

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

23 January 2017

Minutes of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea on Monday 23 January 2017 at 6:30pm.

Committee Members present: Councillors S.D. Elford (Chairman), Lord Ampthill, T.W. Graham, Mrs S. Hart, Mrs J.M. Hughes (Vice-Chairman), I.G.F. Jenkins and C.J. Saint.

Other Members present: Councillor K.P. Dixon.

Advisory officers present: Executive Director of Resources, Service Manager – Corporate and Human Resources, Electoral Services Manager and Democratic Services Officer.

LG16/18. MINUTES

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 24 October 2016 as a correct record of the proceedings.

LG16/19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.K. Bird, P.R. Douart, K.M. Field, M. Mooney and the Chairman of the Council, Councillor P.N. Osborne.

PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

LG16/20. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2016/17
(5.1)

Members received and gave consideration to the report of the Executive Director of Resources on the review of the Council's polling districts and polling places.

The Council was required to review the division of its area into polling districts for elections and designated polling places within the polling districts every five years. The last review had been carried out in 2013 however, following the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) boundary reviews, it was necessary for the Council to hold an interim review of its polling districts to ensure that they were aligned to reflect the changes to division and ward boundaries and that the polling places were fit for purpose.

The review covered the arrangements in place for the parts of Bexhill and Battle and the Hastings and Rye constituencies that fell within Rother. Detailed within the report was the consultation process that

had been carried out as part of the review process. The Council was required to consult the Acting Returning Officer for every Parliamentary constituency that was wholly or partly within its area. The local Member for Parliament, district councillors, county councillors and local political parties were also consulted as well as persons with particular expertise in relation to disabled access to premises.

As a result of the LGBCE boundary reviews, the Council's current division and ward boundaries were no longer aligned with the existing polling district boundaries. It was therefore recommended that the existing polling districts were aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundaries.

Members noted that the new LGBCE division boundaries would apply at the forthcoming County Council elections in May 2017, however the new district ward boundaries would not apply until the next scheduled district elections in 2019; any unscheduled district or parish elections prior to this would be conducted using the current ward boundaries. It was therefore recommended that 12 new temporary polling districts be created, each of which would encompass a section of an existing ward which would become part of a different ward in 2019; this would allow the Council's polling scheme to align with both new and existing boundaries. Members noted that as it was an interim review, the temporary polling districts would be merged with the new polling districts as part of the next full review of polling districts and places in autumn 2019.

The Council was responsible for designating polling places within a polling district and the Acting Returning Officer (ARO) was responsible for specifying a polling station within a polling place to be used in an election. Five changes to the existing polling places and polling stations were detailed within the report:

- i. **Ewhurst and Sedlescombe Ward BT (Ewhurst Green)** - The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the previous polling place, the White Dog Inn Pub, was no longer available for use. The Arthur Herdman Pavilion was used at the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2016 on a trial basis. No issues had been identified with this venue. It was therefore recommended that The Arthur Herdman Pavilion be designated as the polling place.
- ii. **Ticehurst and Etchingham Ward BS (Etchingham)** – The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because of uncertainty over the future of the venue at the time. However, since then the new Etchingham Village Hall had been built, and was considered a suitable venue. It was therefore recommended that Etchingham Village Hall be designated as the polling place.
- iii. **Brede Valley Ward HBW (Kent Street)** – Due to uncertainty regarding the future of the current venue, it was recommended that

the whole of the polling district be designated as the polling place, to allow for the use of an alternative venue at such time as it was needed.

- iv. **Eastern Rother Ward HB (East Guldeford)** – The whole of the polling district was currently designated as the polling place to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the previous polling place, Half Acre Farm, was no longer available for use. Salt Farm Shop Café was used at the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2016 on a trial basis. No issues were identified with this venue and it was therefore recommended that Salt Farm Shop Café be designated as the polling place.
- v. **Rye Ward HI001 (Rye)** – Badger Gate was designated as the polling place on an interim basis because the previous polling place, Tilling Green Community Centre, was no longer available for use. No issues were identified with this venue and it was therefore recommended that Badger Gate be designated as the polling place on a permanent basis.

In addition, there were four other instances where the whole polling district was currently designated as the polling place; Bexhill Sackville Ward BF, Battle Town Ward (Marley), Darwell Ward BZ (Netherfield) and Marsham Ward HD (Guestling). These were detailed in the ARO's comments and proposals appended to the report. No changes to these arrangements were recommended, as the circumstances had not changed significantly since the review in 2013.

Members noted where possible schools, play schools and day care centres would not be used because of the disruption to child care arrangements.

Members gave consideration to all the amendments to the proposed scheme of polling districts and polling places which were appended to the report. Consideration was also given to the recommendation to grant delegated authority to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to make necessary changes should issues be raised during the consultation with relevant bodies. Members supported all the recommendations and commended them to full Council for approval.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- 1) the Polling Places Scheme at Appendix A be approved; and
- 2) the Executive Director of Resources be granted delegated authority to agree necessary changes of polling place after consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, relevant District Ward Member(s), County Council Member and Parish Council. Should any of the consultees not agree the proposed change the decision to be brought to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee and full Council for determination.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 6:45pm

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Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Rother District Council
Interim review

Proposed Polling Scheme

BEXHILL AND BATTLE CONSTITUENCY

Bexhill Central Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BC001	Beulah Baptist Church Hall Clifford Road	2013	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BC002	Parkhurst Hall Parkhurst Road	2227	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. In addition, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this polling district will become part of Bexhill Collington Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BD001/A* , with the same polling place as BD001. Another section will become part of Bexhill Sackville Ward , and it is proposed that this section be designated BF/A* , with the same polling place as BF.

*In due course, polling districts BD001/A and BF/A will be aligned with BD001 and BF respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BC001 and BC002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Collington Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BD001	St Augustine's Church Hall St Augustine's Close	1492	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BD002	Cooden Beach Sports & Social Club Withyham Road	996	1	Dual station with BG002. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill Kewhurst Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated KEW03/A* , with the same polling place as KEW03.
BD003	Bexhill Athletic Club Little Common Road	1286	1	Dual station with KEW01. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

*In due course, polling district KEW03/A will be aligned with KEW03. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, it will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BD001, BD002 and BD003 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Old Town Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BE001	St Peters Community Centre Church Street	1523	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill Sackville Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BF/B* , with the same polling place as BF. Another section will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward , and it is proposed that this section be designated BI002/A* , with the same polling place as BI002.
BE002	Springfield Road Methodist Church Hall Springfield Road	1602	1	Dual station with BI002. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BI002/B* , with the same polling place as BD002.

*In due course, polling districts BF/B, BI002/A and BI002/B will be aligned with BF and BI002 respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BE001 and BE002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Sackville Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BF	The whole polling district (St Mary Magdalene Church Hall Upper Sea Road is the polling station currently in use)	3853	2	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. However, no suitable alternative has yet been identified, and therefore no change to the polling place is proposed at this time.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place.</p>

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BF are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill St Marks Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BG001	St Marks Church Hall Green Lane	2649	2	No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place.
BG002	Cooden Beach Sports Club Withyham Road	1108	1	Dual polling station with BD002. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill Collington Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BD002/A* , with the same polling place as BD002. Another section will become part of Bexhill Kewhurst Ward , and it is proposed that this section be designated KEW03/B* , with the same polling place as KEW03.
BG003	Normans Bay Caravan Park The Anchorage	162	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place.

*In due course, polling districts BD002/A and KEW03/B will be aligned with BD002 and KEW03 respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BG001, BG002 and BG003 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill St Michaels Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BH001	St Michael's Church Hall Glassenbury Drive	1269	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BH002	Pebsham Community Centre Seabourne Road	2606	2	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BH001 and BH002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill St Stephens Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BI001	St Stephens Church Hall Woodsgate Park	2698	1	Dual polling station with KEW02. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BI002	Springfield Road Methodist Church Hall Springfield Road	1095	1	Dual polling station with BE002. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of the new Bexhill Old Town & Worsham Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BE001/A* , with the same polling place as BE001.

*In due course, polling district BE001/A will be aligned with BE001. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, it will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BI001 and BI002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Sidley Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BJ001	Our Lady's Church Hall Southlands Road	2469	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BI001/A* , with the same polling place as BI001.
BJ002	Sidley Baptist Church Hall Claremont Road	1697	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BI001/B* , with the same polling place as BI001.

*In due course, polling districts BI001/A and BI001/B will be aligned with BI001 and BI002 respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BJ001 and BJ002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Kewhurst Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
KEW01	Bexhill Athletic Club Road Little Common Road	1629	1	Dual polling station with BD003. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
KEW02	St Stephens Church Hall Woodsgate Park	1090	1	Dual polling station with BI001. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
KEW03	St Martha's Church Hall Road Cooden Sea Road	1329	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for KEW01, KEW02 and KEW03 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Battle Town Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BX	The whole polling district (Benedicta Whistler Centre, High Street is the polling station currently in use).	1684	1	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. The Emmanuel Centre, Harrier Lane, which was being built at the time, was suggested for future consideration, and has recently been approached. It is therefore proposed that the whole of the polling district continue to be designated as the polling place, to allow the venue to be changed to The Emmanuel Centre in due course, subject to availability and suitability.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this parish ward will become part of the new Battle North Parish Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BAJ/A*, with the same polling place as BAJ.</p>
BAJ	Battle Baptist Church Mount Street	2434	2	<p>No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>

*In due course, polling district BAJ/A will be aligned with BAJ. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, it will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BX and BAJ are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Crowhurst Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BA	Ashburnham Village Hall Brownbread Street	302	1	Dual polling station with BAP. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAP	Ashburnham Village Hall Brownbread Street	40	1	Dual polling station with BA. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BP	Catsfield Village Hall Church Road	692	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BQ	St Georges Church Parish Room Forewood Lane	685	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAG	Wilmoths Garage Hastings Road	424	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BA, BAP, BP, BQ and BAG are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Darwell Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BM	Brightling Village Hall Brightling Village	310	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BN	Burwash Village Hall High Street	1450	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BO	Burwash Common Pavilion Ticehurst Road	769	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BR	Dallington Village Hall The Street	257	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BY	Mountfield Village Hall Church Road	421	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BZ	The whole polling district (Netherfield CoE Primary School, Darvel Down is the polling station currently in use)	657	1	The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because it was considered preferable to use a venue other than a school if possible. However, no preferable alternative has yet been identified, and therefore no change to the polling place is proposed at this time. <u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place.
BAM	Whatlington Village Hall Whatlington Road	291	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BM, BN, BO, BR, BY, BZ and BAM are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Ewhurst and Sedlescombe Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BT	The whole polling district (The Arthur Herdman Pavilion, Ewhurst Green is the polling station currently in use)	259	1	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place following a recommendation by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee to Council in February 2016, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the previous polling place, the White Dog Inn Pub, was no longer available for use.</p> <p>The Arthur Herdman Pavilion was used at the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2016 on a trial basis. No issues have been identified with this venue.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – to designate The Arthur Herdman Pavilion as the polling place.</p>
BAD	Sedlescombe Village Hall The Street	1189	1	<p>Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>
BAE	Staplecross Village Hall Northiam Road	735	1	<p>Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BT, BAD and BAE are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Rother Levels Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BB	Beckley Village Hall Main Street	877	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAA	Northiam Village Hall Main Street	1770	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAB	Peasmarsh Memorial Hall Peasmarsh	963	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BHB	Playden W.I Hall Houghton Green Lane	279	1	Dual polling station with HHA. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BBB, BAA, BAB and BHB are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Salehurst Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BK	Bodiam Parish Room Sandhurst Road	293	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BVA	Hurst Green Village Hall Station Road	1183	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAC	Robertsbridge Village Hall Station Road	2073	1	Dual polling station with BVB. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BVB	Robertsbridge Village Hall Station Road	56	1	Dual polling station with BAC. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BK, BVA, BAC and BVB are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Ticehurst and Etchingam Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BS	The whole polling district (Etchingam Village Hall, Parsonage Croft is the polling station currently in use)	689	1	The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because of uncertainty regarding the future of the current venue at the time. However, since then the new Etchingam Village Hall has been built, and is currently in use, with no issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – to designate Etchingam Village Hall the polling place.
BU	Flimwell Cricket Pavilion High Street	578	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAF	Stonegate Village Hall Forge Field	423	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAH	Ticehurst Village Hall High Street	1952	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BS, BU, BAF and BAH are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

HASTINGS AND RYE CONSTITUENCY

Brede Valley Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HBL	Brede Village Hall Cackle Street	1564	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HBW	Sedlescombe Golf Club House Kent Street	250	1	Due to uncertainty regarding the future of the current venue, it is proposed that the whole of the polling district be designated as the polling place, to allow for the use of an alternative venue at such time as it is needed. <u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district be designated as the polling place.
HAI	St Marys Community Hall St Marys Church	301	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HAK	Westfield Parish Hall Vicarage Lane	1665	1	Dual polling station with HAL. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HAL	Westfield Parish Hall Vicarage Lane	336		Dual polling station with HAK. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HBL, HBW, HAI, HAK and HAL are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Eastern Rother Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HA	Camber Memorial Hall Lydd Road	898	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HB	The whole polling district (Salt Farm Shop Café, East Guldeford, is the polling station currently in use)	58	1	The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place following a recommendation by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee to Council in October 2015, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the previous polling place, Half Acre Farm, was no longer available for use. Salt Farm Shop Café was used at the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2016 on a trial basis. No issues have been identified with this venue. <u>Recommendation</u> – to designate Salt Farm Shop Café as the polling place.
HE	Icklesham Memorial Hall Workhouse Lane	826	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HF	Iden Village Hall Iden	393	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HHA	Playden W.I. Hall Houghton Green Lane	237	1	Dual polling station with BHB. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HJ	Rye Harbour Village Hall Rye Harbour	346	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HL	Winchelsea New Hall Rectory Lane	408	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HM	Winchelsea Beach Community Hall Sea Road	718	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HA, HB, HE, HF, HHA, HJ, HL and HM are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Marsham Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HC	Fairlight Village Hall Broadway	1510	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HD	The whole polling district (Guestling Village Hall, Church Lane is the currently designated polling station)	534	1	The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the venue was considered outdated and in need of attention. However, no suitable alternative has yet been identified, and no change of venue is proposed at this time. <u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place.
HG	Pett Village Hall Pett Road	756	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HK	Three Oaks Village Hall Butchers Lane	651	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HC, HD, HG and HK are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Rye Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HI001	Badger Gate Udimore Road	1615	1	Badger Gate was designated as the polling place on an interim basis following a recommendation by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee to Council in February 2016. This was because the previous polling place, Tilling Green Community Centre, was no longer available for use. No issues have been identified with this venue. <u>Recommendation</u> – to designate Badger Gate as the polling place on a permanent basis.
HI002	Rye Community Centre Conduit Hill	1965	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HI001 and HI002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.