

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 13th November 2007 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor John (Chair) and Councillors Bessong, Beswick, D Brown, Castle, Colwill, Lorber, Van Kalwala and Wharton.

Apologies were received from Councillors Blackman and J Moher.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the previous meetings of the General Purposes Committee on 27th September 2007 be received and approved as an accurate record subject to the inclusion in the list of members present of Councillor Sneddon in place of Councillor Castle.

3. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The Electoral Services Manager introduced the report from the Democratic Services Manager and outlined the background to the review of polling districts and places that had been conducted over the past few months, as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006. Ward councillors and area consultative forums had been consulted as well as Brent Association for Disabled People and Brent Help the Aged. The Returning Officer's report with recommendations completed following the consultation and visits to each existing polling station had been posted on the Council's website.

The Electoral Services Manager outlined the proposals for changes to polling districts and places which involved minor changes to district boundaries and two new polling places with a view to making voting more convenient to electors. The proposed changes arose in part from responses to the consultation by ward councillors. Other changes were prompted by existing polling stations becoming unavailable.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the polling station for polling district EK2 in Kilburn ward transfer from the former College of North West London site to its new location in Glengall Road (para 3.7 of the report refers);

- (ii) that the polling station for polling district NPR4 in Preston ward be the Infants School Hall at Wembley Primary School in place of the Junior School equivalent at the same site (para 3.8);
- (iii) that Church End and Roundwood Unity Centre, be the polling station at future elections for voters in polling district SHA1 in Harlesden ward in place of St Mary's C of E School on Garnet Road (para 3.13);
- (iv) that electors living in Craven Park and Fig Tree Close in polling districts SHA3 and SHA5 be moved into polling district SHA1 (paras 3.12-3.14);
- (v) that electors living in Nicoll Road, New Crescent Yard and Acton Lane, who currently vote at St Matthew's Hall in St Mary's Road, be moved into polling district SHA5 and vote in future elections at Harlesden Primary School on Acton Lane (para 3.16);
- (vi) that, subject to the consent of Bridge Park, this building be the polling station at future elections for voters in polling district SST5 in place of Our Lady of Lourdes School on Wesley Road (paras 3.18 and 3.19).

4. Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED:

that Councillor Mendoza be appointed as Historical Environment in place of Councillor Steel;

5. Any Other Urgent Business - Committee Membership Changes

RESOLVED:-

that the following changes to committee membership be agreed:

- (i) insert Councillor Van Kalwala into the vacancy on the Schools' Disciplinary Committee;
- (ii) delete Councillor Allie and insert Councillor Sneddon on the Staff Appeals Sub-Committee (A).

The meeting ended at 7.40 pm.

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Chair