

REPORT FOR: LICENSING & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: 23 November 2009

Subject: **Review of Polling Districts and
Polling Stations**

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart – Director of Legal &
Governance Services

Exempt: No

Enclosures: Appendix A

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report is intended to update members on the current arrangements in relation to the review of the Council's Polling District and Places.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is requested to note that:

- (a) No further action should be taken in respect of the Polling Districts as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) The next review be completed by 31 December 2011 in accordance with the statutory requirement.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

Background

Members will recall the issue of the review of the Council's Polling District and Places, which was last reported to this Committee in November 2008.

At that meeting, the Committee resolved to agree the various Working Group recommendations. Further that the next review be completed by 31 December 2011 in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Since that time, consideration and discussions have taken place with regard to the various outstanding recommendations. The attached Appendix A sets out the agreed recommendations, with an update section.

The revised Register of Electors must be published on 1 December 2009 and any changes to the present Polling District and Places must be approved prior to this date. In view of the short time scale, it will now not be possible to undertake further investigations, arrange a meeting of the Working Group a subsequent meeting of this Committee for approval of the changes to the current arrangements.

This Committee is therefore asked to agree that there will be no changes to the current arrangements of the Polling District and Places, that in accordance with its previous resolution that the next review of the polling district and places in the Borough is carried out by 31 December 2011 in accordance with the statutory requirement.

There are no legal implications or costs associated with this report. In addition, there are no performance issues or risks associated with this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Myfanwy Barrett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
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Date: 20 October 2009

Name: Linda Cohen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
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Date: 9 November 2009

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

Contact: Elaine McEachron, Assistant Lawyer - Corporate Governance,
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Background Papers: List only non-exempt
Report and Minutes of Licensing & General Purposes Committee –
November 2008

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
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2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A
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APPENDIX A

London Borough of Harrow Council Polling District and Places Review

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 placed a duty on the Council to review its polling districts and places within the Borough every four years from December 2007. This council agreed that reviews would be undertaken every year in respect of selected parts of the Borough.

On 28th November 2008, the Licensing & General Purposes Committee agreed the recommendations set out below.

The recommendations now include an update section in order to inform members of the committee of the current position.

Constituency: HARROW EAST

Ward: CANONS

POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION	RECOMMENDATIONS
EBB	Synagogue Community Centre, London Road, Stanmore	No change. Designate polling district as polling place.
EBD	Find new premises to accommodate a polling station for the new polling district.	New polling district created by splitting polling district EBB for 2010 elections. Consider feasibility of Islamic Centre on Wood Lane, Stanmore as an option available for polling station. Designate polling district as polling place.
	UPDATE OCTOBER 2009	The use of the alternative venue of the Islamic Centre has been explored. However, this centre is not available for use as a Polling Venue for election purposes. No Change.

Constituency: HARROW EAST

Ward: HARROW WEALD

POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION	RECOMMENDATIONS
EGB	Cedars First and Middle School, Whittlesea Road, Harrow Road	No change in 2009. Designate polling district as polling place. Consider splitting the polling district EGB in time for the 2010 elections.
	UPDATE – OCTOBER 2009	However, it has not been possible to fully consider the splitting of the polling district. This will be further considered as part of the statutory review which will be undertaken in 2011. Therefore no change.

Constituency: HARROW WEST

Ward: HARROW ON THE HILL

POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION	RECOMMENDATIONS
WM	Old Gaytonians Clubhouse, South Vale, Sudbury Hill, Harrow	No change. Designate polling district as polling place. Consider options available for 2010 elections, including, St George's Catholic School, Sudbury Hill.
WMC	Whitmore High School, Porlock Avenue, Harrow	Explore the use of McDonalds car park, Shaftesbury Circle, Harrow to replace Whitmore High School, Porlock Avenue, Harrow as the polling station for polling district WMC for 2009 elections. Designate polling district as polling station. Investigate alternative sites for 2010 elections immediately.
	UPDATE – OCTOBER 2009	No alternative sites available. The use of McDonalds car park will be used as polling stations. This polling station will revert to the Whitmore High School on completion of the current work. Therefore no change.

Constituency: HARROW WEST

Ward: RAYNERS LANE

POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION	RECOMMENDATIONS
U	Tithe Farm Social Club, Rayners Lane	No change. Designate polling district as polling place.
	UPDATE - OCTOBER 2009	No action required.

Constituency: HARROW EAST

Ward: WEALDSTONE

POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION	RECOMMENDATIONS
EJC	Whitefriars First & Middle School, Whitefriars Avenue, Harrow	No change. Designate polling district as polling place. Subject to consultation, Salvatorian College to be used as a site for 2010 elections. If Salvatorian is to be used, redefine the ward boundary to use the college as a polling station.
	UPDATE - OCTOBER 2009	This has been explored and no alternative venue is available. Therefore No Change

Constituency: HARROW WEST

Ward: ROXETH

POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING STATION	RECOMMENDATIONS
WSB	Junction of The Heights and Gaylor Road, Northolt	Consult with Ward Councillors to consider the options available for polling site.
	UPDATE - OCTOBER 2009	No alternative site is available. Therefore no change

