

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
COUNCIL	27 FEBRUARY 2013

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES	LEADER	JAMES WALLWORK	8

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report details changes required to the designated polling places for all future elections commencing from the County Council elections on 2 May 2013.

The report supports the democratic process which underpins the delivery of all corporate priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the polling places indicated in the schedule attached to this report be confirmed.
2. That the Chief Executive be authorised to determine any further unforeseen changes to polling places which become necessary for the forthcoming elections.

DETAILS AND REASONING

Members have previously agreed a schedule of polling places for all future elections. A current list of polling places is attached.

Since the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in 2012 it is recommended that there be an additional polling place in the Function Room at the Welcome Tavern Public House, Hennel Lane, Lostock Hall. Both ward councillors have been consulted and are pleased with the new polling place as it will be much closer for the residents of Walton Park than the current polling place of St Leonard's CE Primary School.

It is requested that the Chief Executive be authorised to determine any further unforeseen changes to polling places which become necessary for the forthcoming elections.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas listed below, and the table shows any implications in respect of each of these. The risk assessment which has been carried out forms part of the background papers to the report.

FINANCIAL	None.
LEGAL	There is a statutory requirement contained in the Representation of the People Act 1983 to formally designate polling places.
RISK	The full risk assessment forms part of the background papers to this report. The main point for consideration is that the Council would be failing to meet its statutory obligations if appropriate polling places are not designated. This report addresses that risk.
OTHER (see below)	Fair Access The proposed polling places have been inspected to ensure that they provide fair access for all.

<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Review of Polling Places