

COMMITTEE: ADMINISTRATION
DATE: 15TH JANUARY 2007
SUBJECT: POLLING PLACES FOR 2007 LOCAL ELECTIONS
REPORT BY: HEAD OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY
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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. To seek the Committee's approval for polling places to be used at the May 2007 local elections.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Administration Committee is recommended to agree to the list of Polling Stations as attached at Appendix A to be used for the local elections to be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007.

BACKGROUND

3. Administration Committee is the committee that is responsible for deciding where each polling place is situated for each polling district.

REPORT

4. There has been severe pressure from schools to move polling places from school buildings in recent years. Where a nearby alternative building is available the returning officer has agreed to move polling places away from school premises. However in many cases this have proved impossible.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

5. Administration Committee is recommended to agree to designate the Polling Places for each Polling district as set out in the attached appendix but also delegate to the returning officer the right to make urgent changes and report his actions to the next meeting of the committee. In all cases, consultation will take place with the appropriate representatives of the political parties represented on the council or if an election has already been called consultation will be with the election agent for any candidate who stands validly nominated.

APPENDIX

6. Appendix A - Proposed list of Polling districts and associated Polling Places to be used for the local elections being held on Thursday 3rd may 2007. Any Polling Places changed since the General Election held in May 2005 are marked with an asterisk (To follow).

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

7. There are no background papers relating to this report.