

MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

6.1 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

A report is submitted that seeks Council agreement to proposals for a revised scheme for Polling Districts, Polling Places, and Polling Stations, within the City of Leicester which will take effect formally on 1 January 2015 following the enactment of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) recommendations, and then used for the elections to be held on 7 May 2015 and subsequent elections until any further review is undertaken.

Council is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the Scheme of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations for the City of Leicester as detailed as Appendix A to be formally adopted on 1 January 2015. These new arrangements will be used for the elections which are due to take place on 7 May 2015 (and subsequent elections until such time that a further review is undertaken), along with the new ward boundaries to which these polling districts and polling stations are aligned. This is subject to the LGBCE recommendations being formally enacted by Parliament. (Should for any reason the order not be made by Parliament to enact the recommendations, then the Council would be required to review existing polling districts and polling places based on current arrangements and a further report would need to be brought to Council in early 2015).
- (2) Note that the new individual electoral register which is required to be published on 1 December 2014 will be published on the basis of the existing polling districts and polling stations. Following enactment of the LGBCE recommendations the register will then be formally republished as soon as is feasible, on the basis of the new arrangements; this is likely to be 2nd January 2015; and
- (3) Council is also recommended to delegate to the (Acting) Returning Officer any decision to designate an alternative polling place if a building becomes unavailable for any reason before an election, subject to appropriate consultation with relevant local stakeholders.

6.2 City Wide Street Drinking Order

A report is submitted that provides details of the work undertaken to establish a city wide street drinking order, provides an overview of the consultation process used and the subsequent findings and recommends that the Authority progresses with the implementation of a citywide street drinking order.

13 November 2014

A copy of the report and associated appendices are attached, along with a minute extract of the Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 18 November 2014.

Council is recommended to note on the contents of the report and agree with the implementation of a citywide street drinking order, under the Public Spaces Protection Order.

**Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor**