

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE – 7 MARCH 2019**

**TEMPORARY CHANGES TO POLLING STATIONS – LOCAL ELECTIONS:  
THURSDAY, 2 MAY 2019**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT  
& COMMISSIONING**

1. **PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek Members approval of temporary changes to 2 polling stations for the May 2019 local elections.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Boundary Review Committee agree the following polling stations be used
- Lawley Village Primary Academy, Bryce Way, Lawley
  - Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Drive, Priorslee

3. **SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes/No	
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes/No	Electors in the polling districts of: - Horsehay & Lightmoor (Lawley) - Priorslee (Castle Farm)
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE</b>	2 May 2019	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	Yes/No	
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	Yes/No	Under Section 18C(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (RPA 1983) local authorities must carry out and complete a review of polling districts and polling places in the period specified by section 18C(2)(a) of the RPA 1983. The next compulsory review must be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020.

		Outside of the review process, emergency changes to a polling station can be made at short notice, where the existing station ceases to be available for use.
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Yes/No	Failure to secure an alternative polling station will impact on the May 2019 local elections. These temporary changes will then be reviewed alongside all other stations when the 2019/20 full review is undertaken.
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	Yes/No	Horsehay & Lightmoor (Lawley) Priorslee (Castle Farm)

#### 4. **BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 There are some 78 polling stations across the Borough, used at local and national elections.
- 4.2 Each station was contacted in January 2019 to ensure its availability for the May 2019 local elections.
- 4.3 2 stations have declined the use of their premises, due to a change in the use of the premises or a business change preventing use as a polling station.

#### 5. **SUMMARY**

- 5.1 The 2 current stations that are no longer available for use are:

Station No.	Polling District(s)	Polling Place
8	THL	Lawley & Overdale Parish Council Offices
28	TPP	Lakeside Plant Centre, Priorslee

- 5.2 A suitable alternative has been found in each case. A visit to the premises has been undertaken and the site assessed for suitability as a polling station.

- 5.3 The identified alternative stations are:

Station No.	Polling District(s)	Polling Place
8	THL	Lawley Village Primary Academy, Bryce Way, Lawley
28	TPP	Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Drive, Priorslee

- 5.4 These alternative venues are within the correct ward and parish boundary of the areas where a station is required; are established local facilities and are willing to accommodate their building being used as a polling station.

5.5 The ongoing suitability of these premises as future polling stations will be assessed alongside all of the other existing polling stations, when the full polling station / polling place review commences in June 2019.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that Boundary Review Committee agree the above two stations be used for the local elections being held on Thursday, 2 May 2019.

7. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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