

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee was held on 2 March 2011.

PRESENT: Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillors Cole (as substitute for Brunton), Cox, McIntyre, McPartland and Purvis.

OFFICERS: C Davies, S Harker and R Long.

**** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Brunton and Mrs H Pearson, OBE.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

POLLING STATIONS

A report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services was presented to seek Members' agreement to the proposed change of location of a Polling Station currently based at The Nursery, Berwick Hills Primary School, Westerdale Road, in Pallister Ward, Polling District IA.

In the run up to the combined Elections on 5 May 2011, all Polling Stations were contacted to ascertain their availability. Due to current building works, the Polling Station based in The Nursery, Berwick Hills Primary School, was not available for the combined Election on 5 May 2011.

Alternative accommodation was identified, inspected and Polling Station assessments were completed.

Maps identifying three alternative locations for a Mobile Polling Station were tabled and a brief description of each site given. The three options were as follows:

Option 1 – Ingram Road – opposite the junction with Bradhope Road.

Option 2 – Westerdale Road – behind Berwick Hills Primary School.

Option 3 – Westerdale Road – behind Berwick Hills Primary School, on the opposite side of the road to Option 2.

Further enquiries regarding the availability of electricity supply and implications for traffic management were required.

It was confirmed that the Ward Councillors had been consulted with regard to the three options presented and had expressed their preference for Option 1.

ORDERED as follows that:

1. Option 1, Ingram Road, was the preferred location for the Mobile Polling Station, subject to the availability of electricity and confirmation of suitability with regard to traffic management.
2. If Option 1 was deemed unsuitable, the second preference would be Option 3.