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Minutes of the meeting of the **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 15 October 2018 at 12.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor K E Morris

Councillors: S S Chandler
M R Eddy
F J W Scales
P M Wallace (as substitute for Councillor B Gardner)

Officers: Chief Executive
Team Leader - Electoral Services
Democratic Services Manager

5 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B Gardner.

6 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Councillor P M Wallace had been appointed as substitute member for Councillor B Gardner.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

8 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9 STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS

The Chief Executive introduced the report on the Statutory Review of Polling Districts.

Members were advised that legislation required the Council to undertake and complete a review of Polling Districts between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 (inclusive). The Polling District Scheme was used for Parliamentary and Local Government Elections and Referendum and following the completion of the electoral arrangements review of Dover District Council conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England it was imperative that the review was concluded with a view to allowing enough time for the Electoral Registration Officer to republish the Register of Electors prior to the start of the nomination period for the 2019 local elections.

The following areas were discussed by Members:

- Whether there was justification for a polling district for Elvington
- The size of the Buckland North and South Polling Districts and whether they needed change

- The options for the Tower Hamlets Polling District
- The impact of the new district wards in 2019 on existing polling districts and in particular the impacts on Sholden and Eastry

The Chief Executive informed Members that all consultation responses received would be treated equally.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Polling District Scheme be approved for consultation.

- (b) That officers be requested to look at options for Tower Hamlets and report back to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 12.23 pm.