

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>POLLING STATION (POLLING DISTRICT NA AND NB WITHIN HOYLAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA)</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

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

The relevant changes are in the Recommendation set out in the Appendix.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

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

## **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. Additionally these premises were used as a polling place in 2015.

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## APPENDICES

**APPENDIX 1: Details of Changes to Polling Places**

**APPENDIX 2: Hoylake Neighbourhood Plan Map of Plan Area**

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

[Localism Act 2011](#) (Part 6, Chapter 3 and Schedules 9 to 12 refer)

[The Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012 \(2012, No. 637\)](#) Parts 2, 3 and 5 refer

[Neighbourhood Planning \(Referendums\) Regulations 2012 \(SI 2012 No. 2031\)](#) (as amended)

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Cabinet – Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard – Wirral Proposal (Minute 320)</b>	<b>3 February 2011</b>
<b>Cabinet – Neighbourhood Planning – Area and Forum Designations (Minute 25)</b>	<b>21 June 2012</b>
<b>Cabinet - Neighbourhood Planning Forum Designations – Devonshire Park and Hoylake (Minute 221)</b>	<b>14 March 2013</b>
<b>Council - Neighbourhood Planning Forum Designations – Devonshire Park and Hoylake (Minute 147)</b>	<b>30 April 2013</b>
<b>Council – Designation of Polling Place for Devonshire Park Neighbourhood Referendum</b>	<b>2 September 2015</b>