

Meeting of the City Council

13 December 2017

Report title	Polling Stations	
Referring body	Special Advisory Group, 24 November 2017	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Andrew Johnson	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
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Originating service	Democratic Services	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Special Advisory Group	24 November 2017

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve that:
 - a. Two polling stations in Wednesfield North ward should be merged to be one double station.
 - b. The number of polling stations in Graiseley ward should be reduced from seven to six.
2. Delegate authority to the Returning Officer to make such changes to polling stations arrangements as may be operationally necessary to ensure the smooth and efficient delivery of the elections in 2018.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that Full Council approve minor changes to the Council's polling station arrangements in two wards, in advance of the elections to be held in 2018.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On the 24 November 2017 Special Advisory Group agreed to recommend the report on Polling Stations to Full Council for approval.

- 2.2 Copies of the report were circulated to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. [Click here to access the report.](#)

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations from the Special Advisory Group.

- 2.3 Special Advisory Group recommended that:

1. The Council be recommended to approve that:
 - a. Two polling stations in Wednesfield North ward should be merged to be one double station.
 - c. The number of polling stations in Graiseley ward should be reduced from seven to six.
3. That the Council be recommended to delegate to the Returning Officer to make such changes to polling stations arrangements as may be operationally necessary to ensure the smooth and efficient delivery of the elections in 2018.
4. That the Head of Democratic Services be requested to run a campaign in the Wednesfield ward to increase the take up of postal votes.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

5.0 Equalities implications

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

6.0 Environmental implications

- 6.1 The environmental implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

7.0 Human resources implications

- 7.1 The human resources implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

8.0 Corporate Landlord implications

- 8.1 The Corporate Landlord implications are detailed in the Special Advisory Group report of 24 November 2017.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

Special Advisory Group report - 24 November 2017.