

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Council

12 October 2017

Subject: **Interim Polling Place Review**

Report of: **Head of Democratic Services**

SUMMARY

The Council has a statutory duty to keep under review the polling districts and polling places it uses for parliamentary and other elections.

Council is asked to consider options for the location of various polling places in order to avoid the use of schools and to improve pedestrian and disabled access where problems have been identified.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees to amend polling place designations from May 2018, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the full statutory polling district and polling place review being carried out, with full consultation, by 2020.

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with the Electoral Administration Act 2006, the Council has a statutory duty to keep under review the polling districts and polling places it uses for parliamentary (and other) elections. The last major review was undertaken in 2014 which confirmed the scheme for the use of polling places and polling districts throughout the Borough for all elections.
2. The Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee has delegated powers to undertake such a review and to recommend a final scheme to the Council for adoption.

BACKGROUND

3. At its meeting on 19 September 2017, the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee considered the report attached as Appendix 1 and resolved to agree to the revised polling place designations from May 2018, as set out in Appendix A to the report, subject to the full statutory polling district review being carried out, with full consultation, by 2020 and recommends these revisions to Council for approval.

RISK ASSESSMENT

4. Failure to meet the reasonable requirements of electors or not taking sufficient account of accessibility to disabled persons may lead to representations to the Electoral Commission who may direct changes to be made. In undertaking the review the Council may ensure that it is taking reasonable steps to enable all electors to participate in the democratic process.

CONCLUSION

5. Council is asked to agree to amend polling place designations from May 2018, as set out in Appendix A to the report at Appendix 1, subject to the full statutory polling district and polling place review being carried out, with full consultation, by 2020.

Appendices:	1: Report to the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee
Background Papers:	Complaints received from parents at Ranvilles Infant School and Harrison School
Reference Papers:	Report to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee – 16 September 2014: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places
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