

## **Council – 26th February 2015**

### **Item 12 – Recommendation of Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel - Explanatory note with regard to Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling stations**

#### **Polling District**

A Polling District is a geographical area created by a sub division of a UK Parliamentary Constituency. (Fixed by the Local Authority).

#### **Polling Place**

A Polling Place can be a building or an area in which polling stations will be selected by the Acting Returning Officer. (Fixed by the Local Authority).

#### **Polling Station**

A room or area within the Polling Place where voting takes place. (Chosen by the Returning Officer).

Generally it is seen as best practice to make the Polling Place the same as the Polling District in order that the Polling Station can be moved at short notice. This can often be necessary in the lead up to an election. Occasionally the Polling Place for a Polling District can be a building because it may be necessary to send voters into the neighbouring Polling District.

At the moment it is proposed to change the designated Polling Place for NA from the Cat and Fiddle to the Polling District NB.

The effect of this decision would enable the Acting Returning Officer to move the Polling Station for voters of NA and NB Polling District to anywhere in the Polling Place NB.