

LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 March 2012

Present: Councillor WJ Davies (Chair)

Councillors T Anderson S Taylor
P Glasman R Wilkins
C Jones K Wood
I Lewis I Williams

Deputy: Councillor J Salter (for Councillor S Niblock)

28 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to consider whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any item on the agenda and, if so, to declare them and state what they were.

No such declarations were made.

29 MINUTES

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23 January 2012 be approved.

30 POLLING STATIONS: FURTHER UPDATE

The Head of Legal and Member Services (on behalf of the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management) reported upon the requirement for Members to determine the Polling Place/Station for Polling District WE from two options: -

- (i) Between2Worlds, Guilford Street
- (ii) Wallasey Masonic Hall, Manor Road

It was reported that at its meeting on 23 January 2012, the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee resolved that the Masonic Hall, Manor Road be used as Polling Place/Station for Polling District WE.

Further to this meeting, officers had been made aware that Councillors Dodd and Mooney had not (as the Ward Councillors) been informed or consulted about the Masonic Hall being proposed as a possible alternative Polling Place/Station. The Head of Legal and Member Services apologised to Members for this oversight and reported that it had been deemed appropriate to bring the matter back to a Special Meeting of the Committee in order that all three Ward Councillors were afforded the opportunity to make representations to the Committee.

Councillor J Keeley addressed the meeting to reiterate that he believed the most appropriate Polling Place/Station for Polling District WE was the Masonic Hall.

Councillor D Dodd informed Members that he believed Between2Worlds was the most suitable and accessible Polling Place/Station for Polling District WE.

Councillor B Mooney addressed the meeting and advised Members that she also believed Between2Worlds would be the most suitable location for the Polling Place/Station for Polling District WE.

The Electoral Services Officer responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor S Taylor and seconded by Councillor I Lewis that -

“The Masonic Hall, Manor Road be used as Polling Place/Station for District WE.”

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor C Jones and seconded by Councillor J Salter that -

“Between2Worlds, Guildford Street be used as Polling Place/Station for District WE.”

The amendment was put and carried (6:4).

Resolved - That Between2Worlds, Guildford Street be used as the Polling Place/Station for District WE.