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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 12</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020</b>	<b>CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019 – FINAL PROPOSALS</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>

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## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That Council notes the responses to the consultation.
- 1.2 That Council adopts the Final Proposals arising from the review of polling places and polling districts as detailed in Appendix A of this report.
- 1.3 That the Returning Officer be authorised to designate alternative polling places where necessary.
- 1.4 That Members approve the publication of the Final Proposals as outlined in Appendix A to this report.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 This report sets out the steps taken in the 2019 review of Parliamentary Polling District and Places and the outcome of that review, which complies with the relevant statutory obligations.
- 2.2 Under the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 the Council are required to conduct a review of all Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Borough every five years.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983, local authorities are required to divide their area into polling districts, to designate polling places for those polling districts, and to keep their electoral arrangements under review. The decision to do so was made by this Council on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.
- 3.2 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty for all polling districts and polling places to be reviewed. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 places a duty on the local authority to carry out a review of each polling district and polling place in its area.
- 3.3 In conducting this review, the Council sought to ensure that:

- All electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- Polling places are accessible to all electors and all sections of the community; and
- When considering or reviewing the designation of a polling place, there was regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The review has been conducted within the current budget for administering elections.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 None

#### **6.0 Legal Implications**

6.1 None

#### **7.0 Corporate Plan Implications**

7.1 None

#### **8.0 Risk Impact**

8.1 None

#### **9.0 Community Impact**

9.1 A notice inviting representations from electors within the parliamentary constituency of South Derbyshire was displayed at the Civic Offices and published to the website in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983.

#### **10 Equality and Diversity Impact**

10.1 Accessibility to polling places will be reviewed.

#### **11 Social Value Impact**

11.1 The proposed polling place review will seek to provide convenient locations for electors and may increase electoral engagement.

#### **12 Environmental Sustainability**

12.1 The review of polling places may result in provision of polling places that are located within walking distance for electors.

#### **13 Background Papers**

Appendix A – Schedule of Proposed Polling Places  
Appendix B - Consultation Responses and Returning Officer Comments  
Appendix C - Returning Officer Comments  
Polling Place Review Report to Council 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Representation of the People Act 1983  
Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2006  
Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013  
Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations  
2006)