

Decision details

Change to Polling Places within Bierton with Broughton Parish Ward

Decision Maker: Returning Officer

Decision status: For Determination

Is Key decision?: No

Is subject to call in?: No

Purpose:

The Electoral Review and Administration Act 2013 requires each local authority to carry out a review of polling districts and polling places every five years between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020. The review was undertaken and approved by full Council on 23 October 2019.

Following the making of the Aylesbury Vale (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2020, it has been necessary to instigate a minor review of the Polling Place arrangements within the Bierton with Broughton Parish area. This minor review has included all the necessary steps and consultation set out in Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (RPA 1983).

The Returning Officer has delegated authority to make variations to the Polling Places which are necessary on the grounds of urgency, efficiency or cost (Council Constitution, Section C – Officer Delegations, Delegations to Officers – Council functions). The above change is principally to align the polling station arrangements in line with the Aylesbury Vale (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2020.

Decision:

To update the Polling Places within the former Bierton with Broughton Parish area, and following the making of the Aylesbury Vale (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2020 as follows:-

Aylesbury Parliamentary Constituency

Polling District / Description of Polling District	Polling Place	Indicative Polling Station
Bierton Parish – Oldhams Meadow Ward	Bierton	Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

Buckingham Parliamentary Constituency

Polling District / Description of Polling District	Polling Place	Indicative Polling Station
Bierton Parish – Bierton Ward The Parish of Bierton with the exception of the Oldhams Meadow Ward.	Bierton	Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton
Broughton Hamlet Broughton Hamlet Parish	Bierton	Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton
Kingsbrook Kingsbrook Parish	Kingsbrook	Oakfield Community Building, Siding Road, Aylesbury

Reasons for the decision:

The new development at Kingsbrook has recently opened a Community Building (Oakfield Community Building) that is modern, accessible and suitable for use as a Polling Station. Establishing a new Polling Place in the new Kingsbrook Parish Council area will mean that electors are able to vote nearer to home.

Alternative options considered:

Not to change the current Polling Place arrangements. However, it was felt that this was not acceptable now that a new Community Building had opened in Kingsbrook.

Interests and Nature of Interests Declared:

None.

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