

Electoral Matters – 15 September 2021

In attendance:

Sara Bennett
Tom Stannard
Elliot Hogan
Cllr Mullen
Cllr Lancaster
Cllr Saunders
Cllr Shama
Cllr Cusack
Cllr Dickman
Cllr Kelly

Apologies: *As Sara's list*

Declarations of interest: Nothing to declare

Voter ID:

S ran through report notes and explained where this is currently at

Cllr Mullen – asked what consultation Salford has been part of for this?

S & Tom confirmed that it is a government bill, no formal consultation.

Cllr Mullen - LGA & Solace and others raised issue of no consultation.

Cllr Lancaster – can our representatives on the LGA raise this?

Cllr Saunders – Reserve judgement, cannot commit to a view

Cllr Lancaster – Not looking for a view now, but needs discussion

Cllr Cusack – Reservations about this. Only 1 example of personation since 2019.

Already a bill. Hasn't been enacted yet.

Have we had any pilot schemes?

S – Can report on any pilots at next meeting

Can consult with MPs and report back

Tom – Included link to Solace response: https://solace.org.uk/news_and_press/solace-statement-on-the-elections-bill/

S continued to run through report notes

Cllr Dickman – Does it mention putting anything in place on the day. How quickly could this be given to them?

S – Waiting for more information from the commission, but we will be making sure we do what we can such as an advertising campaign.

Cllr Lancaster – write to MPs and see why no consultation.

Cllr Dickman – confirming Rebecca Long Bailey has been vocal against this.

Election 2021 issues

S informed all that we have not had a great response from members regarding any issues or feedback, going to send out reminder.

Confirmed looking into polling stations issues that have been raised and marquee issue.

Cllr Lancaster – On the Saturday no seating as all space needed to be used.

S – won't have this issue at the next election, but noted

Tom – feedback, have had positive from partners at electoral commission and GM.

Cllr Mullen – apologies for not submitting feedback. Raise issue of BW3 – The friars Primary was too far away for those people

Cllr Kelly – Apologies also, no polling station around Alexandra road, had to cross road. (St Michaels Church and Peel Green roundabout)

Cllr Dickman – New Bellway estate. Estate Agents too far.

Canvass update

Elliot – Canvass update, starting on door knock 4 Oct.

Progressing well and less properties outstanding than previous years.

AOB

Cllr Saunders – going back to voter id, helps electors' confidence is the government stance

Tom – Have published casual vacancy notice for Blackfriars

Cllr Lancaster – Flats above shops (*apologies I didn't catch where - Elliot*), possible low response to canvass due to postal issues.

S – Can focus a write out

Cllr Lanc – HMOs, how are they being dealt with

S – treated as usual

Elliot – confirmed we are working with licensing to try and identify HMOs

Cllr Lancaster – Housing companies still helping register?

S – Yes, still ongoing

Cllr Saunders – Next meeting can we leave extra time for people to leave council meeting and get back for this?

Cllr Lancaster – can monitor the situation of venues or time frame.

Meeting Adjourned