

## Selection & Constitutional Review Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Selection & Constitutional Review Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

### Present:

Cllr. Clarkson (Chairman);  
Cllr. Bell (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Barrett, Bennett, Bradford, Burgess, Clokie, Hicks, Koowaree, Ovenden.

### Apology:

Cllr. Galpin.

### Also Present:

Cllr. Link

Electoral Services Manager, Member Services Manager (Operational).

## 196 Minutes

### Resolved:

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.**

## 197 Interim Review of Polling Districts and Places

The Electoral Services Manager introduced the report which reviewed changes to Polling Districts and Polling Places in Ashford. These were proposed by an interim review following the Community Governance Review of 2016 and the review of Ashford's Ward boundaries conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. As part of the interim review a public consultation on the proposed Polling Districts and Places was held in the period beginning Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July and ending on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The changes had also been considered by the Local Government and Polling District Task Group.

Members welcomed the report and in particular the fact that schools were not being used for Polling Stations as this had previously necessitated their closure for the day. In response to questions, the Electoral Services Manager advised that disabled access at Polling Stations had been taken into account as part of the consultation.

### Recommended:

**That (i) the Polling Districts and Places set out at Appendix 2 to the report be adopted.**

- (ii) where the Polling Station is within the Ward, that the entire Ward be designated as the Polling Place.
- (iii) where the Polling Station is located outside the Ward that the entire Ward and the Polling Station building is designated as being the Polling Place.

## **198 Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations**

The Member Services Manager (Operational) introduced the report which advised of a need to make a nomination to a position on the River Stour Internal Drainage Board.

**Resolved:**

**That Councillor Noel Ovenden be appointed as the Council's fifth representative on the River Stour Internal Drainage Board.**

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