

**POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING
PLACES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

HELD: Wednesday, 11 October 2023

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.09 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Dowling (Chairman)

Councillors: V Cummins K Juckes
D Westley

In attendance: G Owen (via Teams) T De Freitas

Officers: Thomas Lynan, Electoral Services Manager
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services Officer

11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Owen, who did not participate and observed the meeting virtually.

12 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillor Whittington and the appointment of Councillor Juckes and the termination of Councillor Yates and the appointment of Councillor Cummins for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Juckes declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 'Interim Polling Review 2023 - Initial Report', as she had participated in the setting of the precepts for Wrightington Parish Council as a Parish Councillor.

14 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15 INTERIM POLLING REVIEW 2023 - INITIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources as contained on pages 5 to 26 of the Book of Reports.

The Chairman invited the Electoral Services Manager to present the report, which was seeking the committee's approval to conduct an Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in line with the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended (the 1983 Act).

A Motion to amend the Initial Proposals to remove the proposal for a further polling

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station at Ormskirk West from the recommendations, was moved and seconded. A vote was taken and, as there were equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chairman used his casting vote in accordance with Procedure Rule 16.2, and the Motion was DEFEATED.

A vote was taken on the recommendations and, as there were equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chairman used his casting vote in accordance with Procedure Rule 16.2, and it was RESOLVED:

1. That the Timetable at Appendix 1 of the report for the Interim Review of Polling Districts and Places, be agreed.
2. That the Initial Proposals (Appendix 2-4) be noted.
3. That at the conclusion of the Review, the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources report to the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review Committee with Final Interim Review Proposals for determination.

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Chairman