



**Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee
Wednesday, 22 November 2017**

REPORT TITLE:	CHANGES TO POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS
REPORT OF:	Chief Executive

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides details of changes in relation to polling places and polling stations within the Borough and seeks approval of suitable alternatives.

The relevant changes are in the Recommendations set out in the Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee agrees to all the recommendations set out in Appendix 1.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1. The Council has a statutory duty to ensure there is a polling place accessible to all Electors in each of its polling districts.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 No other options were considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Council has a duty under the Representation of the People Act 1983 to divide Wirral Borough into Polling Districts and to designate Polling Places for each Polling District.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The financial implications have been set out within this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The legal implications have been set out within the main body of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 The resource implications have been set out within this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The Council is under a statutory duty to ensure a polling place exists in each of its polling districts.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Ward councillors have been consulted

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 (c) No because of another reason which is:

- The Review included use of the Electoral Commissions Evaluation Checklist which addresses equality and diversity issues relevant to Polling Districts, Places and Stations.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: Details of Changes to Polling Places and polling stations

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date