

POLLING PLACE DESIGNATION – WALTON ROAD POLLING DISTRICT

Executive Summary

The Council is responsible for the designation of polling districts and polling places in the Borough.

A new polling place is required for the Walton Road polling district (B3), of the Canalside ward as the Red Cross Centre is no longer available for hire.

The Maybury Centre, which is on Board School Road, has been used at previous elections and is a suitable venue, although it is just outside the Walton Road polling district.

As no other suitable venues are available within the polling district, it is proposed that the Maybury Centre be used as the polling place for the Walton Road (B3) polling district.

Recommendations

The Council is requested to:

RESOLVE That the Maybury Centre be designated the polling place for the Walton Road polling district (B3) of the Canalside Ward.

The Council has the authority to determine the recommendation set out above.

Background Papers:	None.
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council is responsible for the designation of polling places and polling districts across the Borough.
- 1.2 The current designated polling place for the Walton Road polling district (B3) in the Canalside Ward is the Red Cross Centre on Walton Road. This will not be available for hire for future elections, therefore a new polling places is required.

2.0 Proposed polling place

- 2.1 The Maybury Centre on Board School Road was used at short notice as a temporary polling place in 2019. Although the Maybury Centre is not within the Walton Road polling district, the Centre is accessible for electors as the Walton Road polling district is compact in size. There are no other suitable venues within the polling district.
- 2.2 The polling place for the Board School Road polling district is the St John Ambulance Centre at Wesco Court. It is not proposed to alter this arrangement.

3.0 Implications

Financial

- 3.1 Polling station hire charges are met from existing budgets.

Human Resource/Training and Development

- 3.2 None.

Community Safety

- 3.3 None.

Risk Management

- 3.4 Designating the Maybury Centre as the polling place for the Walton Road polling district ensures that electors in the area have suitable facilities for voting.

Sustainability

- 3.5 The polling place is accessible for all electors and can be reached on foot or bicycle by most electors.

Equalities

- 3.6 The Maybury Centre is accessible for all electors in the polling district.

Safeguarding

- 3.7 There are no safeguarding issues arising from this issue.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 The Maybury Centre is a good polling place which is accessible for electors in the polling district.

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