

Constitutional and Nomination Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2010

Present:

Councillor Curley – In the Chair

Councillors Burns, Commons, Karney, Hassan, S. Murphy, Watson and Whitmore.

CN/10/18 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places: Initial Proposals

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted presenting initial proposals for the designation of polling districts and polling places within the city.

The Head of Democratic and Statutory Services introduced the report outlining the work already undertaken by the cross party member working group. It was reported that representations had recently been received from the Liberal Democrat Group.

Members made the following comments in relation to the report:

- Whalley Range Ward should be part of the Manchester Gorton constituency not Manchester Central.
- Representatives of disability groups should be given the opportunity to participate in the consultation.
- The accessibility of Polling Stations to people with different disabilities is important.
- There should be specific consideration given to the use of temporary facilities such as Portacabins, and the standard of these facilities
- Clear signage required when Polling Stations are shared: specific listings of the area covered in each station should be displayed
- As part of the consultation process, maps should be available as some electors may be unaware of the ward/constituency they live in.
- It may be appropriate to have copies of all maps available in Electoral Services Unit .
- The initial proposals should also be available for inspection in the new City Library

Decision

1. To note and approve the initial proposals for the designation of polling districts and polling places as detailed in the report.
2. To request that the Chief Executive under delegated authority, undertake a period of consultation on the initial proposals and seek representations from interested parties.

3. To request the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals to the Committee on completion of the consultation exercise to enable final recommendations to be made to the Council

CN/10/19 Membership of Committees

Decision

1. To request the Council to agree to suspend Procedural Rule 25.1 in relation to the following decisions (marked *) which involve reconsideration of a decision taken by the Council within the previous six months.
2. To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees of the Council: -

Committee	Member appointed	Member removed
Communities and Neighbourhoods Overview & Scrutiny	Councillor Pritchard	Councillor Rahman*