

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report to Licensing and Regulatory Committee

1 March 2019

TITLE:	Polling Station Change
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Bowen - Portfolio Holder for Communities, Leisure, Sport, Parks, Countryside & Housing
CONTACT OFFICER:	Marion Hancock - Senior Elections Officer
WARD INVOLVED:	EC - CHEADLE NORTH EAST WARD

Appendices Attached - Appendix A B C and D

1. Reason for the Report:

To review the polling station and voting arrangements in the Cheadle North East Ward of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and report on the findings. The change to the polling station will come into force for the District, Town and Parish Elections in May 2019 and for any other Referendums or Elections which may arise before and after that time.

The polling station is situated in Polling District EC – Cheadle North East and has approximately 2700 registered electors. The recommended alternative polling station is situated just outside the Ward boundary within Cheadle West Ward – see map - **Appendix A**

2. Recommendation

2.1 That, as a result of the closure of Hammersley Hayes Community House, the Council uses Daisy Bank House Business Centre as a suitable alternative polling station on a permanent basis.

2.2 Daisy Bank House Business Centre has been identified as the suitable alternative. The entrance is accessed at the front of the building with a suitable separate access for disabled voters. There is adequate car parking for staff. See **Appendix B** – evaluation checklist.



3. **Executive Summary**

3.1 The Returning Officer, Mr Simon Baker has been consulted. His detailed comments are included in **Appendix C**.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Supporting people with accessible local services for all and improving the Council.

5. **Implications**

5.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

No implications.

5.2 Workforce

No implications.

5.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies.

5.4 Financial Considerations

None directly.

5.5 Legal

As referred to within the report.

5.6 Sustainability

No implications.

6. **Background and Detail**

6.1 Every relevant authority in the UK must designate a polling place for every polling district in the constituency. The Returning Officer for the particular election must provide a sufficient number of polling stations and allot the electors to those polling stations in such manner as he or she thinks the most convenient.

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