

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 29 October 2019

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Amendment to East Lothian Council's Polling Place Scheme

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Council support to formally amend East Lothian Council's Polling Place Scheme in respect of ELMN1A and ELMN3E polling districts.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve the permanent amendment to the polling scheme for the East Lothian Constituency for Polling Districts ELMN1A and ELMN3E

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As a result of the closure of Stoneyhill Community Centre a new polling place must be found to serve the electorate in this polling district.
- 3.2 It is proposed that Musselburgh Rugby Club be used as the permanent polling place. The property is in the same vicinity as Stoneyhill Community Centre and has good facilities and voter access.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that the new Whitecraig Community Centre will open to the public during November replacing the existing centre that is co-joined to the Primary School.
- 3.4 Arrangements are being made to assess the new building's suitability to act as a Polling Place although it is expected this will be possible. Assuming the facility becomes operational during November as planned, it is proposed that the new Whitecraig Community Centre be included within the proposed Polling Scheme in place of the former Community Centre.

3.5 Local Councillors have been advised in relation to both proposals and none expressed any reservation.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct policy obligations associated with this report.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial - None

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 The existing Polling Scheme was approved at Council meeting on 11 December 2018 following the Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

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