

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

14 DECEMBER 2011

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2011

POLLING PLACE REVIEW

The Group considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding a review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.

The Head of Democratic Services circulated copies of emails he had received since the publication of the Agenda regarding objections to the recommendations in the report in respect of Barming, West Farleigh, Thurnham, Bicknor, Hucking and Frinsted.

The Group went through each of the recommendations in turn and discussed the pros and cons, taking into consideration the comments of the returning officer and the objections received.

The Group agreed with the objections in respect of Barming and Detling and Thurnham Wards and agreed to make no change in the Polling Stations in those wards.

RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to agree that there be no changes to Polling Stations, except for the following:-

Ward	Current Polling Station	Recommendation
Coxheath & Hunton Parish: West Farleigh	The Cricket Pavilion	That the electors be transferred to vote at All Saints Church, Church Lane, West Farleigh
Heath	St Andrews Church Hall	That the polling station be changed to Beechwood Community Hall on the grounds of locality.
South	Loose Bowls Club	That the polling station be transferred to the YMCA.
Headcorn Parish: Headcorn	Hawkenbury Public House	That there be no change but if the public house becomes unavailable, electors be transferred to vote at Headcorn Village Hall
North Downs Parish: Bicknor	Hucking Parish Church	That the electors of Bicknor be transferred to vote at the Cardwell Pavilion, Hollingbourne

North Downs Parish: Frinsted	Frinsted Village Hall	That the electors of Frinsted transfer to vote at Wormshill Village Hall
North Downs Parish: Hucking	Hucking Parish Church	That the electors of Hucking be transferred to vote at the Cardwell Pavilion, Hollingbourne.
North Downs Parish: Wichling	St Margarets Church	That the electors of Wichling be transferred to vote at the Harrow Inn, Lenham