

<b>COUNCIL</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(c)
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## **CREATION OF NEW POLLING DISTRICT IN STANGROUND SOUTH WARD**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM:</b> Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources	<b>Deadline date:</b> 1 December 2017
<p>It is recommended that Council agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) create a new polling district named STS4 in the Stanground South ward; and</li> <li>2) designate the new polling district STS4 as the polling place,</li> </ol> <p>to take effect from the publication of the revised register of electors on 1 December 2017.</p>	

### **1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To create a new polling district in Stanground South ward to provide suitable polling arrangements for electors residing with the Cardea development. Under Schedule 1 of the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983, the returning officer shall provide a sufficient number of polling stations and shall allot the electors to the polling stations in such manner as she thinks most convenient.
- 1.2 To designate the polling district as the polling place.

### **2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 2.1 Representations made by ward Councillors and electors residing within the Cardea estate indicated that electors have too far to travel to their current polling station which is located at St Michael's Church, Mace Road, STS1 Polling District, within Stanground South ward.
- 2.2 Guidance issued by the Electoral Commission suggests that a polling station should cater for a maximum of 2500 electors. There are currently 2800 electors within polling district STS1 who are registered to vote at the St Michael's Church polling station.
- 2.3 The Cardea Community Sports Pavilion on Bellona Drive has been proposed as a suitable polling station for the electors of the new polling district (STS4).

### **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The ward Councillors for Stanground South have been consulted and have all welcomed the proposal.

### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The financial implications of this proposal would be the Hire Cost for polling station, staffing costs during election, administration costs for elections. This would amount to a total annual cost of £1500.00.

### **Legal Implications**

- 4.2 There are no legal implications.

### **Equalities Implications**

- 4.3 There are no equality implications.

## **5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

- 5.1 None.

## **6. APPENDICES**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Map Showing New Polling District Boundary.