

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Polling Districts and Polling Places Review Sub-Committee

Date of Meeting: 9th November 2011
Report of: Democratic Services Manager
Subject/Title: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

1.0 Report Summary and Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 2nd June 2011, the Constitution Committee authorised the publication of the notice of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review and appointed this Sub-Committee with delegated powers to undertake the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006. Public notice of the Review was published on 30th June 2011.
- 1.2 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a statutory duty for local authorities to carry out a review of their Polling Districts and Polling Places by 31st December 2007; and at least every four years thereafter.
- 1.3 The Sub-Committee has met on 15th September and 4th October 2011 to formulate proposals for Polling Districts and Polling Places for public consultation. These were published on 7th October 2011, for a four week period of consultation ending on 4th November 2011.
- 1.4 Disability Groups, Local Political Parties, Members of Parliament, Parish Councils and Cheshire East Councillors have been consulted on the proposals.
- 1.5 Council at its meeting on 13th October 2011 agreed that the final decision concerning the outcome of the Review be delegated to the Constitution Committee at its meeting on 17th November 2011.
- 1.6 All representations received will be collated and published after 4th November and circulated at the meeting.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 To consider representations received and make a final recommendation to the Constitution Committee on the outcome of the Review.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 3.1 All wards

4.0 Local Ward Members

4.1 As above

5.0 Policy Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 Costs incurred will be met from existing budgets.

7.0 Legal Implications

7.1 None.

8.0 Risk Management

8.1 Undertaking this Review is a statutory duty. Delegating the power to conduct the Review to a Sub Committee of the Constitution Committee was considered the most effective way for the Review to be conducted, and will ensure that representations received can be fully considered. This approach will also ensure sufficient flexibility to ensure that the process is completed by the statutory deadline.

9.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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