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Title	Polling Districts and Polling Places Review - Update		☎ 282242
Wards affected	All Wards		

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 A Polling Districts and Polling Places Review was conducted in 2019. The findings of this review were presented to the Governance and Audit Committee on 03 September 2019.
- 1.2 The Governance and Audit Committee requested a future update, and opportunity to review, the arrangements for key polling stations, ahead of the 2020 Local Elections.

2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 To agree Appendix A – Update on Polling Stations.

3. Reason for Recommended Decision

- 3.1 The Governance and Audit Committee recommended to Full Council that it approved and adopted the Polling Districts and Polling Places report of 03 September 2019. This was indeed agreed by Full Council on 16 October 2019. However, the Governance and Audit Committee requested that officers provided updates on particular polling stations, ahead of the 2020 Local Elections. Appendix A outlines these updates.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 None.

5. Background Information

- 5.1 During 2019 a scheduled review of Polling Districts and Polling Places was undertaken. Electoral area boundaries remain unchanged, with only limited changes to polling places. Although the report was agreed and recommended to Full Council concern remained with regards to particular temporary polling stations. This report provides an update addressing these concerns.

6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications

- 6.1 The polling stations listed in Appendix A ensure inclusive accessibility.

7. Standard References

- 7.1 There are no particular references to consultation, publicity consideration, financial implications, health, wellbeing and community safety implications or risk management implications.

8. Strategic Plan References

- 8.1 The Council's Strategic Plan sets out four themes one of which being: Responsibility – Encouraging everyone to do their bit to making our borough even better. One of the five priorities under the Responsibility theme is to 'Promote responsible citizenship by encouraging residents to get involved in their communities and to identify solutions to local issues.' The polling stations referenced in Appendix A provide inclusive and accessible sites for residents to exercise their democratic rights.

9. Risk Management Implications

- 9.1 There are no risk management implications.

10. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

- 10.1 The polling stations identified in this update are easily accessible to electors across the relevant polling district and are within reasonable walking distance.

Appendices

- Appendix A – update of polling stations.