

Meeting:	Licensing and General Purposes Committee
Date:	27 September 2007
Subject:	Feedback and Recommendations from Member Working Group – Polling District Review
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Chris Mote
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A – Recommendations from the Member-Level Working Group meetings of 5 and 11 September 2007.

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Appendix A to this report sets out the recommendations from the working group having undertaken a review of every polling district within the Borough. Where no change is recommended, this is clearly marked in the appendix.

Recommendations:

That:

- (1) Recommendations in relation to individual polling districts, as set out in Appendix A to this report be endorsed; and
- (2) Future reviews of polling district address a part of the Borough each year, to ensure that the statutory requirement to conduct a review every four years of all of the Borough's polling districts is met .

Reason: (For recommendation)

To ensure that each polling district has flexibility in the future to change the polling station should that prove necessary e.g. should a building fall out of use due to fire etc.

To ensure that polling station facilities are optimised wherever possible.

Section 2 – Report

Background

Members will recall that at their last meeting they agreed to set up a working group. The terms of reference for the group and membership were agreed at that time.

Current situation

The working group met twice on 5 and 11 September, to consider recommendations from the officers about the various polling districts. The findings of the member working group are set out in Appendix A

Why a change is needed

The legislative framework recently changed which means that the authority is required to complete a review of its polling district by the end of this year.

Financial Implications

None arising from the contents of this report.

Performance Issues

Not applicable

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: ...Myfanwy Barrett Chief Financial Officer

Date: 14 September 2007.

Name: Jill Travers on behalf of the
Monitoring Officer

Date: 17 September 2007.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Jill Travers. Principal Lawyer, Governance Services

Background Papers: Report to and minutes of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee – 7 June 2007

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A