

21. REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS (Executive, 10 July 2007, Appendix K)

At its meeting on 10 July the Executive will be considering the outcome of a review that has been undertaken of polling places and polling districts. 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. As was briefly reported to the Executive in March it was decided to commence the review 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 report to the Executive set out 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) and the Searchlight Youth and Community Centre (Norbiton Ward).

Any changes to polling district boundaries or polling places have to be decided by the Council itself. Subject to the outcome of the Executive's deliberations on 10 July (which will be reported) the Council is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the following revised locations for polling places with immediate effect:

- 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.

Reason for recommendations

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

Minutes:

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations, 2006 require each local authority to carry out a review on a

regular 4 yearly cycle. The first such review must be completed by 31 December 2007. A review has been undertaken of polling places and polling districts in the Borough in time so that any changes could be implemented in time for the annual canvass for the Register of Electors.

The Executive was advised of the process followed in conducting the review, including consultations undertaken and responses received, and information on population/electorate projections together 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).

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

RESOLVED that the designation of the following locations as polling places, as set out in more detail in paragraphs 17-27 of the report to the Executive on 10 July 2007, be approved with immediate effect:

- 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;
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- e) the YMCA premises, Victoria Road, Surbiton, as the polling place for polling district L, St Mark's Ward.

Reason for decision

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