

SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL

18 JANUARY 2017

Present: The Right Worshipful The Mayor (Councillor Judy Rogers) in the Chair, Councillors Sinden, Batsford, Cartwright, Chowney, Forward, Howard, Dowling, Roberts, Scott, Street, Turner, Webb, Wincott, Charman, Lee, Fitzgerald, Beaney, Atkins, Edwards, Clarke, Dowling, Bacon, Patmore and Rankin

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Cooke, Davies, Poole, Sabetian, Westley and Beaver

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared their interest in the minutes indicated:

Councillor	Committee	Minute	Interest
Cartwright	Cabinet, 9 January 2017	57 – Review of Polling Places	Personal – his partner is a Trustee of Broomgrove Residents Association, which manages the Broomgrove Community Centre
Clarke	Cabinet, 9 January 2017	57 – Review of Polling Places	Personal – he is a Director of the Hastings Centre
Patmore	Cabinet, 9 January 2017	57 – Review of Polling Places	Personal – he is a Trustee of Hastings and Rother Voluntary Association for the Blind

44. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Mayor referred members to minute 57 of the Cabinet meeting held on 9 January 2017, which was a matter for Council decision. Following an earlier boundary review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), the council had undertaken an interim review of polling places within the borough. Cabinet had recommended that the council adopt the Acting Returning Officer's recommendations.

Members thanked all those who had contributed to the review process for their efforts.

Councillor Cartwright proposed approval of the recommendations in the minute, which was seconded by Councillor Lee.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

- 1. The council adopts the Acting Returning Officer's recommendations (as appended to the Chief Legal Officer's report to Cabinet) and publish the results of the review, and;**
- 2. Delegated authority is given to the Director of Corporate Services and Governance to amend any decisions made under this review with regard**

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to polling places or polling stations, should there be an urgent or necessary need

The reason for this decision was:

Due to the changes made as part of the recent boundary review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), the council must carry out an interim review of polling places. The review must incorporate the division of its parliamentary constituency area (within the borough boundary) into polling districts and the places where electors are asked to vote. The council must comply with the requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Section 16, EAA 2006) and complete regular reviews of all polling districts and polling places. The council has a duty to ensure that the most suitable premises are used as polling places with regard to the needs of the electorate, subject to availability.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.10 pm)

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