

ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

15TH DECEMBER 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Worlding, Councillors Castleman, Hopkins Lewis and Saleem

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (REF: 1)

Apologies for absences from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Burnett and Titmuss.

62. MINUTES (REF: 2)

None this time.

63. POLLING DISTRICTS PLACES STATIONS REVIEW REPORT (REF: 7)

The Committee considered the revised recommendations for the approval on specific changes to polling districts and polling places/stations, which was referred from its meeting on 10th November 2014.

The Electoral Services Manager Sam Freer reported that following consultation with Ward Councillors and Group Leaders a further review was carried out in line with the Committees request as follows;

- Barnfield South Academy, Rotheram Avenue; Access issues around the polling place/ station for FLBS; Alternative polling place at St John the Baptist Church, Rotheram Avenue was suggested.
- Concerns about residents of the new dwellings in Farley Fields feeling cut off; Officers to explore the possibility of a temporary polling place/ station in or near the new road.
- Officers to examine and resolve the apparent anomaly of the Hedgerow shown on the map as partly in LGAN and partly in LGCN districts.

Members further considered an addendum to the report on a separate matter to consider the approval of St Joseph Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue as the new polling place/ station for SADN district. Members were informed that it provided improved access and facilities compared with the current polling place/ station at Norton Road Primary School, Norton Road.

Following brief deliberation and questions, Members agreed the recommendations as below.

Resolved: That the recommendations as contained in the report (Ref: 7) and the addendum to the report be approved as follows:

- (i) Approve and designate St John the Baptist Church Hall, Rotheram Avenue as the new polling place/ station for FLBS district, as it provided improved access compared with the current polling place/ station at Barnfield South Academy;
- (ii) Agree that St John the Baptist Church Hall is the most suitable polling place/ station for voters from Farley Fields;
- (iii) Agree that no change is required for LGAN district boundary to re-locate the hedgerow to LGCN district, as it is currently within reasonable reach of the proposed polling station at Pirton Hill Primary School, in Butely Road;
- (iv) Approve St. Joseph Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue as the new polling place/station for SADN district as it provided improved access and facilities compared with the current polling place/ station at Norton Road Primary School, Norton Road
- (v) Authorise the Electoral Registration Officer/Returning Officer to make any further necessary changes to any Polling Places/Stations, if required due to unforeseen circumstances, after consultation with the Chair, to enable the smooth running of the Local and Parliamentary elections on 7th May 2015.
- (vi) That the Committee's thanks to Officers be recorded.

(Note:

- (i) **All Councillors present declared non pecuniary interest regarding Item 7; Report on Polling Districts, Places, Stations Review as Councillors who work with local residents in the community;**
 - (ii) **The meeting ended at 6.10 p.m.)**