



Full Council

Report of: Returning Officer

Report to: Council

Date: 4th March 2020

Subject: Interim Review of the WD and WF Polling Districts and Polling Places – reallocation of Dempsey Close

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Summary: Following the 2016 ward boundary changes the Authority reviewed and approved its Polling Districts and Polling Places scheme but subsequently received a further representation with regard to the reallocation of properties on Dempsey Close in Southey Ward which would be beneficial to implement before the local elections on 7 May 2020.

Reasons for Recommendations:

The recommendations have been made dependent on the following criteria:

1. A polling district must fall entirely within the Electoral area it serves
2. A polling station should not have more than 2,500 electors allocated to it.

Recommendations:

That the Council approves the move of Dempsey Close from the WF polling district to the WD polling district in Southey Ward as set out in this report.

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO Cleared by:
Legal Implications
YES Cleared by: Andrea Simpson
Equality of Opportunity Implications
YES Cleared by: James Henderson
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO Cleared by:
Human Rights Implications
NO Cleared by:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO Cleared by:
Economic Impact
NO Cleared by:
Community Safety Implications
NO Cleared by:
Human Resources Implications
NO Cleared by:
Property Implications
NO Cleared by:
Area(s) Affected
Southey Ward
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Lead
Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
YES
Press Release
NO

REPORT TO COUNCIL

INTERIM POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW –SOUTHEY WARD

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following the 2016 ward boundary changes the Authority reviewed its Polling Districts and Polling Places scheme. The definitions of the two areas are:-
- Polling District – is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area. It is the authority's responsibility to divide its area into polling districts.
 - Polling Place – is a geographical area in which a polling station is located. It is the authority's responsibility to designate a polling place for each polling district.
- 1.2 The Electoral Administration Act 2006, as amended, introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places at least once every five years. The Council will be undertaking a full review in the summer of 2020 with a view to publishing the electoral register on 1 December 2020 to include any polling district changes.
- 1.3 The Representation of the People Act 1983 (Section 18C(3)) allows a local authority to conduct an interim review of polling places within its area, outside the timescales of a compulsory review, if it is deemed appropriate
- 1.4 A representation was received after the previous scheme was approved requesting that Dempsey Close be reallocated to the WD polling district as it had been erroneously allocated to the WF polling district, both in Southey Ward. It is proposed that this be implemented before the local elections on 7 May 2020.

2..0 CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Consultation was undertaken in the area in January 2020 in accordance with the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006. There were no negative representations received.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The proposal is to move all properties on Dempsey Close in the WF polling district into the WD polling district (Maps shown at Appendix A (Location of Dempsey Close in WD polling district) and Appendix B (Location of Dempsey Close in Southey ward)).

3.2 The polling place for electors in Dempsey Close will transfer to In-volve Community Hub (Foxhill Forum) polling place on Wolfe Road, which is already in use for voters in the WD polling district.

3.3 The addresses to be moved would be as follows:-

Nos. 1 – 8 Dempsey Close

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications involved with this move.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The legal implications are set out in the main body of this report

6.0 EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IMPLICAITONS

6.1 There are no equality of opportunity implications involved with this move

7.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The proposed changes will offer the best service to electors within the restraints of legislation and available premises.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the movement of properties on Dempsey Close, from the WF polling district to the WD polling district within Southey Ward, as set out in this report be approved.

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24 February 2020