**Polling District Review Working Group**

Notes of the meeting held on 24 January 2020 at the Town Hall

Present: Councillors Mohammed Altaf – Khan, Steven Curran, Craig Simmons and John Tanner

Apologies: Councillor Christine Simm

The Working Group considered the Oxford City Council Polling Place Review 2019/20 Map showing the suggested polling districts and polling stations. The proposals took account of the new city ward boundaries, as well as the existing and proposed parliamentary constituencies, existing county division boundaries and parish council boundaries.

1. The Working Group agreed the proposals on the map, with the following amendments:

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| **Polling District** | **Polling Station(s)** | **Change** | **Reason** |
| BA | Young People’s Club and Summertown URC | Create a new polling district by splitting BA along the Woodstock Road | BA area is a large area. Splitting the polling district would mean that electors continued to go to the same polling stations as previously |
| DA/DC | Oxford Centre for Mission Studies | Use alternative venue in St Hugh’s College from 2021 | More space |
| DB | St Giles’ Parish Room | Use St Luke’s Chapel | More space |
| LC | The Gladiator Club and St Alban’s Hall | Use St Alban’s Hall  | Both venues not needed – St Alban’s Hall centrally located |
| VA | Barton Neighbourhood Centre |  | New area. To be reviewed after May 2020  |

1. Polling places/stations to be reviewed after May 2020:

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| **Polling District** | **Reason** |
| NE | Investigate venues in the area e.g. catholic church, bowling club |
| RB & RC | Possible venue along boundary e.g. business park, St Luke’s centre |
| RD | Investigate venues in the area |
| VA | Investigate polling station venues in the area e.g. pavilion, new school |
| VD | Alternative venue at ground floor level e.g. music faculty |
| XA | Review current arrangements |

1. Next Stages

Street lists would be produced for the new polling stations and circulated to the Working Group members. The members would be asked to share these street lists and the map with their councillor colleagues so a sense-check of the streets/properties in each of the areas could be undertaken, before the proposals were discussed at the Council meeting.

The proposals would be submitted to Council on 13 February 2020. The revised Register with the new ward boundaries would be published on 1 March 2020.