

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS: MINI-REVIEW (RO/ERO) –

A mini-review of Polling Places and Stations had been undertaken with consideration given to feedback from Presiding Officers and representations made by stakeholders following the Senedd and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in May 2021. Regard had also been given to the Covid safety measures in place at the time and anticipated for the May 2022 Local Government Elections.

The Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer, in presenting the report, advised that as part of the mini-review, visits had been made to each of the current and proposed Polling Places and Stations identified as requiring attention and Local Ward Members had been consulted. It was further noted that the proposed changes set out at paragraphs 2.1 – 2.17 of the report were for implementation in readiness for the Local Government Elections in May 2022.

The mini-review also proposed to create an additional Polling Station at an existing Polling Place where two electoral wards used the same Polling Place.

The outcome of the mini-review and its proposed changes to Polling Places and / or Stations in a number of electoral wards reflected electoral ward changes made by The County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021 (“the 2021 Order”). The Returning Officer advised that since drafting the report the landlord of the Glenbrook Inn had advised that an additional room had become available and therefore that Appendix 5 to the report be amended to refer to Polling Stations A and B being within the Glenbrook Inn.

Councillor Carroll, in referring to the size of the polling district for HC1 and HD1 and the distance for residents to travel to the proposed station at Glenbrook Inn, enquired as to why the car park of a nearby supermarket could not be utilised. In response the Returning Officer stated that because of the issues relating to the topography of the car park it was not regarded as a suitable polling place.

Having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein the Scrutiny

## RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for approval in order to agree the proposed changes to the Polling Places and / or Polling Stations as set out in paragraphs 2.1 – 2.17 of the report.

(2) T H A T, subject to Appendix 5 being amended to refer to Polling Stations A and B being within the Glenbrook Inn, Cabinet be requested to refer the report to Council for consideration with a view to approving the proposed changes with immediate effect and to all Town and Community Councils and the Community Liaison Committee for information.

### Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the Council's statutory functions under the Representation of the People Act 1983; and pre-Cabinet scrutiny of the proposals contained in the report which would assist with improving electors' voting experience and raise awareness and following discussions at the meeting regarding Glenbrook Inn.