

**Business Update:** Proposed re-designation of polling places for 2 May 2024 Elections

**From:** The Chief Executive

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**Summary**

To provide an update to the Committee since this report was published, relating to the following polling district and places:

- Piccadilly (2PYB / 2BYF)
- Didsbury West (4DWA)

To also provide an overview of expected future polling place re-designations outstanding and to propose that these are re-designated ahead of 2 May Local Elections and Greater Manchester Mayoral Election (and any others where it becomes necessary) using the Chief Executive's delegated powers.

**Update on proposed polling place re-designations**

**Manchester Central Constituency**

Piccadilly (2PYB / 2BYF) update

The designated place for polling places 2PYB / 2PYF is the Portland Street Townhouse Hotel. Due to feedback on the location from polling station staff and some electors, it is proposed that Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at One Piccadilly Place, close to Piccadilly Train Station, is to be used as the polling place for 2PYB / 2BYF.

This re-designation has been discussed with ward councillors who have indicated their support for this change.

**Manchester Withington Constituency**

Didsbury West Ward 4DWA – update

Didsbury United Reformed Church is currently the designated polling place for electors in polling district 4DWA.

Due to its closure, it is proposed that Didsbury Central Mosque, which is an existing polling place for 4DWB is to be used as the polling place for electors in 4DWA.

This re-designation has been discussed with ward councillors who have indicated their support for this change.

**Outstanding polling place re-designations**

The following polling places may potentially need to be re-designated after the below schools initially withdrawing their support to be a polling place. Discussions with schools and education team.

Constituency	Ward	Polling District(s)	Current Designated Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place
Blackley & Broughton	Higher Blackley	1HBD	The Bridge	TBC

Wythenshawe & Sale East	Northenden	5NOC	Northenden Community School	TBC
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The following polling place may potentially need to be re-designated. We are still exploring alternative options and discussing with other sites and local ward councillors.

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Polling District(s)</b>	<b>Current Designated Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposed Polling Place</b>
Manchester Gorton	Burnage	4BUC	Temporary Station Albion Inn car park	TBC

### **Future re-designations**

Once proposals have been developed, it is proposed that these are re-designated by the Chief Executive under delegated powers that allows her to make, where necessary, alterations to the designation of any polling place in consultation with ward members, group leaders and the Chair of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee. It is proposed the same approach applies to any polling place premises which becomes unexpectedly unavailable ahead of May's Local Elections.