

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2015

SUBJECT:	CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE FOR POLLING DISTRICT MB
WARD/S AFFECTED:	UPTON WARD
REPORT OF:	REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL & MEMBER SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members approval to temporarily change the designated polling place for polling district MB.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Polling places are kept constantly under review. Problem areas identified and suggestions for alternative venues which may be more suitable are always investigated.

2.2 In preparation for the forthcoming combined UK Parliamentary General Election and Local Government Elections being held on 7th May 2015, all designated polling places were contacted to check availability.

2.3 The manager for St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Upton which is the polling place for polling district MB, responded by saying that the venue was not available for use at the forthcoming combined UK Parliamentary General Election and Local Government Elections due to construction work being carried out that would not be completed until December 2015.

2.4 In view of para. 2.3 above, there is an option to use Victory Hall [Salacre Lane,Upton] as an alternative venue, subject to suitability and availability, for the aforementioned elections in May 2015.

2.5 The Council's Electoral Services are scheduled to evaluate the premises suitability and will report to the committee it's conclusion.

2.6 In order for this matter to be considered and addressed as soon as possible so that key information could be provided to the Council's external printers to

progress requisite elections work. An extraordinary meeting was necessary given that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee is 19 March and the aforementioned information needing to be provided prior to that date.

- 2.7 In the event that the premises are not suitable then further investigations will be made and in order for this matter to be considered and addressed as soon as possible so that key information can be provided to the Council's external printers to progress requisite elections work, an extraordinary meeting may be necessary given that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee is 25 March and the aforementioned information needing to be provided prior to that date.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 In order to ensure that the forthcoming combined UK Parliamentary General Election and Local Government Elections can be run, the Council must ensure all polling districts have suitable polling places available on the day of poll.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Upton Ward Councillors have been consulted in relation to the suitable polling station available for use for polling district WE.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 6.1 There are no such implications arising.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 7.1 Such implications are set out in this report.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Such implications are set out in this report.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes and impact review is attached.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no such implications arising.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no such implications arising.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

12.1 In order for this matter to be considered and addressed as soon as possible so that key information could be provided to the Council's external printers to progress requisite elections work, the Committee agree, subject to suitability and availability, to change the polling place for polling district MB as detailed in para. 2.4 above.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 The Council must designate and have available for use at the forthcoming combined UK Parliamentary General Election and Local Government Elections a suitable polling station for polling district MB.

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APPENDICES

None

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date