

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

1. **Purpose of Report**

To seek agreement to the commencement of a Polling District Review.

2. **Recommendations**

The Council is requested to resolve

- (a) That a Polling District Review be commenced with the timetable and Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) That the Member Working Group established for the Community Governance Review consider and make proposals on the Polling District Review.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

Effective, transparent and equitable democratic and decision making processes are an essential pre-requisite to the delivery of all the Council's priorities.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

There are no financial or risk management implications as the report is administrative in nature. The cost associated with the Polling District Review can be accommodated within existing resources.

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications associated with this report. Polling District and Polling Place Reviews are carried out under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the recommendations within this report meet legal requirements. The proposals have no workforce implications.

5 **Supporting Information**

POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

- 5.1 It is a statutory requirement for a local authority to keep all polling arrangements under review and to establish a polling place within each polling district wherever possible. Arrangements must seek to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable and that they are accessible to all electors, including any with disabilities. The last review was undertaken in 2013 following the new ward boundaries prescribed in the Slough (Electoral Changes) Order 2012.
- 5.2 The Review will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the timetable and terms of reference of the Review are set out at Appendix A.
- 5.3 It is proposed that the working Group established to undertake the Community Governance Review should also consider and make proposals for the Polling District Review.

6 **Appendices**

Appendix A - Timetable and Stages – Polling District Review

7. **Background Papers**

None.