

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
BUDGET AND POLICY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER 2024
BRIEFING NOTE
POLLING DISTRICT & POLLING PLACES REVIEW**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Committee and Council will be aware of the obligations placed upon the 'relevant authority' (in this case West Devon Borough Council (WDBC)) to periodically conduct a review of polling places and polling districts.
- 1.2 Notice has been received from WDBC of a consultation being undertaken between 17.09.24 & 16.10.24 in respect of same (copy enclosed), with particular reference to the suitability, or otherwise, of polling places.
- 1.3 A map setting out the boundaries of polling districts within the Town (and elsewhere), is available on the WDBC website.
- 1.4 More particularly the consultation seeks suggestions for an alternative polling station venue to Fairway Furniture AND located within the Tavistock South West Ward.
- 1.5 Of course the Committee/Council might still wish to comment upon the suitability of the other venues listed for the Town.

2. NEXT STEPS

- 2.1 Because of the tight timeline for the review in relation to the Town Council Meeting cycle it will be necessary to respond prior to deliberation by Council. Accordingly in compliance with normal practice all Members of Council have been invited to attend and speak (but not vote) on this item at the meeting of this Committee. It's response will then be reported to WDBC as the informal view of the Council.
- 2.2 The instructions of the Committee and Council are sought.

**CARL HEARN
TOWN CLERK
TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
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