



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 18th July 2019

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

26th June 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Callison (in the Chair)
Councillors Barfield, Cairns, Harness, Brookes (substitute for Hudson), Rodwell, Watson (substitute for James) and Woodward.

Officers in attendance:

Gemma Broderick	Solicitor
Stephen McGrath	Elections Team Manager and Transformation Programme Advisor
Beverly O'Brien	Scrutiny and Committee Support Officer

There were no members of the press or public present at the meeting.

L.6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence received from Councillors James, Green and K. Swinburn for this meeting.

L.7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Watson declared a personal interest in any matters arising in Item L.9 in terms of the Bert Boyden Centre, Immingham or the Civic Centre, Immingham, as he was in a position of management and control of both of these centres and they were currently used as polling stations. Councillor Watson stated that if these were to specifically come up in any debate or receive focused attention he would look at declaring a prejudicial interest.

L.8 **MINUTES**

Councillor Rodwell acknowledged the minutes, specifically the item around Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee Members and she proposed that Councillor Watson replace her as a full member of the sub-committee and that she take the vacant substitute place for the Labour Party.

Councillor Callison also proposed that Councillor Karen Swinburn be made a substitute for the vacant substitute place for the Conservative Group.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the minutes of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee meeting held on 11th June 2019 be recorded as a true record.
- 2) That Councillor Watson be appointed as a Member of the Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee.
- 3) That Councillors Rodwell and K. Swinburn be appointed as substitute members of the Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee.

L.9

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACE 2018-2020

The Committee received a report from the Director of Communities presenting the feedback from an initial consultation and proposing changes to the polling districts and polling places for further consultation.

Mr McGrath introduced the report and explained that ten responses were received as part of the initial consultation stage as well as feedback from polling staff and polling station inspectors from both elections on the 2nd and 23rd May 2019. The Returning Officer had considered the feedback and made some comments and suggestions which was included in appendix 1 of the report. Mr McGrath took Members through the comments/suggestions for each ward. Members made the following conclusions:

- East Marsh (seeking views on whether a double polling station would be appropriate at Strand Primary School)
 - Members thought it was a long way for individuals to walk from the far end of Park Street to the school.
 - Members suggested enquiring about using the E-Factor Building on Wellington Street or Open Door.
- Freshney
 - Members were happy with the suggested use of Cromwell House instead of the Portacabin in FA5.
- Heneage
 - Members were happy with the suggested amendments to move electors from HE7 into HE5.
- Park (concerns had been raised about the condition of St Augustine's Community Centre, Mr McGrath asked Members for suggestions of another venue).
 - Members suggested enquiring about using the Boxing Club on Ainsley Street or the Mosque on Weelsby Road.

- Scartho
 - Members were happy with the suggestion to relocate Bellflower Road, Trefoil Close and Rosemallow Close from SC1 to SC3 polling district.
- South
 - Members were happy for the former polling station, City Church Community Hall, to be used again as a polling station.
- West Marsh
 - Members were happy for electors in 123 to 141 Boulevard Avenue be moved from polling district WM4 into WM3.
- Yarborough
 - Members had no suggestions for alternative polling stations in polling districts YA1 and YA6.
- Croft Baker
 - Members were happy with the suggestions to combine polling districts CB1A and CB1B and for CB2 to be split into four.
 - Members suggested enquiring about using St Peters Church Hall for a potential polling station in CB4.
- Haverstoe
 - Members agreed that there were no appropriate alternative arrangements for HA6.
- Humberston/New Waltham
 - Members stated that with the upcoming housing developments they envisaged that parking issues at both the village hall and the Gingerbread House will get worse.
 - Members were happy to create a new polling district incorporating parts of HU4 and HU5.
 - Members suggested enquiring about using the use of the Pavilion for HU4 or HU5.
- Immingham
 - Happy that there was no amendments needed.
 - Members stated that the Habrough Village Hall was far for some of the residents in IM1 to get to, especially as they were mostly made up of the aging population. No alternative suggestions were made, except for possibly a mobile unit near the railway.
- Sidney Sussex
 - Members were happy that no amendments were needed.
- Waltham
 - Members were happy that no amendments were needed.

- Wolds
 - Members were happy for The Ship pub to be investigated as an alternative polling station for WO2.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the responses received to the initial consultation phase, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
- 2) That Members responses stated above be noted and suggestions be taken into account during the second phase of the consultation process.
- 3) That the Director for Communities consult on the proposed changes to the polling districts and polling places, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be authorised and then the feedback and proposed amendments to the polling districts and polling places be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee for Members consideration.

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.