

Report to Council

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# Subject: Review of Polling Places

Members will be aware that the Council has undertaken a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

The proposals made following a full consultation exercise were approved for further consultation by the Personnel and Resources Committee on 24 September 2007. The proposals have been re-submitted to the various stakeholders.

Observations received following the further consultation are:

1. To repeat the previous suggestions for amending the arrangements for Phoenix Ward. To point out an omission of the word "not" in the Returning Officer's response to the suggestions before the word "ideal".

### Response

To agree the correction to the text.

2. To suggest that school premises are avoided where possible.

#### Response

This availability of alternative premises will be kept under review.

3. To point out that there is no polling station in District P5, the electors in P5 have to use the polling station in District P4.

### Response

There is currently no appropriate alternative. This will be kept under review.

4. To support the proposals for polling district Z4.

No amendments to the proposals are proposed.

It is **recommended** that Council agree the proposals for polling districts and places as the final proposals for publication.