

**POLLING PLACES AND DISTRICTS REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

**Meeting held in Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Urban Road,  
Kirkby-in-Ashfield,**

**on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Jason Zadrozny in the Chair;

Councillors David Griffiths, Kevin Rostance, Ms Helen-Ann Smith, Sam Wilson

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Cheryl Butler

**Officers Present:** Ian Dobson

**PP.1 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.2 Timetable**

The Service Manager, Electoral Services summarised the agreed timetable and confirmed that the working group would carry out preparatory work on polling places and polling districts prior to the commencement of the formal review process in October 2018.

**PP.3 Polling Places – Existing Structure & Working Proposals**

The Chairman requested that the Group work through the report of the Service Manager, Electoral Services and provide comments and suggestions to be followed up for the next meeting of the Group.

**ABBHEY HILL**

Members requested that the Service Manager, Electoral Services seek alternative premises in the ward if possible to prevent closing the school and report back to the next meeting.

**ANNESLEY & KIRKBY WOODHOUSE**

No changes proposed.

**ASHFIELDS WARD**

No changes proposed.

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### **CARSIC**

No changes proposed.

### **CENTRAL & NEW CROSS**

Members considered proposals to remove existing CNX1 polling district and absorb the electorate into the surrounding polling districts to allow for the removal of Forest Glade primary school as a polling place, due to access issues and objections by the school. The Group also considered proposals to replace Priestsic primary school and replace with New Cross Community Hall, which is more centrally located in the proposed new polling district and prevents the need to close a school for polling.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation.

### **HUCKNALL CENTRAL**

No changes proposed.

### **HUCKNALL NORTH**

Members considered proposals to remove The Epiphany Centre as a polling place, which has access issues and designate George Street Working Men's Club as a polling place for HN01, which provides reasonable facilities for voting and has adequate capacity to absorb an additional polling station.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation.

### **HUCKNALL SOUTH**

No changes proposed

### **HUCKNALL WEST**

No changes proposed

### **HUTHWAITE & BRIERLEY**

Members considered proposals to merge existing HBR2 & HBR3 into a single polling district with Mill House Community Centre as the designated polling place which provides reasonable facilities for voting. This allows for the removal of Huthwaite Methodist Church as a polling place.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation.

### **JACKSDALE**

Members raised a query about some properties in the Jubilee area which currently have Westwood United Reformed Church designated as a polling place, which is not

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convenient and asked the Service Manager, Electoral Services to review the arrangements and report back to the Group.

### **KINGSWAY**

The Service Manager, Electoral Services informed Members that Kingsway Primary School had requested not to be used as a polling place. The Group considered current arrangements which have been complicated by the latest County Council boundaries cutting across the district ward. It was suggested that Forest Street Baptist Church could be used as a polling place for two polling stations, which would provide reasonable facilities for electors and work well for all elections. It was proposed that KWAY1 & KWAY2 be merged and that KWAY3 & KWAY4 be merged.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation.

### **KIRKBY CROSS & PORTLAND**

No changes proposed

### **LARWOOD**

Members considered proposals to designate Bentinck Miners Welfare as the polling place for both LAR1 & LAR2. It was suggested that the polling district for LAR1 be adjusted to equalise the electorates across both polling districts and brought back to the next meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That proposals be presented to the next meeting.

### **LEAMINGTON**

No changes proposed

### **SELSTON**

Members considered merging SEL1 & SEL2 to a single polling district of SEL1, which has no impact on polling place arrangements. It was proposed that Church of Christ be designated as a polling place for the newly designated SEL3 as it is located within that polling district and provides reasonable and accessible facilities for electors

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation.

### **SKEGBY**

Members requested that the Service Manager, Electoral Services seek alternative polling places for The Beeches and Harwood Community Centre and report back to the next meeting.

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Members considered simplified polling district arrangements for the ward which merge existing district STM2 & STM4 and designate Mapplewells Primary School as the polling place, which is outside of the polling district but provides the best option in the vicinity and has reasonable facilities for voting.

### RECOMMENDED

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation.

### **STANTON HILL & TEVERSAL**

No changes proposed

### **SUMMIT**

Members were asked to consider alternative arrangements for SUM4 which currently uses Ashwood Centre as a polling place, which was used to replace the Morven school at the previous interim review. Options for consideration include merging SUM3 & SUM4 and designating the Summit Centre as the polling place **OR** designating Morven Park Primary School as the polling place. The Group indicated that the Summit Centre is preferable due to better parking facilities and size of the premises, which provides good facilities for voting.

### RECOMMENDED

That proposals be presented to the next meeting.

### **SUTTON JUNCTION & HARLOW WOOD**

No changes proposed

### **THE DALES**

Members considered designating Quarrydale Academy as the polling place for both DAL1 & DAL2, releasing New Cross Community Hall which is situated outside of the ward boundaries and is better suited to Central & New Cross Ward to replace Priestsic Primary School.

### RECOMMENDED

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation

### **UNDERWOOD**

Members considered merging existing UND1, UND3, & UND4 to create a single polling district. Members considered designating the White Lion as the polling place for Parish Ward of Toll Bar.

### RECOMMENDED

That the proposals be taken forward for consultation

## **PP.4 Communications**

The Service Manager, Electoral Services informed Members that a communications

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plan will be in place to notify electors of any changes that arise from the review process. The Group suggested that a household letter be sent to properties that are affected by the changes after completion of the review.

Members requested that All About Ashfield is utilised to inform all electors about changes and where to check their polling station.

The Group requested that a prominent message is put on poll cards for the district elections in 2019 where a change to polling places is approved by the Council. It was agreed that some options be worked up for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman.