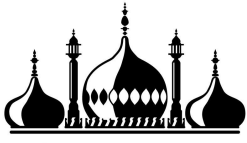


**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

4.30PM 4 DECEMBER 2008

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL



AGENDA



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Council Meeting

Title:	Special Council
Date:	4 December 2008
Time:	4.30pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Brighton Town Hall
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Governance Committee meeting held on the 18 November 2008, together with a report of the Chief Executive (copies attached).

Contact Officer: Colin Burt

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Ward Affected: Hollingbury & Stanmer

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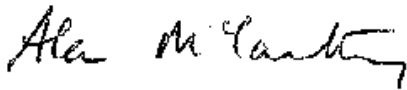
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**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 18 NOVEMBER 2008**

Subject:	Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward – Change of Name		
Date of Meeting:	4 December 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy and Governance		
Key Decision:	No		
Contact Officer:	Name: Mark Wall	Tel: 29-1006	
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Wards Affected:	Hollingbury & Stanmer		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE****4.00pm 18 NOVEMBER 2008****COUNCIL CHAMBER
HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Ann Norman (Chairman); Councillor Simpson (Deputy Chairman), Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Cobb, Elgood, Mears, Mitchell (OS), Oxley, Taylor and West.

***46. HOLLINGBURY & STANMER WARD – CHANGE OF NAME.**

46.1 The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive, concerning the proposed change of name from Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward to Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward (for copy see minute book).

46.2 The Electoral Services Officer introduced the report and stated that the proposed change of name had resulted from the consultation exercise for the review of polling arrangements. He noted that since the publication of the report a member of the public had expressed concern over the loss of 'Hollingbury' as an identified polling area and acknowledged that the consultation process had not included tenants and residents associations.

- 46.3 Councillor West welcomed the proposed change of name as it would better reflect the area to be served by the ward. However, he was also concerned about the loss of identification for Hollingbury and therefore wished to propose an additional recommendation to the report. The recommendation to be, "That officers be asked to undertake the necessary consultation and report back to the Committee on the change of name from Patcham Ward to Hollingbury & Patcham Ward."
- 46.4 Councillor Taylor stated that he was happy to second the proposal.
- 46.5 Councillor Mitchell stated that she supported the proposed change of name to Hollingdean & Stanmer and could also understand the concern over the loss of the name of Hollingbury.
- 46.6 The Electoral Services Officer stated that a recent change in legislation provided for the ability to review polling arrangements including the change of ward names outside of any Boundary Review.
- 46.7 Councillor Mears noted the proposal and suggested that it would be more appropriate to consult with the respective Groups on any possible changes to ward names and to then ask officers to undertake the necessary consultation and report back. She stated that she was aware of one other proposed change and whilst it was likely that the majority of wards would be regarded as having an appropriate identity, by first asking each Group it would enable the Groups to take a collective view on any proposed changes.
- 46.8 Members of the Committee noted that the wards had been looked at as part of the recent Boundary Review in 2001 and that changes of ward names had not been forthcoming. It was suggested that the approach put forward to seek the views of the Groups and for the Leaders to be consulted on officers then undertaking a consultation exercise on changes to a small number of wards before reporting back to the Committee was a more cost effective approach.
- 46.9 Councillor Mitchell stated that she did feel the particular matter of changing to Hollingbury & Patcham could be dealt with as had been proposed and any other proposals looked at as outlined.
- 46.10 The Chairman noted the comments and asked the Director of Strategy & Governance to clarify matters before she moved to the vote.
- 46.11 The Director of Strategy & Governance stated that from the debate, he believed there was a consensus in respect of the report's recommendations. There was also consensus on the need to look at the issue raised regarding Patcham and possibly other wards, although there were differences of views as to the scope of such a review and the best way to carry it out. An amendment had been proposed which would result in an additional recommendation

requesting officers to consult on and report back on the change of name from Patcham Ward to Hollingbury & Patcham Ward. It had also been suggested that the political groups should consider the question of ward names and identify any proposed changes. The Group Leaders would then be consulted on the proposals and subsequently officers then asked to consult and report back on agreed changes that should be put forward to a future meeting.

46.12 The Electoral Services Officer noted that any further changes could not be implemented until the next publication of the electoral register in December 2009.

46.13 The Chairman noted that a proposal to add an additional recommendation had been moved and seconded and put the amendment to the vote.

46.14 The Chairman noted that the vote had been tied at 5 votes for and 5 votes against and in choosing not to use her second and casting vote the proposal was not carried and therefore fell.

46.15 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND -**

- (1) That the change of electoral area name from 'Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward' to 'Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward' be agreed; and
- (2) That Full Council be recommended to give approval by way of a resolution in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Subject:	Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward – Change of Name		
Date of Meeting:	4 December 2008		
Other Meeting:	Governance Committee 18 November 2008		
Report of:	Chief Executive		
Contact Officer:	Name: Colin Burt	Tel: 291997	
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Wards Affected:	Hollingbury & Stanmer		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The committee is being asked to support a change of name for the Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward – to Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward – and to recommend that full council pass the required resolution to bring the new name into effect
- 1.2 The proposal to change the name of the ward emerged from the recent review of polling arrangements in the city.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 That in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the change of electoral area name from 'Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward' to 'Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward' be agreed.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 During the recent review of polling arrangements in the city, a number of representations were received, from councillors and others, requesting that the name of Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward should be changed to "Hollingdean & Stanmer", or at least that the word "Hollingbury" be removed.
- 3.2 Neither of the areas known as Hollingbury and Hollingdean are specifically defined anywhere and parts of what is known as Hollingbury, such as the Hollingbury Golf Course, are certainly included within the Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward. In addition, a number of roads to the east of Ditchling Road do contain the word "Hollingbury" in their names. However, the residential area generally known as Hollingbury falls entirely within the Patcham Ward and a good deal of confusion is caused currently when electors living there contact councillors for

Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward instead of those for Patcham Ward who represent them.

- 3.3 Until quite recently a change of ward name like this would have been a matter for the Boundary Commission. However, Section 59 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ('the Act') gives a local authority the power to change the name of any of the authority's electoral areas, by resolution.
- 3.4 Such a resolution must be passed at a meeting specially convened for the purpose of deciding the resolution, with notice of the object; and by a majority of at least two thirds of the members voting on it.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Section 59(3) of the Act prohibits a local authority from passing a resolution for a change of name of electoral area unless it has taken reasonable steps to consult such persons as it considers appropriate on the proposed name. Patcham and Hollingbury & Stanmer Ward Councillors, the city's three Members of Parliament, the Older People's Council and the council's main political groups have all been consulted on this proposal. All those who have replied have fully supported the proposed change of name.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications

- 5.1 There will be some costs associated with Member and Officer time involved in changing the ward name. However, the recommendation is being made following a review of polling arrangements and consultation. The process that has to be gone through is that prescribed by Section 59 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. There are no other direct financial implications of the recommendations in this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Stuart Taylor

Date: 17 October 2008

Legal Implications

- 5.2 The legal powers to change the name of an electoral area are set out in the body of the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 17 October 2008

Equalities Implications

- 5.3 As this is just a change of name, which does not impact directly on any individual, an Equalities Impact Assessment has not been carried out.

Sustainability Implications

- 5.4 There are no implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications

5.5 There are no implications.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications

5.6 There are no implications.

Corporate / Citywide Implications

5.7 The recommendations are in line with council priorities, specifically for open and effective city leadership.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

