

31. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The outcome of a review of polling places and polling districts has been considered. The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations, 2006 require each local authority to carry out such a review on a regular 4 yearly cycle. The first such review must be completed by 31 December 2007. The review has been carried out in good time so that any changes (particularly any changes to polling district boundaries) could be implemented in time for the annual canvass for the Register of Electors.

The Executive was informed of the process followed in conducting the review; the consultations undertaken; a summary of the responses received; information on population/electorate projections; and concluded with a set of proposals for changes to certain polling places. Whilst no changes to polling district boundaries are proposed at present, these will be kept under on-going review in the light of current development proposals. Efforts will continue to be made to find suitable alternative polling places for the Berrylands Hotel (Berrylands Ward), the Searchlight Youth and Community Centre (Norbiton Ward) and the Portakabin at the Maverick public house (Tolworth and Hook Rise Ward). An alternative location may need to be considered for Chessington South if development proposals at Chessington Nurseries proceed.

Any changes to polling district boundaries or polling places have to be decided by the Council itself.

RESOLVED that

- 1 the outcome of the review and the consultations undertaken be noted;
- 2 it be noted that, whilst no changes are proposed to polling district boundaries at present, these will be kept under on-going review in the light of current development proposals;
- 3 the designation of the following locations as polling places, as set out in more detail in paragraphs 17-27 of the report be recommended to Council:
 - a) the Devon Way Centre, Devon Way as the polling place for polling district C, Chessington North and Hook Ward;
 - b) the Hook Centre, Hook Road as the polling place for polling district CA, Chessington North and Hook Ward;
 - c) the Richard Mayo Hall, Union Street, Kingston upon Thames as the polling place for polling district E, Grove Ward;
 - d) the Malden Manor Children's Centre, Lawrence Road, New Malden as the polling place for polling district G, Old Malden Ward; and
 - e) the YMCA premises, Victoria Road, Surbiton, as the polling place for polling district L, St Mark's Ward.
- 4 efforts continue to be made to find suitable alternative polling places for the Berrylands Hotel (Berrylands Ward), the Searchlight Youth and Community Centre

(Norbiton Ward) and the Portakabin at the Maverick public house (Tolworth and Hook Rise Ward).

Reason for decision

To introduce changes proposed arising from the review that has been undertaken.