

## ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE

17 July 2019

Meeting commenced: 1.30pm

Meeting ended: 2.00pm

**Present:** Councillor Ferguson – in the chair  
Councillors Jolley, Lancaster, Joan Walsh, Burch and King.

**Officers:**

Jim Taylor (Chief Executive)  
Miranda Carruthers-Watt (City Solicitor & Monitoring Officer)  
Karen Berry (Service Manager)

**Members of the public:**

Maria Braben

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Boshell and Merry,

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

3. **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2019 were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

4. **POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING STATION REVIEW**

Members were informed that a review of polling districts and stations will commence this month and members will be consulted accordingly along with other stakeholders.

Presiding officers also completed a questionnaire and submitted photographs to help inform the review.

The feedback received so far from members following the Local and EU Elections will also feed in to the review.

Consideration will also be given to the Boundary Review changes in anticipation of the 'laying of the order week commencing 3 June 2019. Councillor Jolley asked that consideration was given to polling district DG.

As agreed at Electoral Matters in June; it was agreed to liaise with officers in regeneration in regard to new developments across the city. Members reported that residents from new developments have a lengthy walk to their polling station.

Conversations are also planned with Manchester due to the Boundary Review changes impacting wards across the boundary. Ward members will be consulted accordingly.

RESOLVED: That, the update be noted.

5. **PREPERATIONS FOR 2020 ELECTIONS.**

Members were informed that preparations are progressing for the 2020 elections, and that support is being progressed from across the council and from partners.

Jim Taylor explained the present considerations due to the change in day for the Bank Holiday from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May;

- The three verifications to take place throughout the night on Thursday 7 May, and if time permitting the count for the City Mayor.
- Following consultation a proposal has been submitted to Manchester to count the GM Mayor ballot papers locally on Saturday 9 May along with the Local election ballot papers.

RESOLVED: That, updates will be provided at future meetings.

6. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Committee be held on 17 September 2019 at 1:30pm.