

## NOTICE OF CONCLUSION

### REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

Eastbourne Borough Council has completed a review of polling districts and polling places as required by the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended) for use at both local and national elections.

The full council approved proposals for the polling districts and polling places on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

#### ***Extract of the council minutes:***

##### **Minutes:**

The Council considered the report of the Head of Elections and Local Land Charges to approve the arrangements in respect of polling districts and polling places in the Borough of Eastbourne following a public consultation. Councillor Holt moved and Councillor Smart seconded the recommendations of the report.

Thanks were extended to the elections team for considering all the alternative options, and for taking into account the views received through the consultation. It was recognised that no alternative suitable venue had been found in the Old Town Ward to Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church, at the current time. In addition, it was confirmed that the polling station for Sovereign Ward remained as the Conqueror Hall, following feedback and a reduction in the cost of hire.

The recommendations were put to a vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED** (By 24 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions)

(1) That the Acting Returning Officer's proposals as set out in the report be approved, as follows:

- To confirm the designation of the whole of each of the nine wards as the polling place. If a polling station becomes unavailable at any time, that an internal review be conducted to locate the most suitable venue to serve the voters in the area, and where only one choice is available, this mitigates the need to conduct a full public consultation.
- That there be no change any of the stations in relation to Devonshire Ward, Hampden Park Ward, Langney Ward, Meads Ward and Sovereign Ward.
- Old Town Ward - To confirm Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church, Victoria Drive as the new polling station for OTA and OTD
- Ratton Ward – To amalgamate RNA and RNB into one polling district to remain at Broadway United Church to be known as RNA. RNC to become

RNB and RND to become RNC. Willingdon Golf Club to remain as the venue for the new RNB polling district.

- St Anthony's Ward - To accept St Richard's Church Hall as the new venue for SAD, to alleviate the need to close the cafe and Food Bank at Langney Village Hall on election day.
- Upperton Ward – To revert to Emmanuel Church (formerly Upperton United Reformed Church) for UPA voters, as agreed in the Polling Place Review in 2018, and St Michael and All Angels be thanked for the use of the Hub on the Hill whilst the new Church was rebuilt.

(2) That the Head of Elections and Local Land Charges, on behalf of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer, be authorised to implement the Council's decisions in respect of the review.

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The polling arrangements will come into force from 1 December 2023 on the alteration of the register.

Representation on the outcome of the review may be made to the Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 18D of the Representation of the People Act (as amended) at:

Legal Counsel  
The Electoral Commission  
3 Bunhill Row  
London EC1Y 8YZ

Email: [appeals@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:appeals@electoralcommission.org.uk)

Polling districts and polling places are kept under constant review and Eastbourne Borough Council welcomes any suggestions that may improve polling arrangements.



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Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023