

COUNCIL MEETING – 14TH MAY 2014

Extract from the Minutes of the Constitution Committee Meeting on 1st May 2014

40 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Committee considered arrangements to undertake a review of polling districts and polling places.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 had introduced a statutory duty for local authorities to carry out a review of their parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places by 31st December 2007; and at least every four years thereafter. In accordance with this legislation, the Council had conducted its last Review in 2011 and a Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee had been appointed for this purpose.

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 had introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. The next compulsory review must now be completed by 31st January 2015. Subsequent compulsory reviews must then be completed every five years thereafter.

RESOLVED

That

1. authority be given for the publication of the notice of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review;
2. the Polling Arrangements Review Sub-Committee be convened to undertake the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2013; and
3. it be recommended to Council that the final decision concerning the outcome of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review be delegated to the Constitution Committee at its meeting on 27th November 2014.