



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES

General Purposes

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Purposes** held on **Tuesday 7th September, 2021**, Room 18.12, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP.

Members Present: Councillors Paul Swaddle (Chairman), David Boothroyd, Matthew Green, and Tim Mitchell

Apologies: Councillors Melvyn Caplan and Gotz Mohindra

1 MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 It was noted that Cllr Mitchell had replaced Cllr Caplan and Cllr Green had replaced Cllr Mohindra.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest

3 MINUTES

3.1 RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2021 be signed as a correct record of proceedings.

4 POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW

- 4.1 Evgenia Tzampoura (Data and Intelligence Analyst), Martin Pyroyiannos (Electoral Services Manager) and Jamie Cottam-Allan (Senior Electoral Services Officer) presented a report setting out proposals for new polling district boundaries within wards and the re-designating of new polling places. It was explained that this was required following the new ward arrangements implemented following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

- 4.2 The Committee discussed the proposals with a particular focus on Hyde Park, Queen’s Park and Regent’s Park wards and potential issues for residents accessing these polling places. It was noted that all suggestions had been assessed and the most suitable venues had been selected but changes could occur as alternative venues became available in the future.
- 4.3 The Committee was pleased to note that significant communication would be undertaken in local areas where changes to polling places had taken place. In addition, accessibility and access had formed a formal part of the review and more granular work would be undertaken in the runup to the next election to resolve any potential issues.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee:

- 1) Noted the proposals;
- 2) Approved the Polling Districts and Polling Places recommendations made in this report; and
- 3) Noted that the Chief Executive had delegated powers to designate alternative polling places in the event of any polling place not being available at any election or better provision being identified, following consultation with the Party Whips and respective ward councillors.

The Meeting ended at 6.14pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____