

**OFFICER DELEGATED DECISION (CHIEF EXECUTIVE)**

<b>DATE</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	None
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**TEMPORARY CHANGES TO POLLING STATIONS FOR ELECTIONS DUE TO BE HELD 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021****PURPOSE**

1. To consider temporary changes to Polling Stations for elections to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the following temporary changes to Polling Stations are approved:

Ward	Existing Polling Station	Temporary Polling Station	Reason
Daneshouse & Stoneyholme	Chai Centre, Hurtley St	Ghausia Centre, Abel St	NHS owned centre unavailable
Cliviger with Worsthorpe	67 Richmond Avenue, Cliviger	Pike Hill Library (Double Station)	Private home unavailable
Coalclough with Deerplay	Remec Engineering, Summit Works, Manchester Rd	Burnley Golf Club, Glen View Road	Private business premises unavailable.
Whittlefield with Ightenhill	St Mary Magdalene's School, Gawthorpe Road	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Gawthorpe Road	Not available due to ongoing building work

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. To ensure that electors continue have access to safe, local polling places.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

4. In December 2020 Council approved a delegation to the Chief Executive to allow him to 'make in exceptional circumstances between polling district reviews, temporary changes to the designation of polling places in consultation with Group Leaders'.
5. All Polling stations have now been contacted and risk assessed. Four existing polling stations are unavailable for use during this election period.
6. Where possible alternative provision has been identified. In cases where no suitable

	alternative is available, two polling stations will be housed on one existing site as per the following table:			
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7.	Group Leaders have been consulted on the proposals as per the requirement of the delegation.			

<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION</b>	
8.	None arising directly from this report.

<b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b>	
9.	None.

<b>DETAILS OF CONSULTATION</b>	
10.	Group Leaders, Venue/booking agents/management committees, Polling Station Inspectors, Chief Operating Officer.