

POLLING PLACE CHANGE – NORTH TOWN NB

SUMMARY

Following the reopening of the North Town Community Centre on North Lane, Aldershot, which is a modern and accessible venue, it is timely to change back to using the Centre as a polling place for the North Town NB polling district as anticipated in the most recent Polling District and Polling Place Review.

RECOMMENDATION

To note and endorse that the polling place for the North Town NB Polling District will return to the North Town Community Centre on North Lane, Aldershot, following approval by the Returning Officer (Managing Director) that the Centre is now ready for use as a polling place.

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Prior to 2022, the North Town Community Base was the permanent polling place for North Town NB polling district. However, when redevelopment work started on North Lane, it was necessary to change to an alternative polling place as the Community Base was unavailable. For the past few years, the polling place for North Town NB has been temporarily located at the 1st Aldershot Scout Hut on Eastern Road.
- 1.2 As acknowledged in the most recent [Polling District and Polling Places Review 2023/24](#), agreed by the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee in January 2024, the change to the Scout Hut was intended to be a temporary change until the redevelopment work was complete and the new North Town Community Centre built. The Review outcomes included reference that the polling place would move back to the Base, once the new community facilities were ready.

2. CURRENT POSITION

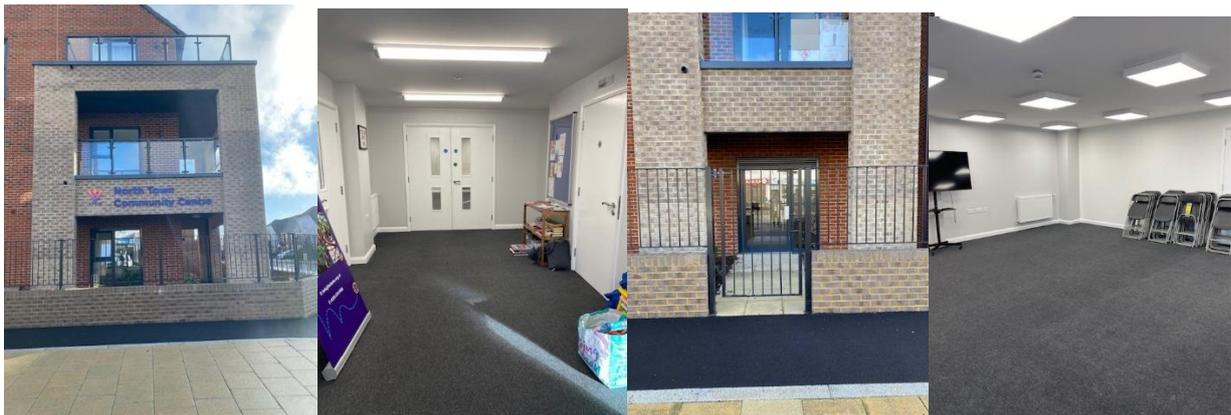
- 2.1 The new Community Centre is now open and available for use. The Elections Team have visited the new facility, and it is a modern, light and accessible

building, and with parking, and the Returning Officer has agreed that it would be ideal for use as a polling place for the forthcoming local Elections in May 2026.

- 2.2 The ward councillors and the county councillor for the area have been consulted and are in support of the proposal to move back to the community centre. The change was also supported by the Elections Group at its meeting on 23rd February 2026.
- 2.3 During discussion at the Elections Group, it was confirmed that additional information would be included with poll cards to advise electors of the change of polling place to the Community Centre along with information on the Elections web pages, to accompany the 'Check I'm registered' facility.

3. **CONCLUSION**

With the reopening of the North Town Community Centre, it is timely to move back to the new North Town Community Centre on North Lane for the local elections in 2026 and as the permanent polling place for all future elections.



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