Upton Lea Community Centre, Wexham Road	No Change
WLD	Wexham Lea	Portable Office, Rochfords Gardens	No Change