

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Thursday, 17th June, 2010

Present: Cllr M S Worrall (Chairman), Cllr Miss A Moloney, Cllr M R Rhodes, Cllr A K Sullivan and Cllr D Thornewell.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dobson (Vice-Chairman) and from Councillors Aikman and N Heslop.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

**ER
10/001 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared interests in respect of the item on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places on the grounds of membership of the parish/town councils indicated:

Councillor Miss Moloney (Snodland)
Councillor Thornewell (East Malling and Larkfield)
Councillor Worrall (West Malling)

**ER
10/002 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Electoral Review Working Group held on 25 August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**ER
10/003 VERBAL UPDATE ON COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW -
RELATED ALTERATIONS**

Further to Minute ER 09/007 the Chief Executive advised that the Electoral Commission had confirmed that the Borough Ward and County Division boundaries would be changed in 2011 and 2013 respectively to reflect the changes made at parish level.

**ER
10/004 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The report of the Chief Executive reminded the Working Group that, under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended), the Council had a duty to review the division of the borough into polling districts and the designation of a polling place for each district. Members were advised that, while the next full review was not due until the end of 2011, experience at the recent General Election had demonstrated that it would be appropriate to bring the review forward by one year. The report set out the process and timetable for the review and highlighted proposals for new polling districts and/or polling

places in Larkfield, Snodland, Kings Hill and Tonbridge. The Working Group noted that consultees would include Borough Councillors, parish councils, County Councillors, the local Members of Parliament, local political parties, groups with expertise in advising on accessibility issues for people with disabilities, schools designated as new polling places within the proposals and the general public. The Working Group was advised that its next meeting would be held on 18 August 2010.

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) the General Purposes Committee be commended to endorse the draft proposals set out in the report for the purpose of public consultation; and

(2) revised proposals, based on contributions received by 6 August 2010 (the end of the consultation period), be presented to the meeting of the Electoral Review Working Group on 18 August 2010.

The meeting ended at 1951 hours