

SUBJECT	Polling District and Polling Place Review
REPORT OF	Governance & Electoral Arrangements Committee Chairman - Councillor Diana Varley
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WARD/S AFFECTED	Gold Hill; Newtown; Little Chalfont; Cholesbury the Lee & Bellingdon; Prestwood & Heath End; and Little Missenden

1. Purpose of Report

A voluntary review of polling district and polling places commenced on 19 July 2017 following comments received at the UK Parliamentary Election held on 8 June 2017. This report sets out the recommendations of the Acting Returning Officer following the review.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To recommend to Full Council to re-designate:

- 1) Chalfont St Peter Leisure Centre as the polling place for polling district 'CN - Gold Hill'
- 2) Newtown Baptist Church as the polling place for polling district 'CT- Newtown'
- 3) Little Chalfont Methodist Church as the polling place for polling district 'CR1- Little Chalfont North East'
- 4) Cholesbury Village Hall as the polling place for polling districts 'CMA- Hawridge ' and 'CMB- St Leonards'
- 5) Little Kingshill Village Hall as the polling place for polling districts 'CS – Little Kingshill & Little Missenden' 'CVA – Prestwood & Heath End (2)'

2. Reasons for Recommendations

Following the recent review of polling district and polling places the above recommendation aims to ensure that suitable locations are in place for polling purposes.

3. Content of Report

The Council is required by the Electoral and Administration Act 2013 to next review the UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places in its area between 1 October 2018

and 31 January 2020. Local authorities can also carry out a review of all or some polling districts and polling places at other times.

In response to comments received at the UK Parliamentary election that was held on 8 June 2017 it was considered appropriate carry out a review so that proposed changes can take effect in time for future elections.

The Review commenced on 19 July 2017 and the attached report, issued by the Acting Returning Officer (ARO), sets out his recommendations as well as the representations received during the public consultation. The public and interested parties could submit comments and submissions relating to the Acting Returning Officer's recommendations up until 8 June 2018.

Members are asked to consider the recommendation in the attached report, and recommend that this be agreed by Full Council on 24 July 2018.

4. Consultation

The Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Places was published on 19 July 2017 which invited public comments and submissions by 13 March 2018.

Publication of ARO's report for proposed and existing polling places took place on 18 May 2018 and a further opportunity to comment was provided until 8 June 2018.

5. Options

The Committee can decide whether to agree the proposed re-designations as set out in the attach report.

7. Corporate Implications

7.1 Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 Legal

The Review has been carried out in accordance with the Electoral and Administration Act 2013 and Representation of the People Act 1983.

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

The recommendations in the report support the delivery of the Council's aims and objectives.

9. Next Steps

Subject to agreement by the Governance & Electoral Arrangements Committee and Full Council the required changes will be made to re-designate the polling places referred to in the report.

Background Papers:	None other than those referred to in the report.
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