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Present: Councillors McCabe (in the Chair), Bell, Berkley, Best, Brenen, Bristow, Carter, Clare, Cunningham, P. Dean, S. Dean, Ellison, Foreman, Forster, Francis, Gibson, Hay, Herbert, Huntley, Keegan, Kennedy, Kilgour, Lamonte, Malcolm, K. Maxwell, N. Maxwell, McKeown, Meling, Milburn, Milne, Peacock, Porthouse, Proudlock, Purvis, Roberts, Robertson, Smith, Stonehouse, Strike, Taylor, Thompson, Traynor, A. Walsh, M. Walsh, Welsh.

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Apologies: Councillors Dawes, Dixon, Donaldson, Ford, Guy, Leask, McHugh, Potts, Yare.

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7. Statutory Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations

Submitted: Report of the Corporate Lead Legal and Governance

Councillor Bell, Lead Member for Governance, Finance and Corporate Services presented the report which provided an outline of the statutory review process for polling districts, places and stations.

In accordance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 the Council must undertake a review of the polling districts places and stations, from time to time.

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 set out a timetable for reviews. In accordance with the 2013 Act, the first review was completed within the 16-month period beginning with 1st October 2013. Subsequent reviews were to be carried out within the 16-month period beginning with 1st October of every fifth year after that.

The report set out the recent changes made in relation to polling stations following an interim review of stations carried out in 2022. The number of portable stations had been significantly reduced. A small number of issues with polling places were highlighted at the May 2023 election, the review sought to address these. Details of which were set out in the report.

The Boundary Commission for England had completed a review of Parliamentary boundaries and as a result the Cleadon and East Boldon ward was to move from the Jarrow Constituency to South Shields. It was also noted that the wards which were currently under the Jarrow Constituency would now be named Jarrow and Gateshead East. The report provided a list detailing the changes.

A public notice setting out the changes was published and placed across Council buildings on 9 October 2023.

The Constitution Committee had considered the options and produced the recommendations for Council which were listed in Appendix 4 of the report.

Resolved: That (a) the recommendations of the Constitution Committee be noted; (b) the changes to the parliamentary constituency boundaries, constituency names and polling district codes as a result of the Boundary Commission for (Q J O D Q G ¶ V U H Y L H