

## **Extract from the draft minutes of the Civic Affairs Committee, 5 December 2013**

### **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

The Civic Affairs Committee considered a report which set out the results of a recently undertaken review of parliamentary polling districts and polling places as required by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

Details of the review had been sent by email to all District Councillors and Parish Clerks in South Cambridgeshire and no significant concerns were raised. An email from Councillor Hazel Smith was circulated which outlined her support of Milton Parish Council's view that it would need a larger polling station for the General Election in 2015 and that Milton Community Centre would be more appropriate. Andrew Francis, Electoral Services Manager, reported that he was aware of the issue at Milton and reassured Members that this would be considered in the lead-up to the 2015 General Election. Comments on specific polling stations had been received but it was noted that polling stations were not a formal part of the review into parliamentary polling districts and polling places.

The District Council's Equality and Diversity Officer and the Acting Returning Officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council had also been consulted as part of the review and their comments were set out in the report.

The Civic Affairs Committee **RECOMMENDED** to Council that no changes be made to the polling districts and places currently in place in South Cambridgeshire and **NOTED** that there would be a need for future local reviews in areas of concentrated development.