



Andover Town Council

To **approve** the Polling Review Working Group's comments for forwarding to TVBC.

Item
No.
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Produced for: Full Council

By: Deputy Town Clerk.

Date of Report: 15 Nov 2023

Background:

Test Valley Borough Council is carrying out a review of polling districts and polling stations where voters cast their votes at elections. As part of the review, the Council is consulting residents, elected councillors, political parties, parish councils, groups representing disabled people and other interested groups to seek their views.

The formal Notice of Review, the Terms of Reference, the timetable for the review, and the Submission of the (Acting) Returning Officer to the Review, together with maps showing the geographical layout of polling districts, are available on the Council's website at www.testvalley.gov.uk/pdr.

The consultation period runs from 13 October 2023 to 24 November 2023.

Please note that comments on the boundaries of the Borough Council, parish councils, Borough Ward and County Electoral Division boundaries, and other electoral arrangements such as the number of councillors for a particular parish/ward/division, are outside the scope of this Review and cannot be considered under it.

Background:

A Council is required to divide its area into "polling districts". In general, the polling district will be the same area as the parish it is situated within, but in Andover and Romsey (which has Borough wards) and some other areas further sub-division is required, to ensure that the number of electors in each polling district is not excessive, and that polling stations are as convenient as possible for voters.

Within each polling district, a "polling place" must be designated. The polling station serving the polling district must be situated within this polling place. Polling places must be within the polling district, although they can be outside the relevant polling district if no suitable alternative premises are available.

As part of the review, the suitability of polling stations used at elections is assessed, and the review allows possible alternative polling stations to be considered and assessed.

Timetable

The outcome of the review will be reported to Test Valley Borough Council full Council on 17 January 2024, and implemented by a formal Order made by the Council. The electoral register due to be published on 1 February 2024 will be based on the new arrangements, which will then apply to any elections which take place after that date.

On Monday 30th November a Working Group met to discuss the above consultation and consider Andover Town Council's response to it.

Results:

The Working Group considered that, although there is only one confirmed change in the Polling stations within the Parish (Andover Harroway No 4 VJ), they would also like to recommend to Full Council for approval that the alternatives suggested and mentioned below, be recommended for adoption, specifically Roman's Number 2 UO. There are by far the most voters attending this station at 4,549 so the recommendation to split North and South and use the YMCA would be beneficial to the area.

It was also suggested that Andover Town Council request that Test Valley Borough Council consider using the Longmeadow Hall in Cricketer's Way again to stop voters having to cross the busy Smanell Road for Romans no 1 SE.

Please note that responses are required by 24 November 2023.

Borough Ward: Andover Downlands		County Divisions: Andover North, Test Valley Central	
US	Downlands No.1	30	Picket Piece Village Hall (Main Hall), Wanworth Road, SP11 6LY
VQ	Downlands No.2	40	Picket Piece Community Centre, Picket Piece Way, SP11 6TY
Borough Ward: Andover Harroway		County Divisions: Andover West	
VL	Harroway No.5	38	Portacabin (Munnings/Stubbs Court), Artists Way, SP10 3TL
TE	Harroway No.3	13	Portacabin (Harroway School), Harroway Way, SP10 3RH
SP	Harroway No.1	4	King Arthurs Hall, King Arthurs Way, SP10 4BS
VJ	Harroway No.4	36	Pavilion at Sports Field, Kell Drive, Saxon Fields, SP10 4LD
TD	Harroway No.2	12	St Andrews Centre, Andover Methodist Church, Wayhill Road, SP10 3BH
Borough Ward: Andover Millway		County Divisions: Andover South	
VM	Millway No.6 (Millway No.5)	39	Andover Baptist Church, Charlton Road, SP10 3JH
VZ	Millway No.5 (Millway No.6)	43	Burghere Down Community Hall, Berry Way, SP10 3RZ
VK	Millway No.4	37	Burghere Down Community Hall, Berry Way, SP10 3RZ
TW	Millway No.3	18	Burghere Down Community Hall, Berry Way, SP10 3RZ
TV	Millway No.2	17	St Ann's Hall (Main Hall), Suffolk Road, SP10 2JD
TU	Millway No.1	16	St Michael and All Angels Parish Hall (Main Hall), Colebrook Way, SP10 3BB
Borough Ward: Andover Romans		County Divisions: Andover North	
SE	Romans No.1	3	St Paul's Church Centre, Smanell Road, SP11 6JP
VY	Romans No.3	42	St Paul's Church Centre, Smanell Road, SP11 6JP
UO	Romans No.2	25 & 26	Augusta Park Community Centre (Main Hall), East Anton Farm Road, SP11 6RD
Borough Ward: Andover St Mary's		County Divisions: Andover North, Andover South	
LR	St. Mary's No.3	29	The Phoenix Centre, Pilgrims Way, SP10 5HW
VE1	St. Mary's No.5 (St. Mary's No.4)	35	St John Ambulance Priory Hall, Love Lane, Andover, SP10 2AA
LIP	St. Mary's No.1	27	Harms Hall, Church Close, SP10 1DP
UQ	St. Mary's No.2	28	Andover Bowling Club, Recreation Road, SP10 1HL
Borough Ward: Andover Winton		County Divisions: Andover South	
VR	Winton No.3	41	St Ann's Hall (Main Hall), Suffolk Road, SP10 2JD
VQ	Winton No.1	33	Activity Hall at Purple Oak Support, to the rear of The Wellington Centre, SP10 2EG
VE	Winton No.2	34	St John Ambulance Priory Hall, Love Lane, Andover, SP10 2AA

Recommendations:

- Full Council approve the Working Group's recommendations and task Officers to respond to the consultation by 24 November 2023 with the Working Group's comments above.