

**CABINET – 5 MARCH 2014****REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires all local authorities to review their polling districts and polling places at least once every four years. The first review under the Act was completed by the end of 2007, and a further review was completed in March 2011.
- 1.2 New legislation that deals with the move to Individual Electoral Registration (IER) now requires a further review of polling districts and polling places to be completed within a period of 16 months beginning with 1 October 2013.
- 1.3 The General Purposes and Licensing Committee appointed a Working Party to oversee the review and the Committee will be considering the Working Party's recommendations on 7 March 2014.
- 1.4 This report is being submitted to the Cabinet because of its role to designate "polling places".

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The following are responsible for taking decisions arising from the review:
  - The designation of polling districts (a geographical subdivision of an electoral area, such as a parliamentary constituency or a district ward), known by distinctive letters such as LA, RD, etc, is a matter for the Council (on the recommendation of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee).
  - The designation of polling places (the geographical area in which a polling station is situated) is a matter for the Cabinet. It has been the practice to designate the whole of each polling district as the polling place for that district, except where special circumstances have led to a polling station being outside of the polling district;
  - The designation of polling stations (the building where polling takes place) is a matter for the Returning Officer.

**3. POLLING PLACES – ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 By law, a polling station must be within a polling district, and within a polling place, unless special circumstances apply. The Electoral Commission does not favour the allocation of more than 2,500 voters to a single polling station and this has a knock-on effect on the number of voters within a polling district.
- 3.2 Most polling stations are situated within the relevant polling district but there are some instances where this is not the case. Sometimes there are no suitable facilities within the polling district while in other cases, particularly in the larger

villages or towns with more than one polling district, a single well-placed polling station is convenient for the whole community. Designation of the whole of the polling district as the polling place allows the Returning Officer flexibility to use alternative premises if a particular polling station is unavailable.

3.3 A list of the polling districts, polling stations, and polling places is attached at Appendix 1. This list includes changes being recommended by the Working Party to the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

3.4 The Cabinet is asked to consider and agree the polling places for each polling district.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None arising from this report, although there are some issues arising from the recommended closure of three polling stations which the General Purposes and Licensing Committee will consider.

#### **5. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS**

5.1 The Leader of the Council supports the contents of this report and hopes that the Council can encourage voters to participate.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 That the polling places for each polling district be designated as the whole of the polling district, except where special circumstances apply; and

6.2 That the polling places as set out in Appendix 1 to this report be agreed.

#### **Further information:**

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#### **Background Papers**

Published documents

<b>Polling District</b>		<b>Polling Station</b>	<b>Location of polling station</b>	<b>Designated Polling Place</b>
AC	Ashurst & Colbury	Colbury Memorial Hall (Colbury Room), Main Road, Colbury	AC	The whole of the polling district
BA	Beaulieu	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, The Rectory, Beaulieu	BA	The whole of the polling district
BC	Boldre 1	Boldre War Memorial Hall, Pilley Street, Pilley	BC	The whole of the polling district
BD	Boldre 2	Boldre War Memorial Hall, Pilley Street, Pilley	BC	BC & BD Polling Districts
BE	Bramshaw 1	Bramshaw Village Hall	BE	The whole of the polling district
BF	Bramshaw 2	Valletta Barn, Fritham	BF	The whole of the polling district
BG	Bransgore 1	The Reading Room, Junction of A35 and B3055, (Hinton Admiral)	BG	The whole of the polling district
BH	Bransgore 2	Bransgore Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, Bransgore	Current - BJ Proposed - BH	The whole of the pollign district
Current - BI; Proposed BH	Bransgore 3	Thorneyhill Community Centre, Burley Road, Bransgore* polling station recommended for closure with voters allocated to Bransgore Village Hall	Proposed BH	The whole of the polling district
BJ*change proposed to BI	Bransgore 4	Bransgore Village Hall 116 Burley Road, Bransgore	Proposed BH	BH & BI Polling Districts
BK	Brockenhurst 1	Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, Brockenhurst	BL	BK and BL Polling Districts
BL	Brockenhurst 2	Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, Brockenhurst	BL	The whole of the polling district
BM	Brockenhurst 3	St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Road, Bashley	NF	BM and NF Polling Districts
BR	Breamore	Hulse Hall, Salisbury Road, Breamore	BR	The whole of the polling district
BU	Burley	Burley Village Hall, Pound Lane, Burley	BU	The whole of the polling district

CN	Copythorne North	Copythorne Parish Hall, Pollards Moor Road, Copythorne	CN	The whole of the polling district
CS	Copythorne South	Copythorne Parish Hall, Pollards Moor Road, Copythorne	CN	CS and CN polling districts
DA	Damerham	Damerham Village Hall, West Park Lane, Damerham	DA	The whole of the polling district
DL	Denny Lodge 1	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, The Rectory, Beaulieu	BA	DL & BA polling districts
DM	Denny Lodge 2	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, The Rectory, Beaulieu	BA	DM & BA polling districts
DN	Denny Lodge 3	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, The Rectory, Beaulieu	BA	DN & BA polling districts
EB	East Boldre	The Old School Room, School Fields, Main Road, East Boldre	EB	The whole of the polling district
EH	Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley	Ibsley Village Hall, Gorley Road, Mockbeggar	EH	The whole of the polling district
EX	Exbury & Lepe	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, The Rectory, Beaulieu	BA	EX & BA polling districts
FA	Calshot	St George's Centre, Calshot* polling station recommended for closure with voters allocated to Jubilee Hall	Proposed FA	The whole of the polling district
FB (change proposed to FA)	Fawley	Jubilee Hall, The Square, Fawley	Proposed FA	The whole of the polling district
FC (change proposed to FB)	Blackfield & Langley 1	Blackfield Baptist Church Hall, Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Southampton	Proposed FD	FB & FD polling districts
FD (change proposed to FC)	Blackfield & Langley 2	St Francis Church Hall, West Common, Langley, Southampton	Proposed FC	The whole of the polling district
FE (change proposed to FD)	Holbury 1	Blackfield Baptist Church Hall, Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Southampton	Proposed FD	The whole of the polling district

FF (change proposed to FE)	Holbury 2	The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Roewood Road	Proposed FE	The whole of the polling district
FG (change proposed to FF)	Holbury 3	Waterside Sports & Social Club Ltd, Long Lane, Holbury	Proposed FF	The whole of the polling district
FI (change proposed to FG)	Hardley	Waterside Sports & Social Club Ltd, Long Lane, Holbury	Proposed FF	FF and FG polling districts
FO	Fordingbridge 1	Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, Fordingbridge	FP	FO & FP polling districts
FP	Fordingbridge 2	Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, Fordingbridge	FP	The whole of the polling district
GO	Godshill	Godshill Village Hall, Woodgreen Road, Godshill	GO	The whole of the polling district
HA	Hale	Hale Village Hall, Hatchett Green, Hale	HA	The whole of the polling district
HB	Hordle 1	Hordle Recreation Hall, Vaggs Lane, Hordle	HB	The whole of the polling district
HC	Hordle 2	Brockenhurst Young Farmers Club, Wootton Road, Tiptoe	HC	The whole of the polling district
HD	Hordle 3	Hordle Recreation Hall, Vaggs Lane, Hordle	HB	HB & HD polling districts
HE	Everton 1	St Mary's Church Hall, Branwood Close, Everton	HE	The whole of the polling district
HF	Everton 2	St Mary's Church Hall, Branwood Close, Everton	HE	HE & HF polling districts
HG	Dibden 1	Clayfields Sports Centre, Claypits Lane, Dibden	HH	HG & HH polling districts
HH	Dibden 2	Clayfields Sports Centre, Claypits Lane, Dibden	HH	The whole of the polling district
HI	Hythe East	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane	HI	The whole of the polling district
HJ	Furzedown	Fountain Court Hotel, Frost Lane, Hythe	HJ	The whole of the polling district
HK1	Langdown Number 1	Waterside Primary School, Ashford Crescent, Hythe	HK1	The whole of the polling district
HK2	Langdown Number 2	The Grove, St Johns Street, Hythe	HK2	The whole of the polling district
HL	Hythe West 1	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane	HI	HI & HL polling districts
HM	Hythe West 2	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane	HI	HI & HM polling districts

HN	Butts Ash 1	Wildground Junior School, Armitage Avenue, Dibden Purlieu	HN	The whole of the polling district
HO	Butts Ash 2	St Anne`s Neighbourhood Centre, Warrys Close, Hythe	HO	The whole of the polling district
HP	Dibden Purlieu	St Andrew's Centre, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu	HP	The whole of the polling district
HY	Hyde	Hyde Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Blissford Hill, Frogham	HY	The whole of the polling district
LA	Buckland 1	Lymington Town Hall, Council Chamber, Avenue Road	LE	LA & LE polling districts
LB	Buckland 2	Lymington Town Hall, Council Chamber, Avenue Road	LE	LB& LE polling districts
LC	Lymington Town 1	St Thomas Church Hall, St Thomas Street, Lymington	LC	The whole of the polling district
LD	Lymington Town 2	All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Road, Lymington	LD	The whole of the polling district
LE	Lymington Town 3	Lymington Town Hall, Council Chamber, Avenue Road	LE	The whole of the polling district
LF	Pennington 1	Pennington W I Hall, Lodge Road, Pennington	LF	The whole of the polling district
LG	Pennington 2	Lymington Health & Leisure Centre, North Street, Pennington	LG	The whole of the polling district
LH	Pennington 3	Lymington Health & Leisure Centre), North Street, Pennington	LG	LG & LH polling districts
LM	Lyndhurst 1	Lyndhurst Community Centre, Off High Street, Lyndhurst	LN	LM & LN polling districts
LN	Lyndhurst 2	Lyndhurst Community Centre, Off High Street, Lyndhurst	LN	The whole of the polling district
MA	Marchwood 1	Marchwood Village Hall, Village Centre, Marchwood	MB	MA & MB polling districts
MB	Marchwood 2	Marchwood Village Hall, Village Centre, Marchwood	MB	The whole of the polling district
MD	Milford 1	Milford Village Hall, 2 Park Road, Milford on Sea	MD	The whole of the polling district

ME	Milford 2	Milford Church Hall, Church Hill, Milford on Sea	ME	The whole of the polling district
MN	Minstead	Minstead Hall, Minstead	MN	The whole of the polling district
MR	Martin	Blandford Hall, Martin	MR	The whole of the polling district
NA	Netley Marsh 1	Calmore Village Hall, Pauletts Lane, Calmore	TH	NA & TH polling districts
NB	Netley Marsh 2	Netley Marsh Community Hall, Woodlands Road	NB	The whole of the polling district
NC	Barton 1	Barton-on-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Cliffe Road, Barton-on-Sea	ND	NC & ND polling districts
ND	Barton 2	Barton-on-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Cliffe Road, Barton-on-Sea	ND	The whole of the polling district
NF	Bashley 1	St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Road, Bashley	NF	The whole of the polling district
NG	Bashley 2	New Milton District Guide H.Q., Lake Grove Road	NG	The whole of the polling district
NH	Fernhill 1	Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, New Milton	NI	NH & NI polling districts
NI	Fernhill 2	Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, New Milton	NI	The whole of the polling district
NJ	Fernhill 3	Fernmount Centre, Forest Pines, New Milton	NJ	The whole of the polling district
NK	Fernhill 4	Fernmount Centre, Forest Pines, New Milton	NJ	NJ & NK polling districts
NL	Becton 1	St Peters Church Hall, Ashley Common Road, Ashley	NL	The whole of the polling district
NM	Becton 2	Sea Scouts Hall, Becton Lane, New Milton	NM	The whole of the polling district
NO	Milton 1	New Milton Memorial Hall, Whitefield Road	NO	The whole of the polling district
NP	Milton 2	New Milton Memorial Hall, Whitefield Road	NO	NO & NP polling districts
NQ	Milton 3	Roman Catholic Church Hall, Cowper Avenue	NQ	The whole of the polling district
RA	Ringwood North 1	Community Centre, Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road	RB	RA & RB polling districts
RB	Ringwood North 2	Community Centre, Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road	RB	The whole of the polling district
RC	Ringwood North 3	St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, Poulner	RH	RC & RH polling districts
RD	Ringwood South 1	Bisterne Village Hall, Bisterne, Ringwood* polling station recommended for closure with voters allocated to Trinity Centre	Proposed RE	RD & RE polling districts

RE* change proposed to RD	Ringwood South 2	Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood	Proposed RE	RD & RE polling districts
RF* change proposed to RE	Ringwood South 3	Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood	Proposed RE	The whole of the polling district
RG* change proposed to RF	Ringwood South 4	Scout Hall, 88 Eastfield Lane, Ringwood	Proposed RF	The whole of the polling district
RH* change proposed to RG	Ringwood East 1	St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, Poulner, Ringwood	Proposed RG	The whole of the polling district
RI* change proposed to RH	Ringwood East 2	Crowe W I Hall, Crow Lane	Proposed RH	The whole of the polling district
RK	Rockbourne	Rockbourne Village Hall, Rockbourne	RK	The whole of the polling district
SA	Sandleheath	Sandleheath Methodist Church Hall, Alderholt Road	SA	The whole of the polling district
SO	Sopley	Sopley Village Hall, Priest Lane, Sopley	SO	The whole of the polling district
SW	Sway 1	Sway Youth Centre, Station Road, Sway	SX	SW & SX polling districts
SX	Sway 2	Sway Youth Centre, Station Road, Sway	SX	The whole of the polling district
TA	Totton Central 1	Lydlynch Infant School, Main Hall, Lydlynch Road, Totton	TA	The whole of the polling district
TB	Totton Central 2	West Totton Community Centre, Hazel Farm Road, Totton	TM	TB & TM polling districts
TC	Totton East 1	Testwood Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, Totton	TD	TC & TD polling districts
TD	Totton East 2	Testwood Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, Totton	TD	The whole of the polling district
TE	Totton East 3	Totton & Eling Community Centre, Civic Centre, Totton	TE	The whole of the polling district
TG	Totton North 1	Calmore Community Centre, Hunter Hall, Calmore Drive, Totton	TG	The whole of the polling district
TH	Totton North 2	Calmore Community Centre, Hunter Hall, Calmore Drive, Totton	TG	TH & TG polling districts



TI	Totton South 1	Totton Masonic Hall, Lexby Road, Eling, Totton, Southampton	TI	The whole of the polling district
TJ	Totton South 2	Hounslow Community Hall, Hounslow Avenue, Hounslow, Totton	TJ	The whole of the polling district
TK	Totton South 3	Hounslow Community Hall, Hounslow Avenue, Hounslow, Totton	TJ	TJ & TK polling districts
TL	Totton West 1	Portacabin at Tottonians Rugby Football Club, Water Lane	TL	The whole of the polling district
TM	Totton West 2	West Totton Community Centre, Hazel Farm Road, Totton	TM	The whole of the polling district
WH	Whitsbury	Whitsbury Village Hall, Fordingbridge Road, Whitsbury	WH	The whole of the polling district
WO	Woodgreen	Woodgreen Village Hall, Hale Road, Woodgreen	WO	The whole of the polling district