6. INTERIM POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW

The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive (Reference 19/247) in respect of an interim polling district and polling place review. Members were advised that the interim review had been undertaken to identify alternative polling places where some were no longer deemed suitable, including to find alternative polling places to several schools, so to minimise disruption to both schools and the wider community. Members welcomed the report and were informed that no concerns were raised about the new places used at the General Election on 12 December. RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends that the Council approves the proposed changes to polling places as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Reasons

- To move away from the use of schools where possible to minimise disruption to both schools and the wider community.

- To allocate Eastside Community Centre as the permanent polling place for the Abbey no.2 (FB) polling district since the use of the previously used Salvation Army building became unavailable.

- To comply with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 which requires all Authorities to review polling districts and polling places ensuring all electors have suitable polling places.