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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON C O U N C I L

Meeting of the City Council 2 November 2022

Report title Final polling district and polling place proposals

Referring body Governance and Ethics Committee – 20 October 2022

Councillor to present

report

Councillor Paula Brookfield

Wards affected All Wards

Cabinet Member with lead

responsibility

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Report to be/has been

considered by

Governance and Ethics

20 October 2022

Committee

Election Board 7 November 2022

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the polling district and polling place scheme contained in Appendix 1 to be adopted in relation to all elections.
- 2. Approve the necessary amendments to polling districts for the publication of the 1 December 2022 electoral register.
- 3. Approve the delegation of authority to the Returning Officer and Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance, Leader and Leader of the Opposition to make minor alterations to the polling station scheme prior to the next compulsory review (October 2023 to January 2025).

Recommendations for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

1. That the submissions made to the Council as part of the consultation on the review of polling districts and polling place, along with the Acting Returning Officer Response are set out in Appendix 5.

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1.0 Purpose

1.1 To approve the final proposals for the polling district and polling place scheme for 2023.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 20 October 2022, Governance and Ethics Committee considered a report on Final polling district and polling place proposals.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website here.
- 2.3 Governance and Ethics Committee recommended to Council that it approves:
 - 1. The polling district and polling place scheme contained in Appendix 1 to be adopted in relation to all elections.
 - 2. The necessary amendments to polling districts for the publication of the 1 December 2022 electoral register.
 - 3. The delegation of authority to the Returning Officer and Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance, Leader and Leader of the Opposition to make minor alterations to the polling station scheme prior to the next compulsory review (October 2023 to January 2025).
- 2.4 Governance and Ethics Committee recommended to Council that it notes:
 - That the submissions made to the Council as part of the consultation on the review of polling districts and polling place, along with the Acting Returning Officer Response are set out in Appendix 5.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 20 October 2022.

4.0 Legal implications

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5.0 Equalities implications

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6.0 All other Implications

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7.1 Final Polling District and Polling Place Proposals, Governance and Ethics Committee, 20 October 2022.