
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 14 September 2023

Subject: Polling Districts and Polling Places Review

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. To inform Council of the requirement to undertake a polling place review in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 and to seek approval for the timetable and steps to be taken for the review and public consultation.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that Council agree:

- 2.1. the proposed timetable set out at Appendix 1

It is recommended that Council notes:

- 2.2. the consultation approach (paragraphs 3.4, 3.5 and Appendix 1)
2.3. The current polling districts and places (Appendix 2).

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. The Representation of the People Act 1983 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to carry out periodic reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places.
- 3.2. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of the reviews. The next compulsory review therefore must take place during the period 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025.
- 3.3. A 'review' is defined in the legislation and comprises all the steps set out in Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983. The proposed timetable and steps involved in the public consultation are laid out in Appendix 1 and will address the steps required.

- 3.4. The public consultation will inform the final recommendations that will be presented to Council for approval. Elected members input will also be sought during the consultation period.
- 3.5. The first step in the timetable is to consult on the current polling districts and polling places with recognition of where there may be a need to consider change. The current polling districts and their allocated polling places are listed in Appendix 2.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. There are no direct sustainability implications from this proposal.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. N/A Yes

- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. N/A Yes

5.4. Staffing?

- 5.5. Requirements of this review will be completed by the Elections Team and is incorporated in existing work plan.

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No X

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail) N/A

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

Appendix 1 – Timetable

Appendix 2 – Polling Districts and Polling Places

11.0 Background Papers

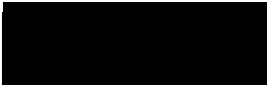
11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

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**UK PARLIAMENTARY POLLING DISTRICTS
AND
POLLING PLACES REVIEW**

Proposed Timetable

Date	Step(s)
14 September 2023	Council agree the proposed timetable
2 October 2023	Public notice of the review and consultation on the current arrangements Publish on-line survey Invite representations from specific parties such as community Councils and Disability Groups Publication of the Returning Officer's representations
1 December 2023	Consultation closes and analysis of results undertaken
21 March 2024	Council comment/agree the proposals going out for final consultation
28 March 2024	Proposals out for final consultation
26 April 2024	Final consultation closes
May/June 2024	Analysis of results undertaken
August/September 2024	Council will consider any further representations and agree polling districts and polling places

Appendix 2

Current Polling Place	Current Polling District	Comments
Dumyat Centre, Main St, Menstrie	OC105 All of Menstrie and surrounding area	
St. Serf's Church Hall, Menstrie Road, Tullibody, FK10 2RG	OC110 Tullibody area north of Stirling and Alloa Roads including Glenochil	This is a Church of Scotland property and they are currently selling off some properties – seek reassurance regarding ownership
Tullibody Civic Centre, Abercromby Place, Tullibody	OC120 Tullibody area south of Stirling and Alloa Roads and Cambus area	
Cochrane Hall, West Stirling Street, Alva	OC230 Area to north and South of Stirling Street, West Stirling Street, Stirling Road and to the west of Brook Street	
St John Vianney's Church Hall, East Stirling Street, Alva	OC235 Area north and south of East Stirling Street and to the east of Brook Street	
Devonvale Hall, Moss Road, Tillicoultry	OC240 Tillicoultry and Devonside	
Coalsnaughton Village Hall, Main Street, Coalsnaughton	OC245 Coalsnaughton area eastwards to Lawmuir	
The Ochilview, Alloa Road, Fishcross Now known as Legends Pool Hall	OC350 Fishcross, Devon Village, Howetown, Blackfaulds and Devon Valley Drive area, Sauchie	This is a privately owned property. Need to ensure still appropriate and available to use

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Sauchie & Coalsnaughton Church Hall, Main Street, Sauchie	OC355 Sauchie - Craigbank, Greygoran, Auchinbaird and Lochbrae areas, streets north of Schaw Court and Gartmorn Road, Deerpark area.	This is a Church of Scotland property and they are currently selling off some properties – seek reassurance regarding ownership
Sauchie Hall, Mar Place, Sauchie	OC360 Sauchie - Fairfield, Branshill, Braeside, Holton Crescent, Hallpark, Posthill, Keilarsbrae, south of Schaw Court and Gartmorn Road. Includes Nevis Crescent, Dovehill and Doo'cot Brae parts of Alloa	
Whins Resource Centre, The Whins, Alloa	OC363 The Whins, Hutton Park and Gaberston areas, Hilton Road, Carsebridge area, Greenfield Street and Hillside Terrace	The use of this building is disruptive to the Service Users. Need to consider continued use of the building.
Alloa Old People's Welfare Hall, Erskine Street, Alloa	OC465 Areas north of Tullibody Road and south of Dovehill - Sunnyside, Forebraes, Ashley Terrace and surrounding streets, Inglewood area	
Alloa Town Hall, Marshell, Alloa	OC470 Areas south of Tullibody Road and Stirling Road, Mar Place, all of Claremont, Fairyburn, Braehead	NB Used during Covid, previously Count Centre. Need to consider continued use as polling station.

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Alloa Baptist Church Hall, Ludgate, Alloa	OC470 Areas south of Tullibody Road and Stirling Road, Mar Place, all of Claremont, Fairyburn, Braehead	During Covid 19, this building was not in use as one way system with disabled access / egress was not possible. These electors voted in Alloa Town Hall. Need to consider continued use of this building or moving permanently to Alloa Town Hall
Ludgate Church Hall, Ludgate, Alloa	OC475 West Alloa bounded by Ludgate, the Forth and Stirling Road	This is a Church of Scotland property and they are currently selling off some properties – seek reassurance regarding ownership
Alloa Town Hall, Marshell, Alloa	OC477 Area east of Ludgate to ring road. Includes most of the town centre	NB Used during Covid, previously Count Centre. Need to consider continued use as polling station.
St Mungo's RC Church Hall, Mar Street, Alloa	OC477 Area east of Ludgate to ring road. Includes most of the town centre	During Covid 19, this building was not in use as one way system with disabled access / egress was not possible. These electors voted in Alloa Town Hall. Need to consider continued use of this building or moving permanently to Alloa Town Hall.
Bowmar Community Centre, Scott Crescent, Alloa	OC480 Bowhouse, Bowmar and surrounding area. Bounded by Hawkhill in the north	
Hawkhill Community Centre, Hillcrest Drive, Alloa	OC485 Hawkhill, Clackmannan Road and Hillcrest Drive	
Bowmar Community Centre, Scott Crescent, Alloa	OC587 Comely Bank to the rear of Morrisons	

Current Polling Place	Current Polling District	Comments
Coronation Hall, Muckhart	OC590 Muckhart and surrounding area	Moved to Dunfermline and Dollar constituency as part of 2023 UKPGE Boundary Review
Dollar Civic Centre, Park Place, Dollar	OC593 All of Dollar and surrounding area includes Sheardale and Dollarbeg	Moved to Dunfermline and Dollar constituency as part of 2023 UKPGE Boundary Review
Loganlea Tea Room	OC595 Forestmill and landward area towards Clackmannan	Moved to Dunfermline and Dollar constituency as part of 2023 UKPGE Boundary Review This is no longer available – now a private home. Electors are voting at Clackmannan Town Hall.
Clackmannan Town Hall, Main Street, Clackmannan	OC597 All of Clackmannan and surrounding area to the north of Alloa Road	As per 2023 UKPGE Boundary Review constituency name changes to Alloa and Grangemouth Constituency.
Clackmannan Town Hall, Main Street, Clackmannan	OC597 South of A907 to move to district OC595 (20 properties)	Will continue to vote with OC597 for Scottish Parliament and Local Government elections but will vote at OC595 station for UKPGE in the Dunfermline and Dollar constituency