

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives
Consultation:	<p>Consultation with stakeholders was undertaken with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPs that cover all polling provision within the district</li><li>• County Councillors</li><li>• District Councillors/Candidates</li><li>• Parish Councils</li><li>• Local political organisations</li><li>• Local disability groups</li></ul> <p>Comments were also sought from the general public via an e-form on the council's website.</p> <p>Comments received from the electorate, politicians and polling staff from the two major elections in May 2019 have also be included within the consultation.</p> <p>The consultation period initially ran from 1 March to 17 May 2019 but this was then extended to 31 May to allow for feedback from the European Parliamentary election held on 23 May.</p>
Legal:	Legal requirement to conduct a review under the Electoral Administration Act 2006. The review to be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020. The changes to the Polling District

	letters to take effect from the publication of the next revised register on 1 December 2019.
Financial:	Not applicable
Human Resource:	Not applicable
Risk Management:	Risk of legal challenge if the Returning Officer of the Council fails to meet his legal responsibility to carry out the review or within the statutory timeframe.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	None specific other than the Returning Officer has a legal duty to ensure that the health and wellbeing of the staff he employs at polling places and that these are not impacted by unsuitable premises.
Equality, diversity and human rights considerations, and whether Equality Impact Assessment required:	<p>An Equality Impact Assessment is not required, however the Returning Officer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in the local authority area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances</li> <li>• seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled.</li> </ul> <p>The above has been taking in to account in this review.</p>
Environmental Sustainability	Not applicable