

**REPORT FOR:            Licensing & General  
Purposes Committee**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	25 November 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Hugh Peart – Director of Legal & Governance Services
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Appendix A - Recommendations of Working Group Appendix B - Equality Impact Assessment

**Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

In accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 the Council is required to undertake a review of its polling districts and polling places. A Working Group was established to undertake this review and the recommendations of the Working Group are attached at Appendix A.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is requested to:

Approve the recommendations of the Working Group in relation to the individual polling districts and polling places for the next four years.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Background**

In August 2014, a Working Group was established to conduct the review of the current polling districts and polling places in accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013. The terms of reference for the Group and membership were agreed at that time.

### **The Review**

The Working Group met on 13 and 30 October 2014 to consider the comments from the Returning Officer and officers on the various polling districts and polling places. The recommendations from the working group are set out in Appendices A and B.

### **Financial Implications**

No funding is available from Central Government to undertake the review. Therefore, all costs associated with the review will be met from within the current Electoral Services budget.

### **Risk Management Implications**

The duty to undertake the review is not included on the Directorate or other Corporate risk registers.

### **Equalities implications**

An initial Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) has been completed and no potential disproportionate impact was identified.

### **Council Priorities**

The Council's vision:

#### **Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow**

The accessibility of polling stations for enabling everyone to engage in the democratic process contributes to the administration's priorities.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local businesses
- Making a difference for families

### Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 10 November 2014		
Name: Linda Cohen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 13 November 2014		

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>YES.</b>
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### Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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#### Background Papers:

Notice of Review - [http://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/file/5056/notice\\_of\\_review](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/file/5056/notice_of_review)

Polling District Review Ward Booklets -  
[http://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/download/355/polling\\_district\\_review](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/download/355/polling_district_review)

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Council Priorities	N/A