

## **Urgent Business Update**

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### **Summary**

To provide an urgent update since this report was published. This relates to the following polling districts and places: Harpurhey (polling districts 1HAA and 1HAG), Baguley (polling districts 5BAB and 5BAF), Brooklands/Northenden (polling districts 5BKF/5NOA).

To also provide information regarding a change of location for a station within East Didsbury & Withington – (polling districts 4DEA / 4WTC)

### **Blackley and Broughton Constituency**

#### Harpurhey Ward – 1HAG – update

It is proposed that voters in 1HAG vote at North City Library. This is a new polling station, located in neighbouring polling district 1HAB.

#### Harpurhey Ward – 1HAA – **New proposed re-designation**

It is proposed that voters in 1HAA also vote at North City Library. This is a new polling place, located in neighbouring polling district 1HAB, which will also be used by electors from 1HAG.

The designated polling place Mount Carmel RC Primary School currently has a Covid related one-way system in place which could not be taken out of use to allow the school to be used as a polling place on election day. Both the Health & Safety and Elections Officer who visited agreed that the polling station could not be located within the school. It is anticipated that Mount Carmel RC Primary School can be re-designated as the polling place for 1HAA in the future.

### **Manchester Withington Constituency – For information**

#### East Didsbury Ward & Withington Ward – 4DEA / 4WTC

Due to Covid related health and safety concerns raised by the school it hasn't been possible to find a solution within the school building. However, agreement has been reached to use the school's playground, for the installation of a temporary structure. This means that voters from 4DEA and 4WTC will continue to vote at St Cuthbert's RC Primary School, and no re-designation of the polling place is required.

### **Wythenshawe and Sale East Constituency**

### Baguley – 5BAF - update

It is proposed that voters in 5BAF vote at Newell Green Primary School which is the existing polling place for neighbouring 5BAE. There is space to accommodate these polling stations within this polling place.

### Baguley – 5BAB – update

It is proposed that voters in 5BAB vote at Sacred Heart Parish Centre which is located next door to the designated polling place Sacred Heart Primary School.

It is proposed that these premises are re-designated as the polling places subject to final agreement by ward councillors.

### Brooklands - 5BKF & Northenden – 5NOA - update

It is proposed that voters in 5BKF vote at Lawton Moor Methodist Church. This is a small PD with only 423 electors, so the building, which is already the polling place for 5BKD will have the space to accommodate the extra electors.

It is proposed that voters in 5NOA vote at a temporary building at the Northenden Manchester College Campus. This would mean electors in 5NOA vote at a polling station within their polling district.

### **Communication to electors**

In addition to the communications outlined in the original report, a letter will be sent to electors (polling station voters) who are affected by a change in polling place - the letter will highlight the change of venue for these elections and also outline the option to vote by post, if this is more convenient for the elector. A postal vote application with a postage paid return envelope will also be included.