

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Report to Cabinet

Date: 10 December

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

Key Decision: (b) N

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet meeting on the proposed polling arrangements for Stockport in order to inform the Council meeting's determination of polling districts, polling places and polling stations at forthcoming elections.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

Enabling the electorate to play their part in the democratic process is close to the heart of everyone involved in council life, whether officer, elected member, or potential elected member. The location of polling stations needs to be reviewed and revisited regularly, and the sites that are recommended within this report have been the result of significant engagement and consultation. There's a clear drive to respect the impact of polling station locations on our communities – particularly on our schools, for example – and to enable turnout.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the report, make any observations or suggested amendments and recommend that the proposals in the report be agreed at the Council meeting on 16 January 2024.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': (g)

No

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
