

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor A Carter in the Chair

Councillors S Bentley, A Blackburn,
R Brett, R Finnigan, P Gruen, J Lewis (for
N Taggart), E Nash (for J Blake), J Procter
and K Wakefield

Apologies Councillors J Blake and N Taggart

20 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

21 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

22 Late items

There were no late items added to the agenda.

23 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made either under this item or at any stage during the meeting.

24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Blake and Taggart. Councillors Nash and Lewis were in attendance as substitute Members.

25 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 8th September 2009

RESOLVED – Members resolved that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8th September 2009 be approved as a correct record.

26 Review of Polling Districts, and Polling Places - Final Proposals Report

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report presenting the final proposals for the review of polling districts and polling places, for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED – Members resolved to:

- (a) Confirm as a Final Proposal each of the proposals set out in Appendix A, that received no further representations;
- (b) Confirm as a Final Proposal each of the proposals set out in Appendix B, that received supporting representations only;
- (c) Confirm as a Final proposal each of the proposals set out in Appendix C, that received representations for and against the proposals where all parties on Elections Working Group that expressed a view agreed;
- (d) Confirm as Final Proposals, in relation to the proposals set out in Appendix D, that received representations for and against the proposals lacking all party agreement, the following:
 - (i) 15) Garforth and Swillington – Merge GSL with GSK to vote at Great and Little Preston Village Hall;
 - (ii) 17) Garforth and Swillington – Merge GSN/GSO with GSJ/GSS to vote at Swillington and District Community Centre;
 - (iii) 39) Chapel Allerton – Merge CAB with CAA, retain CAB polling station;
 - (iv) 42) Chapel Allerton – Merge CAG and CAK;
 - (v) 43) Chapel Allerton – Merge CAH and CAJ, removing CAH spur which crosses Chapeltown Road;
 - (vi) 45) Moortown – Merge MOB with MOG;
 - (vii) 48) Crossgates and Whinmoor – Combine CWH with CWM, lose CWM polling station;
 - (viii) 59) Beeston – Merge BHA and BHG;
 - (ix) 60) Beeston – Merge BHF with part of BHB;
 - (x) 77) Crossgates and Whinmoor – Merge CWL with part of CWN. The rest of CWN to merge with CWI;
 - (xi) 89) Killingbeck and Seacroft – Merge KSE and KSC;
 - (xii) 93) Killingbeck and Seacroft – Merge KSR with KST;
 - (xiii) 96) Kirkstall – Create new polling station at the Kirkstall Brewery Student residences, the rest of KIC would continue to vote at present KIC polling station.
- (e) Request that officers look into whether there are any suitable permanent buildings that could be used as a polling place in TNK;
- (f) Reject the representation set out in Appendix E, that did not form part of the authority's Initial Proposals;
- (g) Note the proposals set out in Appendix F, which have been withdrawn;
- (h) Note the contents of Appendices G, H and I, which are background information for the review;
- (i) Note the contents of Appendix J, which is a CD ROM of the maps for each proposal; and
- (j) Request that officers write to those electors affected by proposals 15, 43 and 89 to make them aware of the opportunity to apply for a postal vote.

(Councillor Blackburn arrived at 10.35am during the consideration of this item.)