

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

**15th October, 2019 at 6.00pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Dr Jaron);
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hartwell);

Councillors Ahmed, Akhter, Ali, Allcock, Allen, Ashman, Bawa, Bostan, Carmichael, Cherrington, Chidley, Costigan, Crompton, Crumpton, S Davies, Y Davies, Dhallu, Downing, Edwards, Gavan, E A Giles, E M Giles, L Giles, G Gill, Hackett, Hadley, Hevican, P Hughes, M Hussain, M Y Hussain, Z Hussain, Jarvis, I Jones, O Jones, R Jones, S Jones, Kausar, Khatun, Lloyd, Mabena, McVittie, Melia, Millar, Millard, Moore, Padda, Phillips, Piper, Preece, Rollins, Rouf, Shackleton, Shaeen, Simms, Singh, Taylor, Tranter, Trow, Webb, White and Worsey.

Apologies: Councillors Eaves, M Gill, Horton, P M Hughes, Lewis, Sandars, Tagger and Underhill.

78/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 16th July, 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

79/19 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor welcomed students from Q3 Langley school as part of National Democracy Week.

The Mayor also made reference to the display/promotion in the foyer as part of National Adoption Week and asked elected members to take every opportunity to promote adoption.

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The Mayor also thanked everyone for their foodbank donations.

Details of Mayoral engagements since the last meeting of the Council had been circulated to members.

In particular, reference was made to the meetings that had taken place in the run up to Remembrance. The Festival Remembrance would take place on 9th November at West Bromwich Town Hall.

The Mayor took the opportunity to send well wishes to those members suffering ill health – Councillors Horton, P M Hughes, Lewis and Tagger.

80/19 Petitions Under Standing Order No. 5

No petitions were received under Standing Order No. 5.

81/19 Questions Under Standing Order No. 6

No questions were received under Standing Order No. 6.

**82/19 Proposals to Depart from the Local Development Plan at
Powke Lane Open Space, Rowley Regis**

At the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3rd October 2018, consideration was given to planning application DC/18/62046 which sought approval for the construction of a new cemetery including; site remediation, widening of existing access off Powke Lane; office building and operational yard, parking, CCTV, lighting, landscaping and other associated site improvement works on part of Powke Lane Open Space.

Planning Committee approved the planning application, subject to the application being referred to Full Council as a departure from the Local Plan.

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The site was allocated as Public Open Space within the Council's adopted Site Allocations and Delivery Development Plan Document. It was necessary for the Council to consider whether or not to grant an exception to its policy to allow the application to proceed.

The matter had been considered by Council at its meeting on 16th October 2018 (Minute No. 95/18 referred) where it had been referred to the relevant Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Board for consideration of options. The Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board had subsequently considered the options and had concluded that the proposal was the best option available to the Council.

Several objections were received from Members, in particular:-

- there was very little open space in the borough – the Friends Group and local businesses objected to the proposal;
- there were no significant changes since the debate at full Council in October 2018;
- burial may not be a sustainable solution and further issues may arise in the future when the plot became full and the remaining green space would be targeted;
- a Freedom of Information request had indicated that there were sufficient burial spaces for the next 40+ years and it may be that burials would lessen with people using alternatives;
- an Environment Agency report indicated that the site was high risk which caused concern;
- other sites should be looked at where the impact would be lessened;
- there needed to be a good reason to build on green space, such as housing, offices for employment, etc.
- the area was densely populated and, during construction, the works would have a major impact on the area;
- boroughs like Sandwell could not afford to lose green space;
- this was considered to be a short-term solution, in the future the Council would again be looking elsewhere.

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In contrast, whilst the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities appreciated and understood the concern regarding loss of greenspace and wildlife, cemeteries were becoming a sanctuary for wildlife and there would still be greenspace. Families may wish to bury their loved ones and visit them every day. An alternative for residents would be burial at another borough, paying increased costs. The greenspace would still be there and, whilst members were focused on concerns, they were forgetting the local people who wished to bury their loved ones.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 12, Councillor Preece called for a named vote. The required support to the request was achieved and the motion put to a named vote, as follows:-

For:-

Ahmed, Akhter, Ali, Allcock, Allen, Ashman, Bawa, Bostan, Chidley, Crompton, Crumpton, S Davies, Y Davies, Dhallu, Downing, G Gill, Hadley, Hartwell, Hevican, M Hussain, Z Hussain, I Jones, R Jones, S Jones, Kausar, Khatun, Lloyd, McVittie, Millard, Padda, Rouf, Shaeen, Simms, Taylor and Worsey.

Against:-

Carmichael, Cherrington, Costigan, Edwards, Gavan, E A Giles, E M Giles, L Giles, Hackett, P Hughes, M Y Hussain, Dr Jaron, Jarvis, Mabena, Melia, Millar, Moore, Phillips, Piper, Preece, Rollins, Singh, Tranter, Trow and White.

Abstentions:-

O Jones, Shackleton and Webb.

Resolved that an exception to the Local Plan be allowed in respect of planning application DC/18/62046 to support the construction of a new cemetery in Rowley Regis to include; site remediation, widening of existing access off Powke Lane; office building and operational yard, parking, CCTV, lighting, landscaping and other associated site and access improvement works on part of Powke Lane Open Space, rear of 55-91 (odds) Powke Lane, Rowley Regis.

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West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillor Edwards, the member nominated pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 to report on the activities of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, presented an update on the work of the Fire Authority.

Particular reference was made to:-

- Revenue Finances

Core funding provided by the Government to West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority (WMFRA) had been reduced by 50% (£38m) during continuous downward spending reviews since 2011, including cuts in the current financial year of £0.690m.

It was expected that 2020/2021 would be the first year without significant reductions since 2011. However, funding would still not allow for any growth or recovery.

- Capital Spending

For several years the government had failed to provide any capital funding for West Midlands Fire Service and this continued to be the case going into 2020/2021.

Earmarked authority reserves were being used to rebuild Aston fire station. Reserves were also being used to fund an essential vehicle replacement programme, including front line fire appliances. Other items of essential capital expenditure included extensive IT upgrades which were vital to the joint West Midlands/Staffordshire fire control room.

Cash reserves held by the Fire Authority to deliver its essential capital programme would be exhausted by 2021/2022.

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- Future Governance of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

A proposal had been developed to transfer responsibilities for the governance of WMFS to the West Midlands Combined Authority.

In the last stages of drafting the Parliamentary Order the Government had failed to provide surety for the future delegation of accountabilities and responsibilities of the Chief Fire Officer including certainty in ring-fencing WMFS budget and financial reserves. This prevented the unanimous support of all seven West Midlands local authorities being achieved and the proposal was withdrawn.

WMFS would therefore continue to be governed by the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority.

- Inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), the new government inspectorate, had carried out an independent inspection of West Midlands Fire Service. The headlines from the report were that WMFS was 'good' in all the areas inspected and 'outstanding' in its emergency response. WMFS was the only fire service inspected under the new regime to receive an 'outstanding' grading.

There were some communication and cultural issues mentioned in the report which in part arose from last year's trade dispute.

Last autumn, prior to the inspection, WMFS, in partnership with trade unions, had already agreed to put in place an independent cultural review which had now been published. The recommendations would be analysed and developed into an implementation plan.

The full inspection report was available on the HMICFRS website.

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- Performance

Despite unprecedented cuts in government funding, West Midlands Fire Service continued to maintain its five-minute target response time to category 1 incidents which threatened life or property.

Following a burst water main incident in Wednesbury the previous day, members wished to place on record their thanks to the Fire/Police/Ambulance Services and South Staffs Water for their excellent response.

84/19 Transport for West Midlands

Councillor Akhter, the member nominated pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 to report on the activities of Transport for West Midlands, presented an update on the work of the Transport Authority.

Particular reference was made to:-

- Commonwealth Games

The transport planning for the Commonwealth Games was proceeding well with work progressing in ensuring a fully integrated transport response to the Games.

A Games Strategic Transport Plan had been developed and taken to the West Midlands Combined Authority Board in September. The plan had been published as part of a twelve-week engagement period and set out the approach to the detailed planning required for the integrated transport network.

- M5 Oldbury Viaduct Works

The project remained on track for completion in Autumn 2019. Some 14,000 repairs had been carried out on the northbound carriageway and good progress had been made. The contraflow had been removed and a 40mph introduced. The next major milestone for the project would be the completion of works on the deck.

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- **Bus Network**

Ring and Ride Update

From 1st August 2019, the Ring and Ride service was operated by West Midlands Accessible Transport, a new company wholly owned subsidiary of National Express West Midlands. The Ring and Ride team currently operating the service transferred to the new operator, so users could be assured of the same high standard of customer care previously enjoyed. Going forward, TfWM would be working with the new operator to ensure Ring and Ride services continued to work for local people and, wherever possible, were improved based on customer feedback.

- **HS2 Connectivity**

Sprint: Work had been progressing on the three priority Sprint Routes, Walsall to Birmingham via Sandwell (A34), Birmingham to Birmingham Airport and Solihull (A45), and Sutton Coldfield to Birmingham via Langley (SBL), with work being undertaken by TfWM and local authorities.

Rail: Significant activity had been underway developing a number of rail investment projects. A joint project team had been created to help the delivery of the investment programme. Projects currently underway included Dudley Port Station – outline proposals to improve interchange facilities and accessibility at the station.

- **Metro Programme**

Representatives from Metro Alliance joined the meeting to advise of the series of drop-in-sessions that had been arranged for residents and businesses, to raise awareness of the work starting and to gain feedback. The sessions were intended to be an informal, high-level overview of the scheme, building on the information already provided.

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- Sustainable Travel

Travel Choices

Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) continued to support those working, studying and living in Sandwell to travel around the West Midlands region.

The team would continue to offer help to those affected by highway improvements on Junction 10 of the M6 when work began there in 2020 and also work with the Commonwealth Games team and engage with residents around the site of the new Aquatic Centre, where construction had already started.

- Living Streets Walk to School Programme

In partnership with TfWM, Living Streets had been working with Sandwell primary schools to encourage children to walk to school with the aim of improving wellbeing and reducing the number of cars at the school gates to reduce vehicle emissions and improve road safety.

In response to a number of questions raised by members regarding:-

- service users complained of being cold and splashed by water at the new style bus stops at Stone Cross – previously the shelters were enclosed – could they be replaced with the previous style;
- the previous style bus stops provided a level of protection for those with children, they were now open to the road and the elements. When TfWM had been contacted, they stated that the new style maximised the space available for video advertising;
- could more information be provided regarding the proposed Sprint Route on the A34;
- problems with overcrowding at train station in Tipton was causing problems for residents/parents with toddlers, TfWM had planning permission, however, funding had not been allocated;
- National Express had rescued the Ring and Ride Service, however, there was a need to look at reliability;

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the lead member for transport confirmed she would refer the matters back to TfWM for comment.

85/19 West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

The Council's substitute representative on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel, Councillor R Jones, provided members with an update on the work undertaken by the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.

The Panel had five statutory responsibilities that were the core element of its work programme:-

- scrutinise and make a recommendation on the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) proposed policing precept and budget, with the power to veto the precept;
- scrutinise and comment on the PCC's Police and Crime Plan;
- review the PCC's Annual Report;
- hold confirmation hearings before the PCC made certain senior appointments; and
- handle non-criminal complaints about the PCC, referring serious complaints to the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

Panels were also encouraged to undertake wider exploratory work to build knowledge and insight and hold the PCC to account.

Highlights from 2018/19:-

- the Panel challenged the PCC on response times to the 101 non-emergency number;
- Panel members raised residents' concerns about Police visibility and questioned the PCC and Deputy Chief Constable on resources for local policing and improving public engagement;
- members advocated greater promotion of the PCC's Active Citizens Fund to encourage greater take up by local groups;
- the Panel sought assurance from the PCC of his oversight to improving crime recording arrangements following the inadequate rating;

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- the Panel encouraged the PCC to evaluate the cashable and non-cashable benefits of the WMP2020 force business transformation programme and consider how best to communicate these to the public;
- a subgroup of Panel members carried out detailed scrutiny of budget issues, pressures and projections ahead of the formal review of the PCC's precept proposals;
- the Panel examined the proposal to transfer the PCC and spoke to the West Midlands Mayor, the PCC and officers of the West Midlands Combined Authority before responding to the WMCA consultation.

Activities July – October 2019:-

- training and induction – an induction was held in July 2019 for new members to learn about the role of the Panel. A police finance briefing took place in September and a briefing by the PCC and Force was scheduled, including a tour of the call centre. The Annual Police and Crime Panel Conference in November 2019 would provide an opportunity for members to attend a number of topical police and crime workshops;
- review of the PCC's Annual Report – in September the Panel considered the draft Annual Report and questioned the PCC on progress made during the previous year towards his Police and Crime Plan priorities. A number of suggestions were made for the final version of the report.

In response to questions in relation to:-

- an update with regard to the 101 non-emergency number;
- raising the issue of knife crime at the next meeting, including figures and what was proposed;

Councillor R Jones undertook to take the issues back to the Panel.

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West Midlands Combined Authority

The Leader provided members with an update on the work undertaken by the West Midlands Combined Authority.

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Particular reference was made to:-

- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner – proposed transfer of functions

The Combined Authority consulted across the seven West Midlands Council areas (constituent authorities) on the proposals to transfer the powers and responsibilities of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner to the Mayor of the West Midlands in May 2020.

The Combined Authority Board received a report on 22nd March 2019 setting out the findings of the consultation. It was noted that there were strong levels of support throughout the consultation for transferring the Police and Crime Commission role with that of the Mayor, however, the Board did not agree to progress the proposal to the next stage and for the time being, the Police Crime Commission role would remain separate to that of the Mayor.

- West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

The proposed transition of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service would not be progressed due to the Final Draft Statutory Order from the Home Office, containing an amendment that led the Chief Fire Officer to advise that the Order should not be consented to as the change was too significant and compromised the intent of the proposed governance changes.

In order for the transfer of the governance of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service to the Combined Authority to go ahead, it required a unanimous agreement amongst the Constituent Councils and the Combined Authority as each Authority must give their consent to the Home Office for the Order to be laid before Parliament.

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The implication of the Order not receiving unanimous consent from the seven Constituent Councils had been the Home Office taking the decision to withdraw the Order from being laid before Parliament, and the proposed transfer of governance of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service to the Combined Authority could not proceed as envisaged.

As a result, the Combined Authority had taken the decision to stand down the project team working on the transfer. The governance arrangements for West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service would remain as they currently were, overseen by a Fire and Rescue Authority made up of local elected councillors.

- Projects benefiting from Combined Authority funding in Sandwell

During the last year, an increased number of opportunities had been secured for Sandwell from the Combined Authority. Details on these projects were set out below:-

Delivery of a comprehensive residential redevelopment of Bescot/Friar Park, Wednesbury

The Council and WMCA had entered an agreement to work together collaboratively to deliver a masterplan and disposal strategy for the Bescot/Friar Park site for comprehensive residential redevelopment.

The agreement was dependent on the acquisition and remediation of the former sewage works by WMCA and the assembly of a comprehensive redevelopment site. The Council and WMCA would then work together to prepare a master plan for the site, jointly secure Outline Planning Permission and agree a detailed delivery and marketing strategy for the site.

The site was considered to have an approximate development capacity of over 750 dwellings which would make a significant contribution to the Council's housing delivery targets.

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WMCA Housing First Pilot

On 10 May 2018, it was announced that WMCA would receive £9.6m to deliver a Housing First Pilot. The pilot would operate up to the close of March 2023. The Council had been allocated £935,137 of the funding with a view to facilitating up to 55 tenancies during the course of the pilot.

Following initial assessment, scoping exercises and a procurement process Accord Housing Association Ltd was awarded to deliver the pilot.

Wednesbury to Brierley Hill metro extension

The Wednesbury to Brierley Hill extension to the West Midlands Metro network would provide a direct rapid transit link to Birmingham, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Merry Hill/Brierley Hill benefitting residents and workers in the Golds Hill, Great Bridge, Horseley Heath and Dudley Port areas of Sandwell. There would be seventeen stops including six in Sandwell at Golds Hill (provisional), Great Bridge, Horseley Road, Dudley Port (for interchange with rail), Sedgley Road East and Birmingham New Road.

Overall, the scheme would cost £449m, this was made up of £207m of Transforming Cities Fund which was devolved to the WMCA, £103m of CA Investment Fund with the balance being made up of Prudential Borrowing against future fare box revenue. Work would start towards the end of 2019 with completion in 2023.

A4123 Birchley Island/M5 Junction 2 Improvement

A major highway improvement was planned at Birchley Island to improve capacity, reduce delays, provide pedestrian and cycle facilities and improved bus journey time reliability.

The scheme would cost £26.2m. Funding was made up of £16.15m Local Growth Fund, £2.62m of SMBC funding and £7.48 of WMCA Transforming Cities Fund.

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Subject to the outcome of any public inquiry, work should start in late 2021 and take approximately two years to complete.

Bull Street, West Bromwich

The WMCA Town Centre Programme was intended to provide funding, expertise and support from the WMCA and other partners to revitalise five selected pilot areas, one of which was West Bromwich Town Centre. A collective share of £20m between these areas would also assist local authorities to deliver tangible, capital regeneration interventions.

Sandwell proposed to use this assistance to deliver major regeneration initiatives to the eastern most part of the High Street, an area suffering from acute retail decline and in need of swift reinvention. The demolition of the Multi Storey Car Park on Bull Street was the first major site which Sandwell was seeking funding support from the WMCA. A business case and funding agreement was being prepared for consideration by Cabinet.

In addition to the major capital interventions, the Town Centre Programme would look to implement a number of 'softer' improvements to West Bromwich. As such, a c.£220k initial proposal has been submitted to the WMCA for public realm works to the top of Princess Parade, a key gateway site to the town. These would aim to transform the area from an uninspiring entrance to a vibrant, attractive and aspirational town centre arrival site and would also look to address a severe lack of urban greenery in the area.

Adult Education Budget

WMCA had taken control of the £126m regional Adult Education Budget with delivery agreements in place for the 2019/20 academic year. Sandwell Adult and Family Learning Service had two Adult Education budgets 2019-2020 under the WMCA.

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87/19 Extension to Six Month Attendance Rule

An extension of the six-month attendance rule was sought to excuse the non-attendance of Councillor P M Hughes at Council meetings for a period of six months.

Due to Councillor P M Hughes suffering ill-health, a formal request had been received for an extension to the six-month rule to be approved. Council could only consider such a request where approval was given in relation to the reasons for non-attendance before the end of the relevant six-month period, which would be on 5th December 2019.

Under the circumstances, it was requested that Council approved an extension of the six-month rule for Councillor P M Hughes and that Council's best wishes be conveyed to Councillor P M Hughes for a speedy recovery. The extension of time would be effective for a six-month period from 5th December 2019, expiring on the Annual Meeting of Council on 19th May 2020. This did not, of course, prevent Councillor P M Hughes from returning to meetings at any time if her health improved sufficiently.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously:

Resolved that, having regard to the circumstances of the absence of Councillor P M Hughes from Council meetings, approval be given to the waiving of the requirements of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 and an extension of the six month rule for Councillor P M Hughes for a period of six months, with effect from 5th December 2019, expiring the Annual Meeting of Council on 19th May 2020.

88/19 Appointments to Positions, Committees/Boards and Other Bodies

Statutory Data Protection Officer

The General Data Protection Regulations required each Public Authority to appoint a named officer to the post of Statutory Data Protection Officer (DPO).

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The DPO would be the Council's main point of contact for any data protection issues and provided both the interpretation of legislation as well as the practical implementation on operational issues. The DPO would also be the single point of contact with the Information Commissioner's Office.

Following the retirement of the previously named officer, the Service Manager - Legal and Assurance and Deputy Monitoring Officer (Maria Price) would take over the role.

Health and Wellbeing Board

At its meeting on 25th July 2019, the Health and Wellbeing Board gave consideration to representation on the Board by the Chief Executive of the Sandwell Children's Trust, as a discretionary member with no voting rights. In addition, there were some minor changes to the membership in line with the new CCG structure. Approval was sought to the revised membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Sandwell, to include representation from Sandwell Children's Trust and amendments to the CCG representation (as set out in Appendix A).

Sandwell Children's Trust Board – Non-Executive Directors

When establishing the arrangements for the delivery of Sandwell's children's social care services through Sandwell Children's Trust, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was entered into with the Council. The MoU included the arrangements for appointing the non-executive directors of the Trust board.

The MoU provided that the Council could appoint two non-executive directors to the Trust Board. The Council could remove, or propose changes to, any person as Council appointed non-executive director from the Trust Board so long as, prior to any resolution to remove or propose to change that person, it had considered any comments from the Trust Board about the proposal, and that the Secretary of State be invited to "make written representations to the Council within 10 working days of being notified of the matter.... In making its decision the Council must take into account the representations made by the Secretary of State."

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At the Council's Cabinet meeting on 22nd March 2017, it was agreed that the Council would nominate only elected members or officers for the non-executive director roles on the board. It was further agreed that there would be one elected member, nominated by the Council, and one officer, nominated by the Chief Executive.

The Council recognised that in both the member and officer nominations, it was important to take account of any potential conflicts of interest that these appointments may have in order not to hinder the effective operation of the board or the Council itself; the non-executive directors had a fiduciary duty to the Trust board.

Since the inception of the Trust board, the Council's two appointed non-executive directors had been Councillor Sandars and Stuart Lackenby. Following Stuart's recent appointment to a new role in the Council as Director of Adult Social Care; this created a conflict of interest requiring him to resign from the Board. This need for change had led to the consideration of the councillor appointment also.

It was now proposed to nominate two new non-executive directors to Sandwell Children's Trust Board, Councillor Allen, who would bring experience of understanding data and monitoring performance, and the new incumbent to the role as Director of Prevention and Protection, Neil Cox.

The Trust Board had been consulted on the Council's intentions and a letter had now been sent to the Secretary of State.

It was proposed that the responses of the Secretary of State and Trust Board would be submitted to Cabinet, at its meeting on 30th October 2019, where a final decision would be made.

Resolved:-

- (1) appoint the Service Manager – Legal and Assurance, Maria Price, as the Council's Statutory Data Protection Officer (DPO) with immediate effect;

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- (2) approve the revised establishment of the Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out in Appendix A, with immediate effect, in accordance with Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act, 2012;
- (3) approve the proposal to nominate two new non-executive directors to Sandwell Children's Trust Board, Councillor Peter Allen and the Director of Prevention and Protection, Neil Cox, with final approval being made by Cabinet at its meeting on 30th October 2019.

89/19 Minutes of the Chief Officers Terms and Conditions Committee

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Y Davies, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Chief Officers Terms and Conditions Committee held on 16th September 2019.

No questions were asked of the Leader.

90/19 Minutes and Policy/Strategic Recommendations of the Cabinet

The Council received the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 17th July, 7th and 28th August and 18th September 2019.

In response to questions relating to:-

- Minute No. 88/19 (17th July 2019) – recommendations arising from Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board in relation to food waste recycling – the recommendations were very positive seeking an options appraisal relating to the future for food recycling in Sandwell, however, a press release had been issued stating that food waste recycling would finish, going against Cabinet approval;

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- Minute No. 84/19 (17th July 2019) – charges for Sandwell Residential Education Centres – would children from poorer backgrounds be given a chance as children were being excluded because their families could not afford to pay;
- Minute No. 91/19 (7th August 2019) – Designation of Nature Conservation Sites – why had Powke Lane not been considered as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation (SLINC);

the Leader undertook to look into these matters and report back to the individual members.

91/19 Minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

The Chair of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board, Councillor L Giles, presented the minutes of the meetings of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board held on 10th July, 7th August, 11th September and 2nd October 2019.

No questions were asked of Councillor L Giles.

92/19 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, Councillor Bostan, presented the minutes of the meetings of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 25th July and 19th September 2019.

In response to a question regarding social work cases, the Chair confirmed that representatives from the Children's Trust would be invited to a future meeting as the concerns were shared by the Committee.

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93/19 Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

The Chair of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee, Councillor Dhallu, presented the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee held on 30th September 2019.

The Council considered the recommendations of the Committee on the following matter:-

93/19a Statutory Polling District and Polling Places Review 2019

Resolved:-

- (1) that the proposed changes to polling districts and polling places, as set out in Appendix B, take effect at all elections from 1st December 2019;
- (2) that the proposed changes to polling places, as set out in Appendix C, take effect at all elections with immediate effect;

No questions were asked of the Chair.

(The meeting ended at 7.18pm)

This meeting was webcast live and is available to view on the Council's website (<http://sandwell.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>).

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Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board

Membership and Voting

Organisation	Position	Voting rights
Sandwell MBC	Leader of the Council.	Yes
	Cabinet Member for Living Healthy Lives.	Yes
	Cabinet Member for Best Start in Life.	Yes
	Cabinet Member for Homes.	Yes
	Executive Director – Adults Social Care, Health and Wellbeing. Director of Children’s Services Director of Public Health	No No No
Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG	Chief Officer GP (SWB CCG GP Representative) 2 X GP (Primary Care Network GP Representatives) *Only 3 votes at a meeting	Yes* Yes* Yes* Yes*
Healthwatch Sandwell	Chair of Healthwatch (1 Named Substitute)	Yes
NHS England	Member of the Commissioning Board (BSBC Area Team)	No

*There are four places for Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG. All CCG representatives are eligible to vote but there are only 3 votes available at any Board meeting. The CCG will specify which representatives are voting at the start of the Board meeting

Discretionary Members:		
West Midlands Police	Chief Superintendent	No
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust	Chief Executive	No
Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Chief Executive	No
Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations	Chief Executive	No
West Midlands Fire Service	Operations Commander	No
Sandwell Children's Trust	Chief Executive	No

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts
and Polling Places

Halesowen and Rowley Regis
Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer
concerning the Polling Districts and
Polling Places Review 2019

David Stevens
Acting Returning Officer
Halesowen and Rowley Regis Constituency
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30 September 2019

Summary of Changes

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
BLC	Community Room, St. Giles Court	The Parish of The English Martyrs

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLA, BLH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Blackheath Central Methodist Church, entrance from John Street. B65 0EN

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well known building within Blackheath. This is the polling station for BLA and BLH and accommodates both adequately.
Parking	Small car park with disabled parking
Access	Disabled access. Small incline into building.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Blackheath Library	The polling place must accommodate voters from BLH as well as BLA. The library is further from BLH. Also questions as to whether it could accommodate both stations with a large electorate (2413 and 795).

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Regis Disability Centre, Rowley Village, B65 9AT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. The room used is adequate to accommodate two polling stations
Parking	Small car park
Access	Level access into the building
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Community Lounge, St. Giles Court, Reservoir Road, B65 9PE
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is not ideal for a polling place. Access into the polling station is via a locked door and voters have to ring a bell to gain access.
Parking	Adequate car park
Access	Separate disabled entrance via a ramp
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling district BLC should be merged with BLD and all voters to vote at The Parish of The English Martyrs, 297 Oldbury Road, B65 0PR

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

BLC is a very small polling district with an electorate of 373. At the last local election on 2 May 2019, only 60 electors voted at this station.

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Parish of The English Martyrs, 297 Oldbury Road, B65 0PR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Has been used as a polling station for a number of years and so is well known to the electorate. The room used is sufficient for the electorate.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Disabled Access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area and merge with BLC

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
The Primrose Centre	This is a primary school. Schools are only used as a last resort. The current polling station is acceptable.

WARD: Backheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Blackheath Primary School, (Assembly Hall), Britannia Road, B65 9NA

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and a well-known building. Assembly hall is big enough to accommodate the polling station. The entrance door is heavy and some voters need assistance in opening it
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled Access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Blackheath Coronation Social Club	Less central for voters

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLF, BLG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Highfields Primary School, Beeches Road, B65 0DA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling station is located within polling district BLF but is centrally located for both polling districts. The room used is suitable.
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill Ward
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POLLING DISTRICT: CRA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Mary MacArthur Memorial Gardens, B64 5BA

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district. The temporary hut is centrally located within the polling district but access for the disabled and facilities for the staff are poor
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRB, CRC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Corngreaves Primary School, Plant Street, B64 6EZ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located for CRC, a little further for CRB. The building is well known and the room that is used is large enough to accommodate the polling station
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Cradley Heath Baptist Church	Unavailable.

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRD, CRE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Trinity Church, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, B64 6JA

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located for both polling districts. The room used is adequate for the polling station
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Spring Meadow Baptist Church	Less central for both polling districts and also unsure of disabled access

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temple Meadow Primary School, Clifton Street, B64 6RH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is well located within the polling district. The room used is adequate.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Ebenezer Baptist Church	Church is very small and does not hire out rooms
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WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Barrs Road, B64 7HA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Easily accessible from all parts of the polling district. The room used is adequate and has its own small car park. The polling station does need to be well signposted as it is at the back of the building
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Outside lighting is a problem – not well lit at night

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Regis Masonic Hall	Unable to contact

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Timbertree Academy, Valley Road, Cradley Heath, B64 7LT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROA, ROB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Regis Sure Start Centre, Dudley Road, B65 8JY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Conveniently located for both polling districts. The room used is adequate.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Hall Primary School, Windsor Road, B65 9HU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area and the room used is suitable
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Regis Christian Centre	Church will not allow use of the building as a polling station
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Blue Stone Walk/, Portway Hill, B65 9DE
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district. The temporary hut is centrally located within the polling district but access for the disabled and facilities for the staff are poor.
Parking	Car parking available
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Regis Disability Centre, Rowley Village, B65 9AT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. The room used is adequate to accommodate two polling stations. The polling station is located just outside of the ward in Blackheath Ward.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Level access into the building
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brickhouse Primary School, Dudhill Road, B65 8HS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located for the polling district. The room used is suitable
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St James' W.R. Church, Wesleyan Centre, Highgate Street, B64 5SA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located just outside of the ward which is not ideal but there are no other alternative buildings within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts
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Warley Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer
concerning the Polling Districts and
Polling Places Review 2019

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Summary of Changes

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
BRB, BRC	Moat Farm Infant School	Langley Swimming Centre
LAA	St James' C of E Primary School	Rounds Green Library
OWG/OWH	Temporary Hut on school car park of Perryfields Maths and Computing College	Perryfields Primary School
SMA, SMB	Temporary Hut at Londonderry Lane Playing Fields	Temporary Hut at Your Vets, Londonderry Lane
SMH	St Marks Church	Temporary Hut on corner of Thimblemill Road and Hales Lane
SPC	Galton Village Play Centre	Temporary Hut on grass verge next to New Hope Christian Centre, Woodland Drive

WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Hilda`s Church Hall, Abbey Road, B67 5NQ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
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Location and Suitability	Well known building within Abbey ward.
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Parking	Small car park
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Access	Disabled access.
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Abbey Infant School, Nursery Building, Maurice Road, B67 5LR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located centrally with good access for all electors within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Warley Woods Methodist Church	The school would close anyway due to the proximity of the church and concerns over whether it would restrict access for parents and teachers if the Church was to be the polling station.

WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Thimblemill Library, Thimblemill Road, Smethwick, B67 5RJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Not centrally located in the polling district but is the only building available within the polling district.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Bearwood Primary School, Ethel Street, B66 4HB
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Not centrally located in the polling district but is well known.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Mary's Hall, St. Mary's Road, Smethwick, B66 4BX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and a well-known building.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled Access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Gregory's R.C. Primary School, Park Road & Wigorn Road Entrances, B67 5HX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and the only suitable building.
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Pavilion, Warley Woods Community Trust, 101 Lightwoods Hill, B67 5ED

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	There are steps to access the building. A temporary ramp is provided.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Langley Swimming Centre, Vicarage Road, Oldbury, B68 8HS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is outside of the polling district but is the only suitable building.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRB, BRC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Moat Farm Infant School, Brookfields Road, Oldbury, B68 9QR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is not located in either polling district. It is located in BRH. The room used is quite small.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Polling place should move to Langley Swimming Centre
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRD, BRH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Our Lady & St Hubert's R C Primary School, Moat Road, B68 8ED

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is located centrally for both polling districts and is well known within the area. The room used is adequate.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified.	

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Community Hall, Hurst Road, Smethwick, B67 6ND
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located to the south of the polling district but has been the polling place for the area for a number of years so is well known.
Parking	Very small car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Annie Lennard School	School and not centrally located

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

George Road Community Church, George Road, Oldbury, B68 9LN

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Barlow Homes Community Centre, Pound Road, Oldbury, B68 8NB

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Conveniently located for both polling districts. The room used is adequate.
Parking	No car park.
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Salvation Army, Pound Road	Unavailable
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WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St James' C E Primary School, Shelsley Avenue, B69 1BG
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is centrally located however there are suitable alternative buildings nearby.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should move the polling station to Rounds Green library, Martley Road
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Rounds Green Library is less than 200ft from the School and is closed on Thursdays so an election would not impact on its use.
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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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St James C of E Church	Library is more suitable – Council owned and closed on Thursdays.
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WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAB, LAG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, York Road, York Road, B65 0RR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district and there are very few suitable spaces for the temporary hut to be located. York road is centrally located for both polling districts. The temporary hut has previously been vandalised at this site.
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Ramada, Birmingham	On very edge of polling district and situated on busy main road.
Brandhall Conservative Club	Difficult to get to for most of electorate and political affiliation.

WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Langley Lodge Community Centre, Langley High Street, B69 4SN
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. It is centrally located and so accessible for all of the electorate.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Langley Primary School	School

WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Zion United Reformed Church Hall, Langley Green Road, B69 4TP

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Langley Library	Current polling place is suitable.
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Iglesia Ni Cristo	Current polling place is suitable.
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WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brandhall Golf Club (Coffee Shop), Heron Road, B68 8AQ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located to the south of the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Causeway Green Primary School, Penncricket Lane, B68 8LX
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and so is accessible to all electors within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Causeway Green Methodist Church	Not available

WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brandhall Primary School, Brennand Road, Oldbury, B68 0SH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and so is accessible to all electors within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWB, OWC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Lightwoods Primary School, (Peter Wells Community Hall), Wolverhampton Road Site, B68 0LP
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area. It is situated in OWC so quite a way from electors in OWB
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Warley Baptist Church, Castle Road East, Oldbury, B68 9BJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located to the north of the polling district so is not easily accessible for all electors however there are no alternative buildings.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWE, OWF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brandhall Library, Tame Road, Oldbury, B68 0JT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located in OWF and so is a fair distance for electors in OWE.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWG, OWH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, On School Car Park, Perryfields Maths & Computing College, B68 0RG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The location of the school is good within OWH. However, the school is undergoing extensive renovation work and so using a room within the school is not an option. The temporary hut on the school site is also not suitable as there is no car parking facilities and access is difficult.
Parking	No car park
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Polling station should move to Perryfields Primary School

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SMA, SMB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Car Park at, Londonderry Lane Playing Fields, B67 7EE
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The car park at Londonderry Lane Playing Fields is no longer available due to re-development work. The temporary hut will have to move to a new site. The new site identified is the car park of Your Vets, Londonderry Lane.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Move the temporary hut to car park of Your Vets, Londonderry Lane

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SMC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Smethwick Fire Station, Entrance Green Street, Smethwick, B67 7QW

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling station but there is nothing else more central.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Smethwick Library	Also on the edge of the polling district and no parking available

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SMD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Trinity Church, Church Hill Street, B67 7AH
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located centrally within the polling district and the room used is large.
Parking	No off road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Guru Nanak Gurdwara	Less central in the polling district
Christian Life Centre	Less central in the polling district

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SME, SMG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Akrill Memorial Methodist Church, The Uplands, Entrance from Taylors Lane, B67 6RR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located in SMG but is centrally located for both polling districts. The room used is large
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SMF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Dorothy Parkes Centre, Church Road, B67 6EH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located just outside of the ward which is not ideal but there are no other alternative buildings within the polling district.
Parking	Designated on road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Smethwick Old Church	No parking

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SMH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Mark's Church, Junction of Hales Lane/, Thimblemill Road, B67 6LP
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located centrally in the polling district but is no longer available to use. The nursery onsite is also not available to use as the land has been sold. There is no other suitable building within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling station will move to a temporary hut on the car park of Thimblemill REC

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Thimblemill REC	Not available

WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Johns Community Centre, St Johns Church, St Johns Road, B68 9RP
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located towards the edge of the polling district but has been the polling place for a number of years so is well known.
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Zion Chapel	Unavailable
Triumphant Church of God	Unavailable
Seventh Day Adventist Church	Unavailable

WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rood End Primary School, Rood End Road, B68 8SQ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Galton Village Play Centre, 25 Woodland Drive, B66 1JF
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located but is now unavailable as it is being converted into residential accommodation.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Polling place to move to Temporary Hut on grass verge next to New Hope Christian Centre.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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New Hope Christian Centre	Not available
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WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

North Smethwick Resource Centre, Cambridge Road, B66 2HR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located centrally within the polling district.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Galton Valley Primary School, Brasshouse Lane, B66 1BA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Smethwick Methodist Church Parlour, Holly Lane, B67 7JD
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Alban's Community Centre, St Alban's Road, B67 7NL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Smethwick Baptist Church, Regent Street, B66 3BQ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Soho & Victoria

POLLING DISTRICT: SVB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Windmill Community Centre, Messenger Road, Smethwick, B66 3DX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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St Philips R C Church	Not available
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WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Community Action Project, Windmill Lane, B66 3LX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but is the most suitable venue within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Matthew w. St Chad Church	No car park

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Ron Davis Family Educ., & Training Centre, Ballot Street, B66 3HH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Johns Methodist Church	Less central

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Cape Primary School, Durban Road, Smethwick, B66 4SH
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is the only building available within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Smethwick Gospel Hall	Not available

WARD: Soho & Victoria

POLLING DISTRICT: SVF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Shireland Hall Primary Academy, Montague Road, B66 4PW
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is centrally located and is the only available building within the polling district.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Hadley Park Stadium, Entrance Waterloo Road, Smethwick, B66 4NL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area and is suitable for use as a polling station
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Soho & Victoria

POLLING DISTRICT: SVH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Smethwick Heritage Centre, Victoria Park Lodge, High Street, B66 3NJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts
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West Bromwich East Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer
concerning the Polling Districts and
Polling Places Review 2019

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Summary of Changes

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
FPD	Mesty Croft Academy	St Luke's Church
HHE	Sandwell Community School	Hope Church, Marsh Lane
WBE	West Bromwich African Caribbean Resource Centre	Kuumba Centre

WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHA, CHF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Connor Education Centre, Connor Road, B71 3DJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located for both polling districts and is the only building available in the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS

REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES

None identified

WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHB, CHC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Beaconview Road, B71 3PJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located within CHB polling district but is convenient for both polling districts.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Barr Hotel, Festival Suite, Pear Tree Drive, B43 6HS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access – temporary ramp available for access into polling station room.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Grove Vale Primary School, Monksfield Avenue, B43 6AL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate. It is the only building available within the polling district
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Road, B71 1QS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and a well-known building.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled Access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Woods Methodist Church, Coronation Road, Wednesbury, WS10 0TT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and suitable for accommodating two polling stations.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Priory Primary School, Dorsett Road, Opp. School Road, WS10 0JG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	There are steps to access the building. A temporary ramp is provided.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tameside Primary School, Entrance From, Price Road, WS10 0EZ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known in the area
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Open Heaven Wednesbury	Not available
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Mesty Croft Academy, St. Luke`s Road, WS10 0QY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
Parking	Limited car park spaces
Access	Temporary ramp must be used as there are steps
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Move the polling place to St Lukes Church and Centre

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Greet's Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Ryders Green Primary School, Claypit Lane, B70 9UJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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WARD: Greets Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGB, GGF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hanbury Primary School, (Former Guns Village Primary), Hanbury Road, B70 9NT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Bethel Christian Fellowship	No parking and no disabled access
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WARD: Greets Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Lodge Road Community Centre, Lodge Road, B70 8PJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Greets Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGD, GGE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Lyng Primary School, Horton Street, West Bromwich, B70 7SQ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Conveniently located for both polling districts.
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Parking	Car park.
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Good Shepherd With St John C of E Church	On northern boundary of GGD so not convenient for electors in GGE
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WARD: Greets Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Farley Park Lodge Community Centre, Whitehall Road, B70 0HF

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	This polling place is located outside of the ward in GBC polling district so is not convenient for electors. An alternative building within GGG was identified as Ryders Green Road Methodist Church however this is not available to use.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to seek a more suitable alternative.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Ryders Green Road Methodist Church	Not available

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Yew Tree & Tame Bridge Community Centre, Redwood Road, WS5 4LB
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. It is centrally located and so accessible for all of the electorate.
Parking	Designated disabled parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Q3 Academy, Community Entrance, Wilderness Lane, B43 7SD
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. There are no other alternative buildings within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Barr War Memorial Hall, Corner of Chapel Lane &, Birmingham Road, B43 7BD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and convenient for electors.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Margarets C of E School	School

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYD, GYE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Barr Library, (car park entrance Readers Walk), Birmingham Road, B43 6NW
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located on the edge of GYE so voters in GYD can have quite a distance to travel. However, it has been the polling station for this area for a number of years so is well known to voters.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Name R.C. Parish Centre, Birmingham Road, Great Barr, B43 6LN
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located on the edge of GYF but there is no other alternative building
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Holy Name Catholic Primary School	School

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Huts, Woodruff Way, Walsall, WS5 4RR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district and there are no other suitable spaces for the temporary hut to be located. Woodruff Way is located on the edge of GYG but there is no other suitable alternative.
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St John Bosco School, Monmouth Drive, West Bromwich, B71 2ST
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is located on the edge of the polling district but there is no other suitable alternative within the area
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
The Phoenix Collegiate	Secondary School

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Moorlands Methodist Church Hall, (Cornerstone Fellowship), Hydes Road, B71 2ED
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of HHB but it is the only building available within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Car Park, Holy Cross R.C., Hall Green Road, B71 3LA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district. The church itself has suffered extensive flood damage and so it is unusable for the foreseeable future.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff must use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Stone Cross Library	Using the Library would mean merging HHC with HHD. Very small car park, unsure if the room could accommodate a large electorate

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hall Green Primary School, Westminster Road, B71 2JQ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of HHD but it is the only suitable building available and is well known in the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Stone Cross Library	Using the Library would mean merging HHD with HHC. Very small car park, unsure if the room could accommodate a large electorate

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Sandwell Community School, Temporary Hut on Car Park, West Bromwich Campus, B71 2JN

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling station is in a temporary hut on the car park of the school. The school has to close if used for the polling station. Hope Church is a more suitable alternative.
Parking	If a temporary hut is used then there is limited car parking space.
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff must use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	The polling place should move to Hope Church, Marsh Lane

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Road, B71 1QS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located outside of the ward but it is the only building available
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hargate Primary School, Tantany Lane/Law Street Entrance, B71 1PG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but is the only suitable building within the area
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
West Bromwich Baptist Church	Car parking may be an issue for such a large electorate. Also, no disabled access

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hateley Heath Primary School, Huntingdon Road, B71 2RP
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located within the polling district and is convenient for all electors.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Bernard's Church, Broome Avenue, Great Barr, B43 5AL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but has been the polling place for the district for a number of years and so is well known to the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Meadowside Close, Great Barr, B43 6BP
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district and there are no other suitable spaces for the temporary hut to be located. Meadowside close is located centrally in NEB but is on a residential street which causes complaints from residents
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Temporary hut on Scott Arms Shopping Centre Car Park	Safety concerns as car park is secluded.

WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Ferndale Primary School, Ferndale Avenue, B43 5QF

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school located centrally within the polling district. It is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NED

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Community Room Hamstead House, Coniston Crescent, B43 5NU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and has been the polling station for the area for a number of years.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tanhouse Community Centre, Hamstead Road, B43 5EL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located centrally within the polling district.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Hamstead Junior School	School
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WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hallam Street Methodist Church, Community Room, Lewisham Street, B71 4HJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
West Bromwich Christadelphians	Current polling place is more central
Gospel Blue Ribbon Mission	Current polling place is more central

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The West Bromwich Hotel and Spa, Birmingham Road, (Access Europa Avenue), B70 6TU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area. It is the only building available within the area
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Mary Road, B70 6LF
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area. It is the only building available within the area
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Kenrick Park Community Centre, Rear Entrance, 70 Glover Street, B70 6DU
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	No off road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich African Caribbean Resource Centre, Thomas Street, West Bromwich, B70 6LY

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located outside of the polling district in WBF so is not convenient for electors.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling place to move to Kuumba Centre, Boulton Road, West Bromwich

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Philips Church Hall, Beeches Road, West Bromwich, B70 7PF
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but is the most suitable venue within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich Town Hall, Committee Room A, Entrance From Lodge Rd, B70 8DT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
The Catholic Church of Saint Michael and the Holy Angels	Less central
Shiloh Apostolic Church	Less central
Wesley Methodist Church	Less central

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Greets Green Access Centre, Tildasley Street, B70 9SJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is towards the edge of the polling district but is the only suitable building within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts
and Polling Places

West Bromwich West Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer
concerning the Polling Districts and
Polling Places Review 2019

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30 September 2019

Summary of Changes

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
OLD	Christchurch C of E Church	Christchurch Primary School

WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Jubilee Park Community Centre, Jubilee Park, Powis Avenue, DY4 0RJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located within the polling district and is large enough to accommodate two polling stations with a large electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Toll End Methodist Church	Less Central

WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Bridge Primary School, (Community Room), Mount Street, DY4 7DE
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS

REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES

New Road Methodist Church

No parking

WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Bridge Library & Children's Centre, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, DY4 7JF
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access – temporary ramp available for access into polling station room.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

New Testament Church of God, Horseley Heath, DY4 7QT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
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Parking	Small car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Methodist Centre Dudley Port, Entrance From Tividale Street, DY4 7SB
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled Access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tipton Road Methodist Church, Tipton Road, B69 3HY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district but it is the only suitable building within the area.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Meadows Sports College, Dudley Road East, B69 3BU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Christchurch C of E Church, Birmingham Street, B69 4DY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known in the area. However, it is due to be sold within the next few months and so will no longer be available to use. Christchurch Primary School have offered their building to be used as an alternative.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling Station to move to Christchurch Primary School.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
New Testament Church of God	Less central
Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church	Unavailable

WARD: Oldbury
POLLING DISTRICT: OLE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Rounds Green Primary School, Brades Road, B69 2DP

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area. It is the only suitable building within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tivdale Community Primary School, Dudley Road West, B69 2HT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

William Perry Boxing Club, High Street, DY4 9JB

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district. The boxing ring within the polling place cannot be moved and so disabled access is limited.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access in the polling station is limited due to boxing ring
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to seek a suitable alternative.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Sandwell Local, Tipton	Rooms available are too small and toilet and kitchen facilities are not easily accessible.
Bethel Christian Fellowship	No parking and no disabled access

WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Wednesbury Oak Academy, Greenacre Road, DY4 0AR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the polling district but it is well known and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
RSA Academy	Secondary School

WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Mark's Church Hall, Ocker Hill Road, DY4 0UT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the polling district but it is well known and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park.
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Ocker Hill Infant School	School
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WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PED

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Glebefields Primary School, Sandgate Road, DY4 0SX
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the polling district but it is well known and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Glebefields Library, St. Mark`s Road, Tipton, DY4 0SZ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known in the area.
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Parking	Small car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEF, PEG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Upper Church Lane, DY4 9ND
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the PEG polling district so it is not convenient for all electors. However, there are no other alternative buildings within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Grace Community Church, Newhall Street, Tipton, DY4 9HL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district but there is no suitable alternative building.
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Parking	No off-road parking
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Nursery, St Paul's Academy, Robert Road, DY4 9BH
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known to electors.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Multi Agency Centre, St. Martin`s Primary School, Lower Church Lane, DY4 7PG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district but there is no suitable alternative building.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Church of Sacred Heart & Holy Souls, (Church Hall), 31 Victoria Road, DY4 8SN
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located in the very northern part of the polling district and so is not convenient to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Silvertrees Academy, Silvertrees Road, Tipton, DY4 8NH
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling place and is well known to the electorate.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Tipton Christian Church	Unavailable
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Tipton Methodist Church	Unavailable
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WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Church Hall Rear of St. Matthew`s Church, Dudley Road, DY4 8DJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling place and is well known to the electorate.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Tivdale

POLLING DISTRICT: TIA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Oakham Primary School, Darby`s Hill Road, Tivdale, B69 1SG
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling place and is well known to the electorate.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access.
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Facilities for Staff	Kitchen and toilet facilities are available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Tivdale

POLLING DISTRICT: TIB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tivdale Hall Primary School, Regent Road, B69 1TR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Tivdale

POLLING DISTRICT: TIC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Oakham Library, Poplar Rise, B69 1RD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is the only suitable building within the area.
Parking	Designated parking available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available.
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Tivdale

POLLING DISTRICT: TID

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Grace Mary Primary School, School Hall, Hawfield Road, B69 1LD
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is the only suitable building within the area.
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Tivdale

POLLING DISTRICT: TIE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Residents Lounge Darley House, (Rear Entrance), Wallace Close, B69 1HS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is the only suitable building within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WNA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Cemetery, Beebee Road, WS10 9RY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The temporary hut is centrally located within the polling district. There is no suitable building within the polling district
Parking	Off-road parking within the cemetery grounds and space next to the temporary hut.
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WNB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Albert Pritchard Infant School, Coleman Road & Crew, Road Entrances, WS10 9QG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well located within the polling district and is well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WNC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Church Hill, WS10 9DJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The church hall is not centrally located but is well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access.
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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St Mary's Catholic Primary School	School
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Wednesbury Baptist Church	Unavailable
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WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WND

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Wood Green Junior School, Hobs Road, WS10 9BW

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school located centrally within the polling district. It is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WNE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holyhead Primary Academy, Holyhead Road, WS10 7PZ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school located centrally within the polling district. It is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS

None identified

REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES

WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSA, WSB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Leabrook Methodist Church Hall, (entrance Bannister Road), Leabrook Road, WS10 7LY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located within WSB but is convenient for electors in WSA to access as well.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Wesley Centre, Central Methodist Church, Springhead, WS10 9AD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is outside of the ward so is not convenient for electors.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to seek a suitable alternative.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Wednesbury Town Hall	No suitable space within the Town Hall for the polling station to be located.

WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Moorlands Primary School, Winchester Road, B71 2NZ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is well known within the area. It is the only building available within the area
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSE, WSF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hill Top Methodist Church, New Street, Hill Top, B70 0HW
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located for both polling districts and is convenient for all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Harvills Hawthorn Primary School, Wolseley Road, West Bromwich, B70 0NG
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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APPENDIX 2

Changes to Polling Stations to take effect immediately

In the event of an unscheduled election before 1 December 2019, the following changes will need to be made to polling stations:

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
BRB, BRC	Moat Farm Infant School	Langley Swimming Centre
OLD	Christchurch C of E Church	Christchurch Primary School
OWG/OWH	Temporary Hut on school car park of Perryfields Maths and Computing College	Perryfields Primary School
SMA, SMB	Temporary Hut at Londonderry Lane Playing Fields	Temporary Hut at Your Vets, Londonderry Lane
SMH	St Marks Church	Temporary Hut on corner of Thimblemill Road and Hales Lane