


## Officer decision record

Officer: Ian Gallin	Service: Chief Executive
<p><b>Delegated power being exercised</b></p> <p>At its meeting on 13 December 2022 West Suffolk Council agreed to undertake an interim review of polling places, as set out in section 2 of Report number: COU/WS/22/024. Council also authorised the Chief Executive, as Returning Officer, to approve the amended scheme of polling places following the consultation on proposals.</p> <p>In accordance with the delegation, the Chief Executive has taken the decision to approve the amended scheme of polling places with the changes included below.</p>	
Subject of decision	As set out in report number <a href="#">COU/WS/22/024</a>
Decision taken (specify precise details)	<p>That the following changes be made to the scheme of polling places:</p> <p>Polling Place for B-BSC Bradfield St Clare to be confirmed as Bradfield St George Village Hall.</p> <p>Polling Place for W-STR Stradishall to be confirmed as Stirling House.</p> <p>Polling Place for S-POS to be confirmed as Stansfield Village Hall.</p> <p>Polling Place for W-WES Westly to be confirmed as The Westbury Community Centre.</p> <p>Polling Place for B-AMP, B-LLI AND B-TAM to be confirmed as Great Livermere Village Hall.</p> <p>Polling Place for W-FMA to be confirmed as Honington and Sapiston Village Hall.</p> <p>Polling Place for W-LK-SF to be confirmed as Lakenheath Methodist Church</p> <p>Polling Place for W-BEC2 to be confirmed as Beck Row Parish Hub</p>

	<p>Polling Place for W-GWR Great Wrattling and W-LWR Little Wrattling to be confirmed as Thurlow Village Hall.</p>
<p>Reasons for the decision (specify all reasons for taking the decisions including where necessary reference to Council policy)</p>	<p>Amendments due to polling stations which are not available on 4 May 2023 and some polling stations which do not provide electors with reasonable facilities for voting or are not accessible to electors who are disabled.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered (if appropriate)</p>	<p>None applicable. If suitable venues are not secured for use as polling stations, then voters may be disenfranchised and there is a risk of an election petition. If polling station venues are not accessible to disabled electors, then this may be a breach relating to accessibility under the Equalities Act 2010 and the Election Act 2022.</p>
<p>Background/reports/information considered and attached (Legal, Personnel, Financial Implications and so on)</p>	<p>As set out in report number <a href="#">COU/WS/22/024</a></p>
<p>Parties consulted before the decision has been taken.</p>	<p>Consultation on proposals undertaken with electors and other interested persons and bodies, including elected representatives. The consultation was held from 16 December 2022 – 27 January 2023.</p> <p>Final recommendations consulted on with Portfolio Holder for Governance before decision taken.</p>
<p>Conflicts of interest declared by executive members consulted, including whether the Chief Executive has authorised councillors with conflicts to continue to act</p>	<p>None applicable.</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>As outlined in 'decision taken' section of this form above.</p>
<p>Signature and Date:</p> <p></p> <p>09/02/23</p>	