

**Cannock Chase Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**  
**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock**  
**On Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Part 1**

**Present**

**Councillors:**

Thornley, S. (Chair)	
Prestwood, F. (Vice-Chair)	
Aston, J.	Hughes, G.
Bishop, L.	Johnson, J.
Boulton, C.	Johnson, T. (Leader)
Bullock, L.	Jones, V.
Cartwright, S.	Lyons, N.
Craddock, R.	Mawle, D.
Dunnett, M.	Muckley, A.
Elson, J.	Preece, J.
Fisher, P.	Prestwood, J.
Freeman, M.	Samuels, G.
Gaye, D.	Sutherland, M.
Haden, P.	Thornley, S.J.
Hill, J.	Todd, D.
Hill, J.O.	Williams, D.

**52. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Bancroft, A. Fitzgerald, O. Lyons, J. Newbury, H. Page, and L. Wilson.

**53. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

**59. Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Law & Governance (Item 8.1 - 8.21).

Councillor Samuels declared a personal and pecuniary interest in this item as Chair of the Hednesford Town Council Pye Green Community Centre Committee, which was being proposed to use a polling station.

Councillor Cartwright declared a personal and pecuniary interest in this item as a member of the Hednesford Town Council Pye Green Community Centre Committee, which was being proposed to use a polling station.

*Councillors Samuels and Cartwright therefore left the meeting and did not take part in the debate or the vote on this item.*

Councillor Bullock proposed that a portable polling station be located on The Green in the centre of the Rumer Hill estate as it meant electors living in polling districts HA5 and HA6 would have less of a distance to travel to visit a polling station than what was being proposed in the report.

The Leader recommended that Councillor Bullock raise his proposal directly with the (Acting) Returning Officer as clarity could then also be provided on the cost implications of doing so.

**Resolved:**

That:

- (A) The review process be noted, and the proposals detailed in report Appendix 1 be approved.
- (B) The review investigations continue, with a view to implementing any further possible changes to polling place and polling stations in advance of the next scheduled elections on 1 May 2025.
- (C) Delegated authority be granted to the Deputy Chief Executive-Resources in his capacity as (Acting) Returning Officer to approve changes to polling places and polling stations, as may be required, in between formal reviews.

*(Councillors Cartwright and Samuels returned to the meeting at the end of this item.)*

*(Councillor Bullock left the meeting at the end of this item.)*