



**New Forest**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# Council Meeting Agenda

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**10 October 2022**





# SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held in Council Chamber - Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA on Monday, 10 October 2022, at 6.30 pm



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# AGENDA

## Apologies

**1. MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 18)

To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11 July 2022, and the Special Meeting held on 12 September 2022 as correct records.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To note any declarations of interests made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interests must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5. REPORTS OF THE CABINET (Pages 19 - 24)**

To consider the reports of the Cabinet dated:-

- 29 July 2022;
- 7 September 2022; and
- 5 October 2022 (to follow).

**6. REPORT OF THE HR COMMITTEE (Pages 25 - 26)**

To consider the report of the HR Committee dated 11 August 2022.

**7. RECRUITMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - PLACE, OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY (Pages 27 - 30)**

To establish the recruitment process for the position of Strategic Director – Place, Operations and Sustainability.

**8. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PAY SPINE (Pages 31 - 40)**

To consider an updated Council Pay Spine.

**9. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (Pages 41 - 72)**

To consider the Returning Officer's Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

**10. QUESTIONS**

Under Standing Order 22.

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Motion 1

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr Tipp will move the following motion:-

*"This Council:-*

- *is concerned about the number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year, regarding pets being given as prizes via fairgrounds, social media and other channels in England - and notes the issue predominantly concerns goldfish.*
- *is concerned for the welfare of those animals that are being given as prizes.*
- *recognises that many cases of pets being given as prizes may go unreported each year.*
- *supports a move to ban the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on New Forest District Council land.*

The Council agrees to:

- *ban outright the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on New Forest District Council land.*
- *write to the UK Government, urging an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land."*

Cllr Bennison will second the motion.

## Motion 2

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr M Wade will move the following motion:-

*"The cost of living crisis affects all areas of our nation. However, many members of the farming community, so important in the production of 54% of the nation's food supply, are struggling to survive in the current financial environment and this includes many of New Forest's farmers. A thriving agricultural sector is crucial to New Forest's economy, landscape, and environment.*

*This Council notes the cost of animal feed is up by 60% and fertilizer cost by 200%. In the last year, these and other increased costs are against a backdrop of a changing subsidy regime from the government with some farms at risk of losing up to 20% of their income this way. This is leading to many farmers to decide to give up their farms or raise food prices to survive further impacting the cost of living of ordinary New Forest residents.*

*This Council sees that some farmers are being forced to sell their back up land, which has Forest Rights and the loss of this land has serious impact on the sustainability of the ancient New Forest tradition of communing if alternative support for local farmers is not made available.*

*This Council recognises that government funding schemes to help farmers exist but due to the current financial environment different approaches need to be considered to improve on the ongoing support.*

*Therefore, this Council will write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs expressing its concerns about financial state of the farming community and request greater financial support for Farmers to be able to continue to produce food for the UK market at sustainable prices."*

Cllr Harrison will second the motion.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 41, the above motions, after being proposed and seconded (without speeches), should stand referred to the Cabinet, or to the Cabinet or such Committees or Panels as the Council may determine. However, the Chairman may allow the motion(s) to be dealt with at this meeting if he considers it urgent, convenient or conducive to the despatch of business.

## **12. QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A**

To ask questions of Portfolio Holders. Questions received will be tabled at the meeting. (Members are reminded that questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive or to the Executive Head of Governance and Housing by not later than noon on Friday 7 October 2022).

**13. MEETING DATES 2023/24**

To agree the following dates of meetings for 2023/24 (Mondays at 6.30pm):

22 May 2023 (AGM)

10 July 2023

11 September 2023

9 October 2023

11 December 2023

26 February 2024

8 April 2024

13 May 2024 (AGM)

**14. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

To consider any changes to the membership of Committees or Panels that might be proposed by the political groups.

**15. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

# Agenda Item 1

11 JULY 2022

## NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held on Monday, 11 July 2022.

- \* Cllr Alan O'Sullivan (Chairman)
- \* Cllr Neville Penman (Vice-Chairman)

### Councillors:

- \* Alan Alvey
- \* Diane Andrews
- \* Ann Bellows
- \* Sue Bennison
- \* Geoffrey Blunden
- \* Hilary Brand
- \* Alex Brunsdon
- Fran Carpenter
- Louise Cerasoli
- \* Mark Clark
- \* Steve Clarke
- \* Jill Cleary
- \* Anne Corbridge
- \* Keith Craze
- \* Kate Crisell
- \* Sean Cullen
- \* Jack Davies
- \* Steve Davies
- \* Arthur Davis
- \* Sandra Delemare
- \* Philip Dowd
- \* Jan Duke
- \* Barry Dunning
- Jacqui England
- Richard Frampton
- \* Allan Glass
- \* Andrew Gossage
- \* Michael Harris
- \* David Harrison

### Councillors:

- \* David Hawkins
- Edward Heron
- \* Jeremy Heron
- Alison Hoare
- Maureen Holding
- \* Christine Hopkins
- \* Mahmoud Kangarani
- Joshua Kidd
- \* Emma Lane
- Martyn Levitt
- \* Alexis McEvoy
- Ian Murray
- \* Stephanie Osborne
- Caroline Rackham
- \* Alvin Reid
- \* Joe Reilly
- Barry Rickman
- \* Tony Ring
- \* Steve Rippon-Swaine
- \* David Russell
- \* Ann Sevier
- \* Michael Thierry
- Beverley Thorne
- \* Derek Tipp
- \* Neil Tungate
- \* Alex Wade
- \* Malcolm Wade
- \* Christine Ward
- \* John Ward

\*Present

### Officers Attending:

Kate Ryan, Rebecca Murphy, Chris Noble, Grainne O'Rourke, Nicola Plummer, Manjit Sandhu, Claire Upton-Brown and Matt Wisdom.

### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carpenter, Cerasoli, England, Frampton, E Heron, Holding, Kidd, Rackham, Rickman and Thorne.

**12 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022, be confirmed.

**13 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests by Members.

Cllr Harrison, for transparency purposes, declared his membership of Totton and Eling Town Council.

**14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Engagements**

The Chairman reported on the following recent engagements:-

26 May 2022

Alongside the Vice-Chairman and immediate Past Chairman, three trees were planted at Appletree Court in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This was followed by a very successful staff thank you event with the Leader and Chief Executive.

The Chairman added that he had attended a number of other celebratory events for the Platinum Jubilee, both in the District and also across Hampshire.

6 June 2022

Attended the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire's Reception for New Mayors and Chairmen in Winchester.

9 June 2022

Attended the High Sheriff's Summer Garden Party in Exbury.

20 June 2022

Alongside the Leader of the Council, the Armed Forces Flag at Appletree Court was raised.

10 July 2022

Attended New Milton Town Council's commemoration of the Indian Memorial at Barton-on-Sea.

18 June 2022

The Vice-Chairman represented the District at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club's Centenary Regatta, attended by HRH The Princess Royal.



3 July 2022

Cllr Derek Tipp, past Chairman represented the District at the National Motor Museum's 50th Anniversary celebrations in Beaulieu, hosted by Lord Montague.

## **15 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

## **16 REPORTS OF THE CABINET**

The Deputy Leader of the Council first presented the report of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 May 2022 and moved the adoption of the recommendations. Cllr J Heron seconded the motion.

### **Paragraph 1 – Shaping a Vision and Plan for the Future of Totton**

A local Member welcomed the focus on Totton, particularly in the context of the town centre. It was requested that consideration was given to the role of the Town Council and Neighbourhood Plan team in this work. An example of improved tree planting was cited as one of a number of lower cost initiatives to enhance the area.

In response to concerns on a town focused approach, the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services reassured Members that Totton was a sensible starting point. However, many communities across the District would see the benefit of the Council's initiatives in regeneration over time.

### **Paragraph 4 – Commercial Property Opportunity**

In response to concerns on the risk to the Council of investing in uncertain times, the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services highlighted the long term strategy of the Council in this area. With robust checks in the commercial sector, the strategy placed the Council in a strong position.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the report be received and the recommendations be adopted.**

The Deputy Leader of the Council then presented the report of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 June 2022 and moved that it be received. Cllr J Heron seconded the motion.

### **Paragraph 1 – Dibden Golf Club Rent Review and Lease Variation**

The Chair of the Dibden Golf Club Working Group placed on record her thanks to Members and Officers for their work in reaching a sensible contract variation that protected both the Council and the delivery of services by the Council's partner, Mytime Active.

A local Member encouraged Members to continue holding Mytime Active to account to ensure the promotion of golf to younger people in the District.

**Paragraph 3 – New Forest National Park Partnership Plan 2022-2027**

One Member highlighted the importance of working in partnership to encourage affordable and sustainable transport in the District and particularly in the National Park.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the report be received.**

The Deputy Leader of the Council then presented the report of the Cabinet meeting held on 6 July 2022 and moved the adoption of the recommendations. Cllr J Heron seconded the motion.

**Paragraph 1 – Waste Strategy 2022-2027**

Cllr Harrison moved an amendment to the recommendations, as follows:-

*“This Council undertakes to hold a referendum, allowing local people to have a say before the method of household waste collection is changed from the plastic sack system to wheelie bins.”*

Cllr J Davies seconded the amendment.

Those in favour of the amendment highlighted the significance of the service changes detailed in the Waste Strategy, and that local people should have a choice. The detail on how support and education on the strategy would be provided was also sought. Despite good responses to the consultation, it was suggested that this still fell short of the numbers required to ensure a wide understanding of the proposed service changes across the District. The mandate for such changes was questioned.

Those against the amendment cited the extensive consultation undertaken on the strategy. The costs of a referendum were also noted as significant. The development of the strategy had been the subject of a cross-party Task and Finish Group that had studied the national, regional and local context in great detail since May 2021. Some Members suggested it was duty of councillors to make policy decisions once elected, rather than defer to a referendum.

A request for a recorded vote on the amendment did not receive the required support of the Council.

Put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

Cllr Kangarani moved an amendment to the recommendations, as follows:-

*“That NFDC implements a 65% recycling target, including food waste, with immediate effect and to reach that target within two years of instigating any new system. NFDC would also look at extending that target to 70% recycled by 2030.”*

Cllr Clark seconded the amendment.

Those in favour of the amendment cited authorities with much higher recycling rates and that the target could be adjusted accordingly. It was suggested that increased

targets could assist with the prevention of fly tipping. An ambitious target was seen by some Members as a tool to ensure residents bought into the service changes, providing education on the benefits of both a reduction in waste and increased recycling rates. This was also in support of the Council's declaration of a Climate Change and Nature Emergency.

Those against the amendment highlighted the difficulty in comparing other local authority areas to the unique nature of the New Forest, with vast rural areas alongside villages and more urban town centres. Additionally, the comparisons made with authorities in Wales were challenging given the different methodology to England in measuring rates of recycling. The target was suggested to be an initial opportunity with a new service delivery model that would inevitably be reviewed over time.

The Chairman of the Environment and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel referred to the Panel's detailed consideration of the proposals, alongside the work of the Task and Finish Group. Attention was drawn to the umbrella arrangements in Hampshire with the County Council as the disposal authority and the importance of working together on a strategy that supported the shared objectives of collection authorities in Hampshire. An increase in recycling was also in part dependent on the materials that the County Council could process as the disposal authority.

Put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and carried.

#### **Paragraph 2 – Annual Performance and Provisional Budget Outturn**

In response to concerns on the surplus for 2021/22, the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services confirmed that good financial planning would often result in the rescheduling of projects budgeted for within a financial year, to another more appropriate year, taking into account the individual circumstances of each project.

#### **Paragraph 4 – Digital Strategy**

One Member highlighted the debate at the Cabinet regarding the value placed on Information Offices for residents seeking non-digital contact with the Council. The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services reiterated the commitment to telephone or in person options for residents. However, many residents sought to interact with the Council in digital manner and the Digital Strategy provided a platform to improve in this area to the benefit of service users. The Chairman of the Corporate Affairs and Local Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel highlighted the significant reassurance given at the Panel Meeting on this issue.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

#### **Paragraph 6 – Deprivation within the New Forest**

Cllr J Davies moved an amendment, to support the original motion put to the Council meeting of 16 May 2022, detailed in full as follows:-

*"This Council notes:*

- The alarming news that 4 out of 114 neighbourhoods across the New Forest are in the top 20% most deprived neighbourhoods for income deprivation in England according to the 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation.*

*This Council further notes:*

- The Cost of Living Crisis, which is expected to get worse, will push more local households into poverty.*
- That the cost of living crisis has a disproportionate effect on people in the most deprived neighbourhoods.*
- There are many different areas of deprivation included within the Index of Multiple Deprivation. These include: income deprivation; employment deprivation; education, skills, and training deprivation; health and disability deprivation; crime deprivation; income deprivation affecting children; income deprivation affecting older people; living environment deprivation; and housing deprivation.*
- There are two neighbourhoods within the New Forest which are in the top 20% most deprived neighbourhoods for income deprivation affecting children. These two neighbourhoods are contained within Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu ward and Pennington ward respectively.*

*This Council recommends:*

- 1. A Task and Finish Group\* be set up to form a plan to tackle deprivation across the New Forest with a particular emphasis on the 4 most deprived neighbourhoods for income deprivation.  
\*That this Task and Finish Group reports to the Community, Partnerships and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Panel.*
- 2. Overall Deprivation is included as a key priority within the Corporate Plan and include the responsibility for reducing overall deprivation within the priorities of the Portfolio Holder for Partnering and Wellbeing."*

Cllr A Wade seconded the amendment.

One Member expressed disappointment that the original motion was not accepted by the Cabinet and had been replaced by a proposed new motion. It was suggested that a focus in the Corporate Plan would highlight the issue as a new priority.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services highlighted the range of local organisations that provided support to residents, many of which worked very closely with the Council. These included Citizens Advice New Forest, Community First Wessex, the local foodbanks and charities such as Youth and Families Matter. Work was ongoing to ensure data was collected to drive a Poverty Action Plan, alongside the establishment of a Cost of Living Steering Group.

Cllr J Davies summed up his amendment, highlighting the importance of a plan and strategy for a long term solution to the cost of living.

The Deputy Leader, in summary, reiterated the actions taking place, including the Cost of Living Steering Group which would consider matters such as deprivation and socio-economic drivers.

A request for a recorded vote on the amendment did not receive the required support of the Council.

Put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and carried.

**Paragraph 8 – Greener Housing Strategy 2022-2032**

A number of Members welcomed this strategy. The Chairman of the Greener Housing Task and Finish Group placed on record his thanks to Members and Officers for their work on the subject.

One Member highlighted the importance of communication and education to ensure that the Council, in getting its own housing stock in line, showed communities what they could do to meet greener standards in their homes.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

**Paragraph 9 – Scheme of Members’ Allowances – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP)**

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the report be received and the recommendations be adopted.**

**17 QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**18 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A**

There were none.

**19 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following changes to Committee and Panel Memberships, be agreed:-

General Purposes and Licensing Committee

Cllr Kangarani to be replaced by Cllr J Davies.

HR Committee

Cllr Kangarani to be replaced by Cllr Clark.

CHAIRMAN

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**12 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the New Forest District Council held on Monday, 12 September 2022.

\* Cllr Alan O'Sullivan (Chairman)

\* Cllr Neville Penman (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

\* Alan Alvey  
\* Diane Andrews  
\* Ann Bellows  
\* Sue Bennison  
\* Geoffrey Blunden  
\* Hilary Brand  
\* Alex Brunsdon  
\* Fran Carpenter  
Louise Cerasoli  
\* Mark Clark  
\* Steve Clarke  
\* Jill Cleary  
\* Anne Corbridge  
\* Keith Craze  
\* Kate Crisell  
\* Sean Cullen  
\* Jack Davies  
\* Steve Davies  
\* Arthur Davis  
\* Sandra Delemare  
\* Philip Dowd  
Jan Duke  
\* Barry Dunning  
\* Jacqui England  
\* Richard Frampton  
Allan Glass  
\* Andrew Gossage  
Michael Harris  
\* David Harrison

**Councillors:**

\* David Hawkins  
\* Edward Heron  
\* Jeremy Heron  
\* Alison Hoare  
Maureen Holding  
Christine Hopkins  
\* Mahmoud Kangarani  
\* Joshua Kidd  
\* Emma Lane  
Martyn Levitt  
\* Alexis McEvoy  
\* Ian Murray  
Stephanie Osborne  
\* Caroline Rackham  
\* Alvin Reid  
\* Joe Reilly  
\* Barry Rickman  
\* Tony Ring  
Steve Rippon-Swaine  
\* David Russell  
\* Ann Sevier  
\* Michael Thierry  
Beverley Thorne  
\* Derek Tipp  
\* Neil Tungate  
\* Alex Wade  
\* Malcolm Wade  
\* Christine Ward  
\* John Ward

\*Present

**Also In Attendance:**

Deputy Lieutenant Hallam Mills Esq – Hampshire Lord Lieutenancy.

**Officers Attending:**

Kate Ryan, Grainne O'Rourke, Sara Hamilton and Matt Wisdom.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cerasoli, Duke, Glass, Harris, Osborne, Rippon-Swaine and Thorne.

**Two Minute Silence**

The Council commenced the meeting, by standing in a two minute silent tribute to Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II.

**20 HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

The Chairman moved the motion as set out on the agenda:-

*“That the Council pays tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the UK’s longest serving Monarch, following the announcement of her sad death on Thursday 8 September 2022.”*

In moving the motion, the Chairman reflected on the time he was invited to a Royal Garden Party, and the dignity and grace shown by Her Majesty in everything she did. He spoke of the love and admiration of The Queen around the world.

The Vice-Chairman seconded the motion and in doing so, spoke of how lucky the nation was to have such a special Monarch in our lifetime.

Members added their personal reflections, many who had met The Queen. They spoke of her devotion to duty, to her family and to the nation. Her Majesty had shown commitment and selflessness beyond all expectations for decades. The way in which Her Majesty worked through 70 years and all the challenges this had presented, was second to none. Her duties had been performed right up until her sad passing, with a new Prime Minister visiting only last week. Her Majesty was known to be unassuming, and she made people feel comfortable, relaxed and at ease in her presence. Her understanding and judgement of the public mood was extraordinary.

Recent years had been challenging for the country, with the pandemic in particular. Her Majesty The Queen had demonstrated leadership and gave the nation hope, that we would meet again in more settled times. Many Members spoke of The Queen as their anchor, or rock, on which the foundations of the nation were built. Her Majesty had lost her husband, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and remained steadfast in her commitment to her role and to her country.

The continuity of the Monarchy, and the security and comfort this gave the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and the world was highlighted. His Majesty King Charles III would provide this much needed continuity into the future.

Members spoke of a feeling of loss beyond what they had expected and recorded their sincere condolences to the Royal Family. The Royal Family had lost a mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Members expressed their thanks to the community for the ongoing work that allowed local people to come together and mourn the loss of Her Majesty. The outpouring of love demonstrated how The Queen had touched millions of hearts across the nation and the world.

The local connection with the New Forest was spoken of. With Her Majesty’s visits to the area over the years, including to the New Forest Show and to the Appletree Court and Lymington Town offices.



The Chairman concluded by thanking Members for their fitting tributes. He highlighted the National Moment of Reflection on Sunday 18 September that would be marked with a one minute silence. Books of condolence remained open across the District for Members and residents to record their personal messages at this time.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council pays tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest serving Monarch, following the announcement of her sad death on Thursday 8 September 2022.

**Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022**

CHAIRMAN

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## REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 29 July 2022)

### 1. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (MINUTE NO 25)

The Cabinet, having noted the purpose of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, endorsed the priority themes for use of the Council's funding allocation as part of the fund, and delegated authority to the Chief Executive to submit the detailed plan for the Council to Government in line with published timescales.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus, launched in April 2022 as part of the Levelling Up agenda, provides £2.6 billion of funding intended to reduce inequalities between communities. The funding covers the three year period up to March 2025.

New Forest District Council's allocation of the fund is £1 million, which requires an investment plan to be submitted to Government, as at Appendix 1 of Cabinet 4 of the Cabinet Agenda. It should be noted that the majority of funding is due to be received in year three of the programme.

At the Cabinet meeting, it was emphasised that partnership working was at the heart of the programme, with the Freeport initiative a clear example of how many partners could come together to deliver benefits to an area. In addition, the ongoing work as part of the programme would position the Council to compete effectively for future funding streams, bringing about consideration of future projects in a proactive manner.

The Cabinet welcome the support from MPS and local partners, and looking forward to working together collaboratively to develop the programme following Government approval of the Investment Plan.

### 2. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT (BASED ON PERFORMANCE APRIL TO JUNE 2022 INCLUSIVE (MINUTE NO 26))

The Cabinet, having noted the latest budget forecasts of the General Fund, Capital and HRA, alongside the impact that utility and general inflation is forecast to have on the Council's budgets, is recommending to Council on required budget variations. Furthermore, there will be the need to identify mitigating actions to address what are largely unavoidable cost pressures, including a review of service charges within the HRA.

The Council had originally budgeted for a 2% pay award within its Annual Budget 2022/23, a level consistently applied by local authorities across the country. Following the publication of the Cabinet agenda and papers, the National Employers for Local Government Services met and put their final proposal to the unions, of a fixed uplift to all pay points of £1,925. As a fixed award, this creates a bottom loading impact on the Council's pay structure, applying an increase of between 10.5% - 2.93% respectively from Bands 1-11. In order to meet this award, an additional £1.2 million would be required across the General Fund (£900,000) and HRA (£300,000) budgets. These increases would also need to be accounted for in the Council's medium term financial planning.

The Cabinet, as part of this provision, is recommending that the lowest paid employees within the Council's structure are paid 20p per hour ahead of where the final nationally agreed minimum sat.

Although there is an ongoing period of union negotiation, the recommendation below allows the Council to put in place the necessary forecast supplementary salary budget,

which in turn provides for the opportunity to enable the Council to reflect the pay award in staff pay at the earliest allowed opportunity, once agreed.

At the Cabinet meeting, the unprecedented challenges in the global economy were noted, which were having a significant impact on the Council and its partners. The priority remains to maintain services for residents. Matters in relation to the support for Freedom Leisure will be the subject of a report to a future meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- 1. In recognition of the pay offer made by the National Employers for Local Government services on the 25th July 2022, an increase to the Council's salary budget for 2022/23 be approved, at a total forecast additional cost of £1,200,000, noting that the retained pension fund deficit budget will be used to cover the General Fund cost at £900,000, and that the Acquisition and Development Reserve will be used to cover the HRA cost at £300,000.***

**COUNCILLOR E HERON  
CHAIRMAN**

## REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 7 September 2022)

### 1. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (MINUTE NO 27)

At the Cabinet meeting, the Leader provided an update on rising inflation and energy costs, with more information expected soon as the Government considered national support measures. Eligible residents are encouraged to contact the Council for their Energy Council Tax rebate, noting that any unclaimed amounts would be credited to Council tax accounts and therefore not lost.

Furthermore, the Council would soon be commencing its telephone survey with residents as part of the Resident Insight 2022 initiative. This would engage 750 residents across a range of demographics, providing vital information for the Council in shaping its future priorities on behalf of the community.

### 2. VEHICLE AND PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23 AND 2023/24 (MINUTE NO 31)

The Cabinet, having noted the intention to present the broader replacement programme for 2023/24 as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan, is recommending to Council an overall budget for the programme of £2.400 million.

The Council's vehicles and plant, required for frontline services, are replaced according to an annual programme which is set as part of the annual budget process. The replacement programme for 2022/23 has been reviewed in light of procurement requirements and extended vehicle lead times, and this review indicates that 42% of the planned spend on replacements will not be achieved within the current financial year.

Latest market testing has shown significant increases in prices, which affects the size of the budget required in 2023/24.

The Council continues to demonstrate its commitment to the Climate and Nature Emergency with the commitment to investigating alternative fuels.

At the Cabinet meeting, it was noted that the economic life of Council vehicles and plant are continually reviewed to ensure the appropriate condition and reliability. However, there is an existing vehicle maintenance budget to assist with this.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

***That the Council approves a 2023/24 Vehicles and Plant Replacement budget of £2.400 million, to accommodate the purchases originally intended to be made in 2022/23, whilst noting the revenue implications to be picked up within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.***

### 2. UPDATED RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER (MINUTE NO 32)

The Cabinet, having considered the development of the Risk Management Policy and Strategic Risk Register, including the detailed review by the Audit Committee, is recommending to Council.

The Risk Management Policy provides clarity of approach to risk management by the Council, ensuring a structured approach to ensure risks and opportunities are reviewed

across all services, portfolios and corporately, in a consistent manner. Risk Management should be considered a continuous process, allowing the Council to identify, understand and introduce appropriate mitigations in a responsive way.

The Strategic Risk Register focuses on the highest level of strategic risk to the Council, which assists the Council further in achieving the priorities of its Corporate Plan. The Strategic Risks cover the following seven areas, which will give a more focused and targeted approach to mitigation and maximise any opportunities as they arise:-

1. Supporting Communities
2. Achieving future financial resilience
3. Ensuring efficient and effective internal control, governance and compliance
4. Creating the right culture, capacity and capability
5. Ensuring robust security measures to protect the Council's data and assets from external threats
6. Ability to be agile and shift focus in response to policy and national political change
7. Delivering Council Services through adverse conditions

It should be noted that good risk management ensures the Council mitigates risk to a practicable and proportionate level, and that all risks cannot be completely eliminated.

At the Cabinet meeting, a number of Members welcomed the new framework as strong, dynamic and responsive in its approach.

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That the Council adopt the Risk Management Policy and the updated Strategic Risk Register.***

**3. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022 ONWARDS (MINUTE NO 33)**

The Cabinet considered the initial development of the Medium Term Financial Plan and Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2023/24, including the factors that will influence delivery.

It should be noted that increased costs are expected to total £3.625 million over the next four year period. The current climate presents significant challenges, including rising inflation, energy costs and the cost of the national pay award for staff. Whilst the Council maintains an excellent track record of managing finances, the upcoming Transformation Programme will offer an opportunity in the medium to long term to provide new opportunities for the Council to modernise and protect service delivery, whilst delivering significant savings. Ahead of this, the Council must seek to address the forecast deficit through a range of initiatives detailed in the report.

The report includes a new Fees and Charges Policy, noting that fees and charges have a significant role to play in assisting the Council to achieve a balanced budget and providing finances for service enhancements.

Table 5 in the report details a timeline for Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet which supports the development of the Medium term Financial Plan, through to the final setting of the 2023/24 budget.

At the Cabinet meeting, the uncertainty around the Business Rate Reset was discussed. The Council will seek to maintain and enhance services to residents by managing the Council's finances effectively, with the reasonable assumption that this reset may take place in 2025/26.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- 1. That the revised MTFP forecasts, as outlined within the report and appendices be adopted;**
- 2. That the options identified to close the budget gap for 2023/24 and through to 2026/27 are developed further;**
- 3. That the Fees and Charges Policy set out in section 4e of the report be adopted; and**
- 4. That the reporting timeline as set out in section 6 of the report be agreed.**

**4. MEETING DATES (MINUTE NO 34)**

The Cabinet agreed the 2023/24 meeting dates as set out on the Cabinet agenda, and an additional February 2023 meeting date.

**COUNCILLOR E HERON  
CHAIRMAN**

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## REPORT OF HR COMMITTEE

(Meeting held on 11 August 2022)

### 1. LEADERSHIP REVIEW OUTCOME (MINUTE NO 18)

The Committee has considered proposals following a review of the Council's senior officer leadership structure.

It is proposed that the Council move to a Tier 2 structure with 3 strategic positions:

Strategic Director – Housing, Communities and Governance

Strategic Director – Corporate Resource and Transformation

Strategic Director – Place, Operations and Sustainability.

Under existing policies and based on the suggested groupings there would be two natural successors for the posts above; Strategic Director - Housing Communities and Governance and Strategic Director - Corporate Resource and Transformation.

The new roles were designed to enable a greater focus on strategic change and working with external partners, and it was anticipated that the related additional costs would be recovered from savings resulting from the transformation of services over the next 5 years. The new structure had been chosen after researching other districts in Hampshire and comparator authorities across England and to deliver what was an ambitious delivery and transformation agenda.

There is no natural successor to the post of Strategic Director - Place, Operations and Sustainability and therefore it is recommended that the Council engages the services of an Executive Search Agency to ensure the Council attracts the best candidates from the widest possible field for this post.

A separate report on the Council agenda deals with the establishment of the selection process, including the appointment panel.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) That the proposals as set out in Report 4 of the HR Committee agenda be agreed, and that separate recommendations be made to the Council on detailed arrangements for the recruitment of a Strategic Director of Place, Operations and Sustainability.**
- (b) That the revised pay bandings recommended by the independent pay consultant as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 4 of the HR Committee agenda be adopted.**

### 2. EXTENSION TO MARKET SUPPLEMENTS (MINUTE NO 21)

The has Committee considered proposed changes to market supplements.

It had become clear that the Council's ability to recruit to posts higher than Band 10 had become increasingly difficult due to wider market circumstances as evidenced by recent recruitment campaigns. Ultimately this could impact on the Council's ability to deliver on the corporate priorities and for some roles may impact statutory service

delivery. Feedback from recruitment agencies is that with an increasingly competitive market and some people choosing to opt for consultancy day rates rather than a permanent position means that at times the Council is not able to compete with the market. It is proposed that the use of the current Market Supplement policy should be extended to include Bands 11 and 12.

It is proposed that in exceptional circumstances and only where evidenced, that the Chief Executive in conjunction with the S151 Officer and in discussion with the relevant Portfolio Holder, could agree to an increased percentage over and above the agreed 10% limit in the current policy. This increased percentage would not exceed 15% and would apply to all posts up to and including band 12. The increased percentage might be applicable for specialist roles, where there was exceptional market demand, for example in Fire Safety, where the market was very competitive in both the public and private sector.

It was emphasised that whilst market supplements were necessary under some circumstances, market conditions were always changing and it was important that there was a 12 month review.

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That the proposed changes to market supplements as set out in the Report 7 of the HR Committee agenda, be approved.***

**3. PROPOSED CHANGES TO BANDS 1-4 (MINUTE NO 26)**

The Committee has considered a number of changes in the pay structure for Bands 1-4 which were proposed for implementation from 1st October 2022.

In addition, the current Employers side offer in the national negotiations stands at £1,925 on each spinal column point. It was proposed to implement this, backdated to 1st April 2022 for bands 1-4 to assist our lowest paid employees.

At its meeting, the Committee endorsed the proposal that the Leader and Chief Executive commence a dialogue with the regional union representatives, with a view to gaining their support for the proposals recommended within Report 12 of the HR Committee agenda.

**NOTES:**

The outcome of this dialogue confirms that the unions anticipate the national pay negotiations concluding by the end of October. In light of this, the preference is to wait for this national agreement and then reflect the pay award to all staff at the earliest opportunity thereafter.

The other proposed changes to bands 1-4, outside of pay award, will now be picked up in a separate report, which will consolidate proposed changes across the entire NFDC pay spine, maintaining an 'effective from' date of 1st October 2022.

Therefore, there are no recommendations to Council on this item.

**COUNCILLOR E HERON  
CHAIRMAN**

**COUNCIL – 10 OCTOBER 2022**

## **RECRUITMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR – PLACE OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 That the Council agrees:-

- (a) The Strategic Director's pay band as set out at paragraph 3.2;
- (b) External recruitment is the preferred recruitment and selection process;
- (c) That an Appointment Panel be authorised to undertake the selection process as set out in section 4 and in accordance with the Council's Constitution;

The appointment panel will comprise:

- Leader of the Council
- Deputy Leader of the Council
- Chief Executive
- Leader of the Opposition
- Two relevant Portfolio Holders to be determined by the Leader of the Council

### **2. INTRODUCTION**

2.1 The Chief Executive has undertaken a review of the Leadership team. After a robust consultation process the decision has been taken to move from four Executive Heads to three Strategic Directors.

2.2 This will enable the council to align itself to the corporate priorities and be in a good position to meet the challenges of the future. It would also give renewed focus to the Strategic Leadership Team.

2.3 Two of the Strategic Director positions will be filled by internal candidates using the natural successor criteria with the council's agreed policies.

2.4 There is no natural successor to the position of Strategic Director – Place, Operations and Sustainability.

### **3. DECISION TO APPOINT**

3.1 The position of Strategic Director will be a permanently established post. A review by an independent pay consultant has been undertaken to establish a suitable positioning for the three Strategic Director posts within the Councils existing salary structure.

3.2 The proposed pay band is set out below. It is proposed that the salary set out is offered, with progression through spinal column points 74 – 76 based on good performance. Spinal Column Points 77 and 78 are performance points and are available based on excellent performance in relation to operational objectives.

Spinal column point	Salary
74	£89,216
75	£91,842
76	£94,584
77	£97,437
78	£100,358

- 3.3 It is proposed that the new Strategic Director is appointed on the terms and conditions agreed following an external selection process.
- 3.4 The successful candidate would be eligible for relocation expenses under the councils existing policy subject to meeting the relevant criteria.
- 3.4 The Council will ultimately be responsible for approving the appointment of the Strategic Director.

#### **4. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 4.1 On the basis that a selection process will need to be undertaken it is necessary to agree what that process will be.
- 4.2 It is recommended that the Council undertakes an external selection process to ensure that we attract the best candidates from the widest possible field and that we engage the services of an Executive Search Agency.
- 4.3 The Executive Search Agency would be asked to assist with the initial recruitment and selection stages. It is important that due regard is taken of all the employment legislation surrounding recruitment including equal opportunities legislation.
- 4.4 It is anticipated that the Executive Search Agency will assist in the initial shortlisting and will provide the panel with the final 4 to 6 applicants recommended for interview.
- 4.5 It is proposed that an Appointment Panel will be convened as set out in 1.1(c) above. The Panel will be supported by the Service Manager – Human Resources. The Panel will make a recommendation to the Council.

#### **5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 As noted in 3.2 above, external recruitment will ensure that we attract candidates from the widest possible field.
- 5.2 The use of an Executive Search Agency will ensure that all equality legislation is fully adhered to as these agencies follow strict codes of practice in this regard.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The proposed restructure, going from four Executive Heads to three Strategic Directors, will result in an estimated saving in the region of £113,000 per annum.
- 6.2 The investment in senior leadership through this review will require funding of up to £200,000 per annum to be included within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. The wider leadership team of the Council will all be clear on the role they will play in delivering a modern and transformed Council, including the delivery of

necessary savings and income required to balance the Council's budget over the medium term. Any one-off redundancy costs arising as a result of this review will be funded by accrued reserves.

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## COUNCIL – 10 OCTOBER 2022

### PROPOSED CHANGES TO PAY SPINE

#### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Council approve the updated Pay Spine shown at appendix 2 with effect from 1 October 2022.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It has become very clear that the ability to recruit to posts and retain staff has become increasingly difficult due to wider market circumstances as evidenced by recent recruitment campaigns and staff turnover. Ultimately if we continue as we are and do not take action this will impact on the council's ability to deliver key statutory services.
- 2.2 As an Employer of Choice, the Council is committed to supporting its employees across the pay spine.
- 2.3 It is believed that the proposed changes outlined within this report would have a positive impact to staff recruitment, retention and morale.
- 2.4 A review of the NFDC pay spine is a standalone item on the Employee Side Liaison Panel work programme and is independent of the outcome of the current NJC pay negotiations.
- 2.5 The number of vacancies for 2021/22 year returned to pre-pandemic figures (248), despite the Council no longer recruiting to Leisure Centre roles, which suggests increased recruitment and vacancies in other services. Overall for the year 92% of vacancies were filled first time.
- 2.6 Our turnover rate for 2021/22 was 21.36%. Prior to Covid in 2019/20 our turnover rate stood at 22% but again this included the Health and Leisure Service who made up a substantial element of our workforce. This clearly indicates increased turnover in other service areas.
- 2.7 From February this year to July we had 64 vacancies, 8 of those were not filled in the first round of advertising. (12.5%). The number of vacancies not filled first time is increasing. This adds to the pressure on managers and employees while the post is vacant.

#### 3. PROPOSED CHANGES

- 3.1 The following changes to individual spinal column points (scp) and the pay spine with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 are proposed as follows:-
  1. that scp13 is deleted from the councils pay spine.
  2. that Band 1 is moved to be scp14 AND the value of scp14 is reset at £9.70 per hour (£18,717). This is above the current National Living Wage of £9.50.

3. that the bottom point (scp14) is removed from Band 2. Band 2 then becomes a two-point band.
  4. that an additional spinal column point (scp23) is added to the top of Band 4.
  5. that the lowest point scp23 is deleted from Band 5
  6. that an additional spinal column point (scp28) is added to the top of Band 5
  7. that the bottom point scp28 is deleted from Band 6
  8. that the bottom point scp33 is deleted from Band 7
  9. that an additional spinal column point (scp38) is added to the top of Band 7 as a performance point
  10. that the bottom point scp38 is deleted from Band 8
  11. that an additional spinal column point (scp43) is added to the top of Band 8 as a performance point.
  12. that the value of scp43 is adjusted to be £43,075.
  13. that the two bottom points scp64 and 65 are removed from Band 12
  14. that two additional spinal column points (scp67 and 68) are added to the top of Band 12.
  15. that two performance points scp69 and 70, are added to band 12
  16. that band 12 be used for Assistant Director posts to be introduced as part of the Leadership Restructure. NB. Service Managers are Band 11.
- 3.2 The current and proposed pay spine for bands 1 and above can be seen through appendix 1, with the full updated spine visible at appendix 2.
- 3.3 The proposed adjustments mean that bands 1- 8 run using all the spine points available, this is helpful as all our career grades would fall into these bands. Therefore, employees can now progress, subject to meeting the necessary criteria, through the appropriate bands in a more systematic manner.
- 3.4 Band 9 – 11, containing posts regarded as Senior Employees of the Council, are also now structured so that when the performance points are considered there are no gaps within the pay spine.



#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS & RISK

4.1 The number of staff and the overall financial implications are as follows:

	<b>Employee Numbers</b>	<b>Resultant Increase £ / %</b>	<b>Approx. Annual Cost of Implementation</b>
<b>Band 1</b>	27	£384 PA	£11,000
<b>Band 2</b>	92	nil	nil
<b>Band 3</b>	72	nil	nil
<b>Band 4</b>	186	£670 PA	£125,000
<b>Band 5</b>	91	£1093 PA	£110,000
<b>Band 6</b>	118	Nil	Nil
<b>Band 7</b>	88	Subject to PDI Process	£88,000
<b>Band 8</b>	54	Subject to PDI Process	£45,000
<b>Band 12</b>	0	Nil	Nil

4.2 The overall annual cost of £379,000 would be split approx. 80% to GF and 20% HRA. Budget provision was included within the original 2022/23 budget for this review.

#### 5. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

#### 6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

#### 7. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The policy will apply equally to all staff and as the changes span the breadth of the pay spine, it will not have a disproportionate effect on pay equality.

7.2 Information regarding the gender split across grades can be seen below:

<b>Band</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
1	10	17
2	90	4
3	43	32
4	71	112
5	44	51
6	56	51
7	71	35
8	24	20
9	26	11
10	2	1
11	13	3

**8. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 None.

**9. EMPLOYEE SIDE COMMENTS**

9.1 None received.

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**Background Papers:**

None.

**BANDS 1- 4**

**Current**

**Proposed**

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Leave Days	Current 1 April 22	Current 1 April 22	SCP	BAND 1	BAND 2	BAND 3	BAND 4
23	£24,290	£12.59	23				
23	£23,620	£12.24	22				23,620
23	£22,595	£11.71	21				22,595
22	£21,933	£11.37	20				21,933
22	£21,391	£11.09	19			21,391	
22	£20,669	£10.71	18			20,669	
22	£20,064	£10.40	17			20,064	
22	£19,476	£10.09	16		19,476		
22	£18,907	£9.80	15		18,907		
22	£18,353	£9.51	14		18,353		
22	£18,333	£9.50	13	18,333			

Leave Days	New 1 Oct 22	New 1 Oct 22	SCP	BAND 1	BAND 2	BAND 3	BAND 4
23	£24,290	£12.59	23				24,290
23	£23,620	£12.24	22				23,620
23	£22,595	£11,71	21				22,595
22	£21,933	£11.37	20				21,933
22	£21,391	£11.09	19			21,391	
22	£20,669	£10.71	18			20,669	
22	£20,064	£10.40	17			20,064	
22	£19,476	£10.09	16		19,476		
22	£18,907	£9.80	15		18,907		
22	<b>£18,717</b>	<b>£9.70</b>	14	18,717			
22	<b>£18,333</b>	<b>£9.50</b>	13				

**BANDS 5 - 8**

**Current**

**Proposed**

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Leave Days	Current 1 April 22	Current 1 April 22	SCP	BAND 5	BAND 6	BAND 7	BAND 8
27	£42,673	£22.12	43				
26	£42,080	£21.81	42				42,080
26	£41,026	£21.26	41				41,026
26	£40,004	£20.74	40				40,004
26	£38,960	£20.19	39				38,960
26	£37,953	£19.67	38				37,953
26	£36,755	£19.05	37			36,755	
26	£35,694	£18.50	36			35,694	
26	£34,695	£17.98	35			34,695	
26	£33,788	£17.51	34			33,788	
26	£33,105	£17.16	33		33,105	33,105	
26	£32,175	£16.68	32		32,175		
26	£31,242	£16.19	31		31,242		
25	£30,347	£15.73	30		30,347		
25	£29,401	£15.24	29		29,401		
25	£28,439	£14.74	28		28,439		
24	£27,346	£14.17	27	27,346			
24	£26,731	£13.86	26	26,731			
24	£25,881	£13.41	25	25,881			
23	£25,055	£12.99	24	25,055			
23	£24,290	£12.59	23	24,290			

Leave Days	New 1 Oct 22	New 1 Oct 22	SCP	BAND 5	BAND 6	BAND 7	BAND 8
27	£43,075	£22.33	43				43,075
26	£42,080	£21.81	42				42,080
26	£41,026	£21.26	41				41,026
26	£40,004	£20.74	40				40,004
26	£38,960	£20.19	39				38,960
26	£37,953	£19.67	38			37,953	
26	£36,755	£19.05	37			36,755	
26	£35,694	£18.50	36			35,694	
26	£34,695	£17.98	35			34,695	
26	£33,788	£17.51	34			33,788	
26	£33,105	£17.16	33		33,105		
26	£32,175	£16.68	32		32,175		
26	£31,242	£16.19	31		31,242		
25	£30,347	£15.73	30		30,347		
25	£29,401	£15.24	29		29,401		
25	£28,439	£14.74	28	28,439			
24	£27,346	£14.17	27	27,346			
24	£26,731	£13.86	26	26,731			
24	£25,881	£13.41	25	25,881			
23	£25,055	£12.99	24	25,055			
23	£24,290	£12.59	23				

**BANDS 9-12**

**Current**

Leave Days	Current 1 April 22	Current 1 April 22	SCP	BAND 9	BAND 10	BAND 11	BAND 12
27	£79,491	£41.20	70				
27	£77,447	£40.14	69				
27	£75,287	£39.02	68				
27	£73,201	£37.94	67				
27	£71,206	£36.91	66				71,206
27	£69,280	£35.91	65				69,280
27	£67,435	£34.95	64				67,435
27	£65,670	£34.04	63			65,670	
27	£63,978	£33.16	62			63,978	
27	£62,310	£32.30	61			62,310	
27	£60,988	£31.61	60			60,988	
27	£59,757	£30.97	59			59,757	
27	£58,528	£30.34	58			58,528	
27	£57,309	£29.70	57		57,309		
27	£56,310	£29.19	56		56,310		
27	£55,289	£28.66	55		55,289		
27	£54,277	£28.13	54		54,277		
27	£53,275	£27.61	53		53,275		
27	£52,250	£27.08	52		52,250		
27	£51,538	£26.71	51	51,538			
27	£50,539	£26.20	50	50,539			
27	£49,535	£25.68	49	49,535		Performance Points	
27	£48,506	£25.14	48	48,506			

**Proposed**

Leave Days	New 1 Oct 22	New 1 Oct 22	SCP	BAND 9	BAND 10	BAND 11	BAND 12
27	£79,491	£41.20	70				79,491
27	£77,447	£40.14	69				77,447
27	£75,287	£39.02	68				75,287
27	£73,201	£37.94	67				73,201
27	£71,206	£36.91	66				71,206
27	£69,280	£35.91	65				
27	£67,435	£34.95	64				
27	£65,670	£34.04	63			65,670	
27	£63,978	£33.16	62			63,978	
27	£62,310	£32.30	61			62,310	
27	£60,988	£31.61	60			60,988	
27	£59,757	£30.97	59			59,757	
27	£58,528	£30.34	58			58,528	
27	£57,309	£29.70	57		57,309		
27	£56,310	£29.19	56		56,310		
27	£55,289	£28.66	55		55,289		
27	£54,277	£28.13	54		54,277		
27	£53,275	£27.61	53		53,275		
27	£52,250	£27.08	52		52,250		
27	£51,538	£26.71	51	51,538			
27	£50,539	£26.20	50	50,539			
27	£49,535	£25.68	49	49,535		Performance Points	
27	£48,506	£25.14	48	48,506			

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27	£47,466	£24.60	47	47,466			
27	£46,390	£24.05	46	46,390			

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27	£46,390	£24.05	46	46,390			



Leave Days	October 2021	Hourly Rate October 2021	SCP	BAND 1	BAND 2	BAND 3	BAND 4	BAND 5	BAND 6	BAND 7	BAND 8	BAND 9	BAND 10	BAND 11	BAND 12	BAND 13	Chief Exec (CX)
27	£130,928	£67.87	CX5														130,928
27	£126,578	£65.61	CX4														126,578
27	£123,192	£63.86	CX3														123,192
27	£119,497	£61.94	CX2														119,497
27	£115,911	£60.08	CX1														115,911
27	£109,660	£56.84	81														
27	£106,471	£55.19	80														
27	£103,368	£53.58	79														
27	£100,358	£52.02	78													100,358	
27	£97,437	£50.51	77													97,437	
27	£94,584	£49.03	76													94,584	
27	£91,842	£47.61	75													91,842	
27	£89,216	£46.25	74													89,216	
27	£86,676	£44.93	73														
27	£84,205	£43.65	72														
27	£81,803	£42.40	71														
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26	£33,105	£17.16	33													33,105	
26	£32,175	£16.68	32													32,175	
26	£31,242	£16.19	31													31,242	
25	£30,347	£15.73	30													30,347	
25	£29,401	£15.24	29													29,401	
25	£28,439	£14.74	28													28,439	
24	£27,346	£14.17	27													27,346	
24	£26,731	£13.86	26													26,731	
24	£25,881	£13.42	25													25,881	
23	£25,055	£12.99	24													25,055	
23	£24,290	£12.59	23													24,290	
23	£23,620	£12.24	22													23,620	
23	£22,595	£11.71	21													22,595	
22	£21,933	£11.37	20													21,933	
22	£21,391	£11.09	19													21,391	
22	£20,669	£10.71	18													20,669	
22	£20,064	£10.40	17													20,064	
22	£19,476	£10.10	16													19,476	
22	£18,907	£9.80	15													18,907	
22	£18,717	£9.70	14													18,717	
Employee Notice Period				1 Month				Two Months				Three Months					



**COUNCIL – 10 OCTOBER 2022**

## **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1. That the Council:

- Approve the Returning Officer's final recommendations for formal designation of polling districts and polling places;
- Note representations as part of the consultation; and
- Note alteration to polling districts.

### **2. PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW**

2.1. The recent review of the New Forest electoral arrangements by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) has necessitated a review of polling districts and places to ensure that polling districts are coterminous with the revised ward boundaries.

2.2. This is not a compulsory five-year review as required by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the last of which was undertaken during 2019. Instead, this is an interim review to ensure the appropriateness of arrangements as part of the implementation of the electoral review changes, however the Electoral Commission guidance for undertaking the compulsory review will be followed.

2.3. The new boundaries do not come into force until May 2023 and any changes made as part of this review will also not be effective until that time.

2.4. This is not a matter that can be dealt with under delegated authority and the recommendations must be approved by Council.

2.5. The following definitions and requirements are provided as background information:

- A Polling District is a geographical area created by a sub-division of a UK Parliamentary constituency for the purposes of a UK Parliamentary Election
- A Polling Place is a building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer
- A Polling Station is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place. Polling stations are chosen by the Returning Officer
- Each district council must provide "such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances". The Council has a responsibility to ensure that, so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled
- Unless special circumstances apply, a polling place and polling station should be in the same polling district
- The Returning Officer has no power to requisition buildings in private ownership for use as polling stations but is entitled to use schools maintained or assisted by a local authority, as well as those schools' receiving grants made out of monies provided by Parliament. This includes academies and free schools.

### 3. REVIEW PROCESS

- 3.1. Following the General Purposes and Licensing Committee's approval to conduct this review at their meeting in July 2022 a formal Notice of Review was published, and representations invited during the six-week consultation period between 18 July and 28 August 2022.
- 3.2. The following actions were undertaken to ensure that the review was widely communicated:
- A Notice of Review was published on the Council's website and displayed at all the Council's Information Offices
  - A press release was prepared and published on the Council's website
  - Information on the review was included in the Council's resident and staff e-newsletter
  - The Council's social media channels were utilised
  - Emails/Letters were sent to elected representatives including MPs, district council members and parish and town councils
  - Emails inviting comments were sent to known disability groups within the area
- 3.3. A dedicated area of the Council's website was also established containing background information to the review including maps of the proposed polling districts and an online form for representations to be made.
- 3.4. A meeting with a representative from the New Forest Disability Information Service was held in August, and their views on the review were gained as well as general guidance to help improve the polling places for those with access needs.
- 3.5. Meetings were also held with representatives from Waterside Primary School and Wildground Junior School, which are the two schools currently designated as polling stations in the Hythe area, at the end of their summer term.
- 3.6. Six drop-in sessions were held to invite members of the council and relevant town and parish councils to further consult on changes to polling districts and places arising directly from the ward boundary changes and to make comments regarding any known issues and concerns using local knowledge. Specific sessions were held for New Milton, Ringwood, Hythe and Dibden, Fawley, Totton and Lymington and Pennington and a sixth session was held welcoming other councillors.
- 3.7. As part of the initial consultation with the Returning Officer all existing polling places and/or stations were given a RAG rating and those identified as red or amber were visited to understand and mitigate known issues. This totalled 18 sites. A number of these arose directly out of the ward boundary changes where the previous polling station was now outside of the district ward boundary and an alternative venue needed to be identified.

### 4. SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.1. During the consultation 70 representations were received, each of which being given full consideration by the Returning Officer in informing their final recommendations at **appendix 1**. A summary of all representations and the Returning Officer's response can be found at **appendix 2**.

- 4.2. Nine of the representations received could not be considered as part of this review, three related to postal voting, five could not be related to a specific polling station and one was with regard to the naming of the new district wards which have been laid before parliament and this review does not provide an option for commentary on these changes.

## **5. RETURNING OFFICER'S FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1. In considering all representations, consultation discussions with elected members and Town & Parish Councils, and the issues previously identified or arising from boundary changes, the Returning Officer has recommended the following changes.

### **Ashley Bashley and Fernhill**

Representations for this ward have been considered all concerning the geographical location of New Milton Cricket Club, which is no longer a viable location for a polling place due to it being outside of the district ward boundary. The Returning Officer's final recommendation is that New Milton Cricket Club will no longer be used as a polling station, and for electors in polling district NJ, Bashley Village Hall (new polling station) will be the designated polling place and electors in polling district NK will be invited to use St Peters Church Hall as their polling place.

Additionally, Bashley Village Hall has been considered to be a more suitable alternative to St Johns Church Hall (polling station for polling district NF) and is within very close proximity to the existing venue. St Johns Church Hall will no longer be used as a polling station. This will be replaced by Bashley Village Hall.

### **Ashurst, Bramshaw, Copythorne and Netley Marsh**

Valetta Barn is no longer available for use as a polling place and consequently the Returning Officer recommends the continued use of Fritham Free Church as the polling place for polling district BF.

### **Barton and Becton**

The Sea Scouts Hall on Becton Lane has been assessed and is deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for electors in polling district NM. The Returning Officer's staff will work with the venue to identify any opportunities to improve accessibility and lighting.

### **Bransgore, Burley, Sopley and Ringwood East**

The existing polling place for the polling district RI, Crow W.I. hall, is now outside of the district ward boundary and consequently the Returning Officer has determined that the new polling place for these electors should be Burley Village Hall. Crow W.I. Hall will no longer be used as a polling station.

### **Brockenhurst and Denny Lodge**

The existing polling place for the polling districts DL and DM is now outside of the district ward boundary and consequently the Returning Officer has determined that the new polling place for these electors should be the Beaulieu Road Hotel (new polling station).

Additionally, the existing polling district BM will combine with existing polling district BK to become polling district BK. Polling district BM will no longer exist. The previous polling place for polling district BM is outside of the district ward boundary and it has

been determined that the more suitable polling place is Brockenhurst Village Hall which is the existing polling place for BK.

### **Downlands and Forest North**

The existing polling place for polling district MR, Blandford Hall, was highlighted in the initial consultation due to the access being via steps to the hall. Although an alternative was assessed its location was not deemed to be as convenient and on balance Blandford Hall is deemed to represent a more appropriate venue with appropriate mitigation from polling station staff.

### **Fawley, Blackfield, Calshot and Langley**

Representation was made in favour of the continued use of Blackfield Baptist Church, which is no longer a viable location for a polling place due to it now being outside of the district ward boundary. Having considered suitable alternatives within the district ward the Returning Officer's final recommendation is that Blackfield Baptist Church will no longer be used as a polling station and the designated polling place for the polling districts of FC and FE will be the Royal British Legion Club (new polling station) on Exbury Road. Existing polling district FE will combine with existing polling district FC, to become FC. Polling district FE will no longer exist.

Additionally, the polling district boundary between polling districts FD and FB will be moved. Endorsed by the ward members for Fawley, Blackfield & Langley there are two isolated properties within polling district FB and moving the boundary will mean that these electors are provided with a more accessible polling station within polling district FD.

### **Hythe South**

Nine representations were received for this ward which have been considered as part of the review. All of which concerned the two schools which are currently designated as polling places in the Hythe South ward.

The use of schools is a contentious and divisive issue and in making their final recommendations the Returning Officer has sought to balance the importance of individuals having easy and convenient access to exercise their democratic right to vote and the education of children who have not only been significantly impacted by the pandemic but where maintaining attendance levels is a key priority. In meeting with the schools, it was also apparent that their use for polling causes disruption and inconvenience to the school, its children, and the parents. Additionally, the Government has asked Returning Officer's not to use schools for the past two parliamentary elections, although the law still allows for this. Representations have been received against the using of schools for these reasons and also in support of using these schools due to their central location within the communities that they serve.

Where possible the Council and the Returning Officer has tried not to use schools as polling places and in every other area a suitable alternative has been available. It is unfortunate that the only two polling districts where schools have needed to be used are both within the same district ward area and where the alternatives previously considered appropriate are now both outside of the new ward boundary.

Alternatives have been investigated as part of the review for both schools.

Waterside School (polling district HK1) - The Scout Hut on Shore Road has been assessed for its suitability as an alternative to the school and has been identified as

the only potential alternative venue within the polling district area. However, the Scout Hut does not allow for good pedestrian access with an absence of pavements along the road and a poorly surfaced walkway from the Langdown estate. Parking along the road has also been cited as a potential issue. The school still provides the only viable polling place for this polling district and is being designated as such by the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer's staff will work closely with the school to mitigate the impact of this decision which will include possible options to use the school site without it needing to fully close, whilst ensuring the safeguarding of children.

Wildground School (polling district HN) – Two possible alternatives to using Wildground School have been identified and assessed, St. Anne's Neighbourhood Centre and the Glen public house. The Glen could provide a suitable alternative, near the school with a central location in the community and a separate function room which would enable the polling station to be away from the public bar area. Disabled access would be facilitated through the bar itself due to the presence of steps to the function room, however this could be mitigated by additional staffing and signage. St. Anne's Neighbourhood Centre is already used as a polling station for the HO polling district within the Hythe South Ward and although it could accommodate a double polling station with HN it has been ruled out due to restricted available parking. Having considered all options the Returning Officer has concluded that The Glen be designated as the polling place for polling district HN. This, as with all changes, will be kept under review.

### **Lymington**

The Sea Scouts Hall on Kings Saltern Road has been assessed and is deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for electors in polling district LD. The Returning Officer's staff will work with the venue to identify any opportunities to improve accessibility and lighting.

### **Milford and Hordle**

Representations received for this ward concerned the accessibility and available facilities at Brockenhurst Young Farmers Club. This has also been identified by the Returning Officer's staff as an existing issue. A suitable alternative has been identified within the polling district and the Returning Officer's final recommendation is that Brockenhurst Young Farmers Club will no longer be used as a polling station, with the River of Life Church Hall (new polling station) being designated as the polling place for the polling district HC.

### **Pennington**

The previous polling station for polling district LF, Pennington WI Hall, is no longer available and an alternative needed to be established. Representations were received for this ward which has been considered as part of the review. The Returning Officer's initial recommendation was that the Pennington Sports and Social Club be the new polling place for this electorate, although two other alternatives have also been identified as part of the review. The Town Council Pavilion was considered and is not a viable option as it is used as a day nursery and would not be available. The 1st Lymington and Pennington Scout hut has also been considered and although it would prove a suitable alternative, the facilities at the Pennington Sports and Social Club have been fully assessed for accessibility. Therefore, the Returning Officer's final recommendation is that Pennington Sports and Social Club should be designated as the polling place for polling district LF.

### **Totton Central**

The existing polling place for the polling districts TA, Totton & Eling Cricket Club is now outside of the district ward boundary and consequently the Returning Officer has determined that the new polling place for these electors should be the Totton & Eling Community Centre, which is used as an existing polling station.

### **Totton North**

Alternative polling places have been considered for polling district TL, the portacabin at Tottonians Rugby Football Club, however it is still considered that this is the most appropriate venue and location, and further work will be undertaken to assess the viability of alternatives ahead of the next statutory review.

### **Totton South**

West Totton Community Centre is no longer a viable venue for polling district TB as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The Returning Officer has determined that the most suitable alternative venue is Totton and Eling Cricket Club, which is used as an existing polling station.

- 5.2. The final designation of all polling districts and polling places can be found at **appendix 1** and a revised map of polling districts at **appendix 3**.
- 5.3. Where a polling district boundary has needed to be moved to align with the new ward boundaries, part areas that are moving to a different polling district are suffixed with a 'Z'. This may mean that voters will now need to go to a different polling place within their new polling district. A summary of these changes is in the table at **appendix 4** and should be considered in conjunction with the map at **appendix 3**.
- 5.4. Maps for each new district ward, with all polling districts and polling places marked, can be found on the Council's website at <https://newforest.gov.uk/districtsandplacesreview2022>

## **6. NEXT STEPS**

- 6.1. Subject to approval at Council the Returning Officer's recommendations when agreed will be published on the Council's website and implemented accordingly.
- 6.2. In accordance with guidance from the Electoral Commission all representations received as part of the review will be published on the Council's website. Consideration has been given to data protection and all personal data will be omitted from this publication.
- 6.3. Where Polling Stations have changed electors will be informed of the change in writing and invited to apply for a postal vote if this is more convenient. These changes will also be highlighted on poll cards for the May 2023 elections.
- 6.4. The revised electoral register, to be published for December 2022, will contain part areas suffixed by the letter 'Z'. These part areas will remain within the existing wards until the changes come into effect in May 2023 and will subsequently form part of the relevant polling district when the 2023 revised register is published.
- 6.5. Any changes will be kept under review and further consideration will be given to necessary improvements for the next compulsory polling places and polling district review in 2024.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. There are no financial implications arising directly out of this report.

## **8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. Each polling station is assessed to ensure accessibility requirements are met and where this is not the case the review considered alternative venues or any necessary mitigating actions.

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. The small geographic nature of polling districts means that electors are only required to travel a short distance to their polling station if they are travelling by car.

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

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Table of Returning Officer's commentary and final recommendations

Ashley, Bashley and Fernhill

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
NF (PART)	St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Road, BH25 5SB	1102	Green	Bashley Village Hall has been identified as a new polling place for NF, which has been considered to provide a more practical alternative to the continued use of St. Johns. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district NF now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Ballard ward.	NF	Change	Change
NJ	New Milton Cricket Club, Fernhill Lane, BH25 5SU	1512	Red	New Milton Cricket Club is no longer a viable option as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative for polling district NJ has been identified as Bashley Village Hall which is a new polling place and for polling district NK the most suitable alternative has been identified as St Peters Church Hall. New Milton Cricket Club will no longer operate as a polling station.	NJ	No Change	Change
NK	New Milton Cricket Club, Fernhill Lane, BH25 5SU	1579	Red	New Milton Cricket Club is no longer a viable option as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative for polling district NJ has been identified as Bashley Village Hall which is a new polling place and for polling district NK the most suitable alternative has been identified as St Peters Church Hall. New Milton Cricket Club will no longer operate as a polling station.	NK	No Change	Change
NL	St Peters Church Hall, Ashley Common Road, BH25 5AR	2282	Green	Adequate existing arrangements. St Peters Church Hall will now operate as a double polling station for polling districts NK and NL.	NL	No Change	No Change

Ashurst, Bramshaw, Copythorne and Netley Marsh

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
BF	Fritham Free Church, Fritham, SO43 7HL/Valletta Barn, Fritham SO43 7HJ	147	Green	Valetta Barn is no longer a viable option as the venue is unavailable and therefore Fritham Free Church will be the designated polling place for polling district BF.	BF	Change	Change
AC	Colbury Memorial Hall, Main Road, SO40 7EL	1733	Green	Adequate existing arrangements.	AC	No Change	No Change
BE	Bramshaw Village Hall, Bramshaw, SO43 7JE	404	Green	Adequate existing arrangements.	BE	No Change	No Change
CN	Copythorne Parish Hall, Pollards Moor Road, SO40 2NZ	1002	Green	Adequate existing arrangements.	CN	No Change	No Change
CS	Copythorne Parish Hall, Pollards Moor Road, SO40 2NZ	1255	Green	Adequate existing arrangements.	CS	No Change	No Change
NB	Netley Marsh Community Hall, Woodlands Road, SO40 7GE	1655	Green	Adequate existing arrangements.	NB	No Change	No Change

Ballard

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
NG	New Milton District Guide H.Q., Lake Grove Road, BH25 5LA	1154		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district NF (Ashley, Bashley and Fernhill) now falls within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district NG in December 2023 and is therefore identified as NG/Z. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	NG, NG/Z	No change to polling place - New Milton District Guide H.Q., Lake Grove Road, BH25 5LA	
NH	Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, BH25 5NY	844		Representation has been given due consideration, the Nedderman Centre is still deemed to be the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	NH	No change to polling place - Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, BH25 5NY	
NI	Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, BH25 5NY	1098		Representation has been given due consideration, the Nedderman Centre is still deemed to be the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	NI	No change to polling place - Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, BH25 5NY	

Barton and Becton

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
NC (PART)	Barton-on-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Cliffe Road, BH25 7PA	2388		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district NC now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Milton ward. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	NC	No change to polling place - Barton-on-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Cliffe Road, BH25 7PA	
NM (PART)	Sea Scouts Hall, Becton Lane, BH25 7AF	1318		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district NM now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Milton ward. Sea scout's hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Representation has been given due consideration and mitigation actions for driveway and lighting will be implemented.	NM	No change to polling place - Sea Scouts Hall, Becton Lane, BH25 7AF	
ND	Barton-on-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Cliffe Road, BH25 7PA	2336		Representation has been given due consideration, Barton-on-Sea Methodist Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	ND	No change to polling place - Barton-on-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Cliffe Road, BH25 7PA	

Bransgore, Burley, Sopley and Ringwood East

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
RI (PART)	Crowe W I Hall, Crow Lane, BH24 3EA	371	Red	Crowe WI Hall is no longer a viable option as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative venue has been identified as Burley Village Hall. Burley Village Hall is an existing polling place for polling district BU and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district RI now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Ringwood South ward.	RI	Polling place moves to - Burley Village Hall, Pound Lane, BH24 4ED	Change
BH	Bransgore Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, BH23 8AY	1638	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and Bransgore Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	BH	No change to polling place - Bransgore Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, BH23 8AY	No Change
BI	Bransgore Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, BH23 8AY	1719	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and Bransgore Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	BI	No change to polling place - Bransgore Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, BH23 8AY	No Change
BU	Burley Village Hall, Pound Lane, BH24 4ED	1147	Yellow	Representation has been given due consideration and although alternative sites have been considered, Burley Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	BU	No change to polling place - Burley Village Hall, Pound Lane, BH24 4ED	No Change
SO	Sopley Village Hall, Priest Lane, BH23 7BA	743	Yellow	Representation has been given due consideration and although alternative sites have been considered, Sopley Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district. Mitigation actions for lighting will be implemented.	SO	No change to polling place - Sopley Village Hall, Priest Lane, BH23 7BA	No Change

Brockenhurst and Denny Lodge

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
BK	Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, SO42 7RY	1621	Green	Representation has been given due consideration. Existing polling district BM will combine with existing polling district BK to become polling district BK, polling district BM will no longer exist. Brockenhurst Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for polling districts BK (inc. electorate previously from polling district BM) and BL.	BK	No change to polling place - Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, SO42 7RY	No Change
BL	Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, SO42 7RY	1115	Green	Representation has been given due consideration. Existing polling district BM will combine with existing polling district BK to become polling district BK, polling district BM will no longer exist. Brockenhurst Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for polling districts BK (inc. electorate previously from polling district BM) and BL.	BL	No change to polling place - Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, SO42 7RY	No Change
BM	St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Road, BH25 5SB	123	Red	St Johns Church Halls is no longer a viable venue as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration and the more suitable polling place has been identified as Brockenhurst Village Hall which is the existing polling place for BK. Existing polling district BM will combine with existing polling district BK to become polling district BK. Polling district BM will no longer exist.	BK	Polling place moves to - Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, SO42 7RY	Change
DL	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, Palace Lane, SO42 7YG	116	Red	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall is no longer a viable options as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration and the most suitable alternative has been identified as Beaulieu Road Hotel which is a new polling place.	DL	New polling place - Beaulieu Road Hotel, Beaulieu Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7YQ	Change
DM	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, Palace Lane, SO42 7YG	123	Red	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall is no longer a viable options as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration and the most suitable alternative has been identified as Beaulieu Road Hotel which is a new polling place.	DM	New polling place - Beaulieu Road Hotel, Beaulieu Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7YQ	Change

Dibden and Dibden Purlieu

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
HP	St Andrew's Centre, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu, SO45 4PT	2212		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two small geographical areas from polling district HN (Hythe South) now fall within this ward. The electorate for these areas will become a part of polling district HP in December 2023 and are therefore identified as HP/Z1 and HP/Z2. Representation has been given due consideration and St Andrew's Church is deemed to represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	HP, HP/Z1, HP/Z2	NO CHANGE	
HG	Hythe & Dibden Football Club, Claypits Lane, SO45 5TN	1630		Alternative sites have been considered and were found to not be a viable alternative. Representation has been given due consideration and Hythe & Dibden Football Club is therefore deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue.	HG	NO CHANGE	
HH	Hythe & Dibden Football Club, Claypits Lane, SO45 5TN	1468		Alternative sites have been considered and were found to not be a viable alternative. Representation has been given due consideration and Hythe & Dibden Football Club is therefore deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue.	HH	NO CHANGE	

Downlands and Forest North

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
BR	Hulse Hall, Salisbury Road, SP6 2EA	311		Adequate existing arrangements.	BR	NO CHANGE	
DA	Damerham Village Hall, West Park Lane, SP6 3HB	461		Representation has been given due consideration, Damerham Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	DA	NO CHANGE	
HA	Hale Village Hall, Hatchett Green, SP6 2NE	471		Adequate existing arrangements.	HA	NO CHANGE	
MR	Blandford Hall, Martin, SP6 3LR	351		Alternative sites have been considered but Blandford Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue.	MR	NO CHANGE	
RK	Rockbourne Village Hall, Rockbourne, SP6 3NH	247		Adequate existing arrangements	RK	NO CHANGE	
SA	Sandleheath Village Hall, Main Road, SP6 1TD	456		Adequate existing arrangements	SA	NO CHANGE	
WH	Whitsbury Village Hall, Fordingbridge Road, SP6 3PZ	162		Adequate existing arrangements	WH	NO CHANGE	
WO	Woodgreen Village Hall, Hale Road, SP6 2AQ	408		Adequate existing arrangements	WO	NO CHANGE	

Fawley, Blackfield, Calshot and Langley

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
FC (PART)	Blackfield Baptist Church Hall, Hampton Lane, SO45 1XA	1385	Red	Blackfield Baptist Church is no longer a viable venue as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration but the most suitable alternative venue has been identified as The Fawley Royal British Legion which is a new polling place for polling districts FC and FE. Existing polling district FE will combine with existing polling district FC to become polling district FC. Polling district FE will no longer exist. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district FC now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Hardley, Holbury and North Blackfield ward.	FC	CHANGE New polling place - Fawley Royal British Legion, Exbury Road, Blackfield, SO45 1XD	CHANGE
FE (PART)	Blackfield Baptist Church Hall, Hampton Lane, SO45 1XA	771	Red	Blackfield Baptist Church is no longer a viable venue as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration but the most suitable alternative venue has been identified as The Fawley Royal British Legion which is a new polling place for polling districts FC and FE. Existing polling district FE will combine with existing polling district FC to become polling district FC. Polling district FE will no longer exist. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district FE now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Hardley, Holbury and North Blackfield ward.	FC	CHANGE New polling place - Fawley Royal British Legion, Exbury Road, Blackfield, SO45 1XD	CHANGE
FA	St George's Centre, Tristan Close, SO45 1BN	322	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and St George's Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	FA	NO CHANGE No change to polling place - St George's Centre, Tristan Close, SO45 1BN	NO CHANGE
FB	Jubilee Hall, The Square, SO45 1DD	1209	Green	Adequate existing arrangements. The boundary between polling district FD and FB will be moved and polling district FD will be extended to include a small number of isolated properties which are closer in proximity to FD than FB.	FB	NO CHANGE No change to polling place - Jubilee Hall, The Square, SO45 1DD	NO CHANGE
FD	St Francis Church Hall, West Common, SO45 1XU	1763	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and St Francis Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district. The boundary between polling district FD and FB will be moved and polling district FD will be extended to include a small number of isolated properties which are closer in proximity to FD than FB.	FD	NO CHANGE No change to polling place - St Francis Church Hall, West Common, SO45 1XU	NO CHANGE

Fordingbridge, Godshill and Hyde

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
FO	Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, SP6 1AS	2582	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been discussed but Fordingbridge Town Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.	FO	NO CHANGE No change to polling place - Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, SP6 1AS	NO CHANGE
FP	Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, SP6 1AS	2489	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been discussed but Fordingbridge Town Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.	FP	NO CHANGE No change to polling place - Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, SP6 1AS	NO CHANGE
GO	Godshill Village Hall, Woodgreen Road, SP6 2LP	393	Green	Adequate existing arrangements	GO	NO CHANGE No change to polling place - Godshill Village Hall, Woodgreen Road, SP6 2LP	NO CHANGE
HY	Hyde Memorial Hall (Main Hall), Blissford Hill, SP6 2HU	757	Green	Adequate existing arrangements	HY	NO CHANGE No change to polling place - Hyde Memorial Hall (Main Hall), Blissford Hill, SP6 2HU	NO CHANGE

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Forest and Solent

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
BA	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, Palace Lane, SO42 7YG	639		Adequate existing arrangements	BA	No change to polling place - Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, Palace Lane, SO42 7YG	
BC	Boldre War Memorial Hall, Pilley Street, SO41 5QG	1323		Representation has been given due consideration and Boldre War Memorial Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	BC	No change to polling place - Boldre War Memorial Hall, Pilley Street, SO41 5QG	
BD	Boldre War Memorial Hall, Pilley Street, SO41 5QG	288		Representation has been given due consideration and Boldre War Memorial Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	BD	No change to polling place - Boldre War Memorial Hall, Pilley Street, SO41 5QG	
EB	The Old School Rooms, Main Road. East Boldre, SO42 7WT	682		Representation has been given due consideration and The Old School Rooms is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	EB	No change to polling place - The Old School Rooms, Main Road. East Boldre, SO42 7WT	
EX	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, Palace Lane, SO42 7YG	133		Adequate existing arrangements	EX	No change to polling place - Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, Palace Lane, SO42 7YG	

Hardley, Holbury and North Blackfield

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
FF	The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Roewood Road, SO45 2JH	2083		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two small geographical areas from polling districts FC and FE (Fawley, Blackfield, Calshot and Langley) now fall within this ward. The electorate for these areas will become a part of polling district FF in December 2023 and are therefore identified as FF/Z1 and FF/Z2. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	FF, FF/Z1, FF/Z2	No change to polling place - The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Roewood Road, SO45 2JH	
FG	Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley Green, SO45 3NZ	2141		Adequate existing arrangements	FG	No change to polling place - Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley Green, SO45 3NZ	
FI	Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley Green, SO45 3NZ	1108		Adequate existing arrangements	FI	No change to polling place - Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley Green, SO45 3NZ	

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Hythe Central

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
HI	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane, SO45 6DU	1441		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts HK1 (Hythe South) now fall within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district HI in December 2023 and is therefore identified as HI/Z. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	HI, HI/Z	NO CHANGE	
HK2	The Grove, St Johns Street, SO45 6BZ	617		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts HK1 (Hythe South) now fall within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district HK2 in December 2023 and is therefore identified as HK2/Z. Representation has been given due consideration and The Grove is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	HK2, HK2/Z	NO CHANGE	
HM	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane, SO45 6DU	1679		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts HK1 (Hythe South) now fall within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district HM in December 2023 and is therefore identified as HM/Z. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	HM, HM/Z	NO CHANGE	
HL	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane, SO45 6DU	1615		Adequate existing arrangements	HL	NO CHANGE	

Hythe South

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
55 HK1 (PART)	Waterside Primary School, Ashford Crescent, SO45 6ET	1054		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.	HK1	NO CHANGE	
HN (PART)	Wildground Infant School, Crete Road, SO45 4JX	1191		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two geographical areas from polling district HN now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Dibden and Dibden Purlieu ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed and The Glen has been deemed to represent the most appropriate alternative location and venue for this polling district.	HN	CHANGE	
HJ	Fountain Court Hotel, Frost Lane, SO45 3NE	1606		Adequate existing arrangements.	HJ	NO CHANGE	
HO	St Anne`s Neighbourhood Centre, Warrys Close, SO45 3QR	1625		Adequate existing arrangements.	HO	NO CHANGE	

**Lymington**

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
LD	Lymington Sea Scouts Hall, King's Saltern Road, SO41 3QD	1533		Representation has been given due consideration and Lymington Sea Scout Hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Mitigation actions for lighting will be implemented.	LD	No change to polling place - Lymington Sea Scouts Hall, King's Saltern Road, SO41 3QD	
LA (PART)	Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, SO41 9ZG	1038		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district LA now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Pennington ward. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	LA	No change to polling place - Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, SO41 9ZG	
LE (PART)	Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, SO41 9ZG	1124		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district LE now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Pennington ward. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	LE	No change to polling place - Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, SO41 9ZG	
LB	Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, SO41 9ZG	1332		Adequate existing arrangements.	LB	No change to polling place - Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, SO41 9ZG	
LC	St Thomas Church Hall, St Thomas Street, SO41 9ND	1396		Representation has been given due consideration and St Thomas Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	LC	No change to polling place - St Thomas Church Hall, St Thomas Street, SO41 9ND	

**Lyndhurst and Minstead**

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
LM	Lyndhurst Community Centre, Car Park, Off High Street, SO43 7NY	1393		Adequate existing arrangements.	LM	No change to polling place - Lyndhurst Community Centre, Car Park, Off High Street, SO43 7NY	
LN	Lyndhurst Community Centre, Car Park, Off High Street, SO43 7NY	1091		Adequate existing arrangements.	LN	No change to polling place - Lyndhurst Community Centre, Car Park, Off High Street, SO43 7NY	
MN	Minstead Hall, Lyndhurst Road, SO43 7FX	591		Adequate existing arrangements.	MN	No change to polling place - Minstead Hall, Lyndhurst Road, SO43 7FX	



Marchwood and Eling

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
TI	Totton Masonic Hall, Lexby Road, Eling, SO40 9HD	1690		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts TE (Totton Central) now fall within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district TI in December 2023 and is therefore identified as TI/Z. Representations and alternative sites have been given due consideration but Totton Masonic Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue.	TI, TI/Z	NO CHANGE	
MA	Marchwood Village Hall, Village Centre, SO40 4SX	2145		Adequate existing arrangements.	MA	NO CHANGE	
MB	Marchwood Village Hall, Village Centre, SO40 4SX	2280		Adequate existing arrangements.	MB	NO CHANGE	

Milford and Hordle

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
HC	Brockenhurst Young Farmers` Club, Wootton Road, SO41 6FT	239		Representation has been given due consideration and it has been deemed that Brockenhurst Young Farmers is no longer an ideal venue due to issues raised around access and available facilities. The most suitable alternative venue has been identified as River of Life Church which is a new polling place.	HC	CHANGE	
HB	Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, SO41 0FP	1429		Adequate existing arrangements.	HB	NO CHANGE	
HD	Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, SO41 0FP	1698		Adequate existing arrangements.	HD	NO CHANGE	
HE	St Mary`s Church Hall, Branwood Close, SO41 0LU	1284		Adequate existing arrangements.	HE	NO CHANGE	
HF	St Mary`s Church Hall, Branwood Close, SO41 0LU	142		Adequate existing arrangements.	HF	NO CHANGE	
MD	Milford Village Hall, 2 Park Road, SO41 0QU	2040		Adequate existing arrangements.	MD	NO CHANGE	
ME	Milford Church Hall, Greenbanks Close, SO41 0SQ	2174		Representation has been given due consideration and All Saints Milford Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	ME	NO CHANGE	

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Milton

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
NO	New Milton Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Whitefield Road, BH25 6DE	1715		Adequate existing arrangements.	NO	No change to polling place - New Milton Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Whitefield Road, BH25 6DE	
NP	New Milton Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Whitefield Road, BH25 6DE	1861		Adequate existing arrangements.	NP	No change to polling place - New Milton Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Whitefield Road, BH25 6DE	
NQ	Roman Catholic Church Hall, Cowper Avenue, BH25 6NT	2093		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts NC and NM (Barton and Becton) now fall within this ward. The electorate for these areas will become a part of polling district NQ in December 2023 and are therefore identified as NQ/Z1 and NQ/Z2	NQ, NQ/Z1, NQ/Z2	No change to polling place - Roman Catholic Church Hall, Cowper Avenue, BH25 6NT	

Pennington

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
LF	Pennington W I Hall, Lodge Road, SO41 8HJ	2471		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling district LA (Lymington) now falls within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district LF in December 2023 and is therefore identified as LF/Z. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative venues have been explored, however Pennington Sports and Social Club is deemed to represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	LF, LF/Z	New polling place - Pennington Sports and Social Club, 17 Lodge Road, Pennington, Lymington, SO41 8HH	
LG	Lymington Health & Leisure (Studio 1), North Street, Pennington, SO41 8FZ	3031		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling district LE (Lymington) now falls within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district LG in December 2023 and is therefore identified as LG/Z.	LG, LG/Z	No change to polling place - Lymington Health & Leisure (Studio 1), North Street, Pennington, SO41 8FZ	
LH	Lymington Health & Leisure (Studio 1), North Street, Pennington, SO41 8FZ	810		Adequate existing arrangements.	LH	No change to polling place - Lymington Health & Leisure (Studio 1), North Street, Pennington, SO41 8FZ	

Ringwood North and Ellingham

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
EH	Ibsley Village Hall, Gorley Road, BH24 3NL	1023		Representation has been given due consideration and Ibsley Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	EH	No change to polling place - Ibsley Village Hall, Gorley Road, BH24 3NL	
RA	Community Centre Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road, BH24 3LA	1755		Representation has been given due consideration and Community Centre at Poulner Junior School is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	RA	No change to polling place - Community Centre Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road, BH24 3LA	
RB	Community Centre Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road, BH24 3LA	1463		Representation has been given due consideration and Community Centre at Poulner Junior School is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	RB	No change to polling place - Community Centre Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road, BH24 3LA	
RC	St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, BH24 1TY	1683		Adequate existing arrangements	RC	No change to polling place - St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, BH24 1TY	
RH	St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, BH24 1TY	247		Adequate existing arrangements	RH	No change to polling place - St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, BH24 1TY	

Ringwood South

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
RF	Scout Hall, 88 Eastfield Lane, BH24 1UR	2039		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling district RI (Burley, Sopley and Ringwood East) now falls within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district RF in December 2023 and is therefore identified as RF/Z.	RF, RF/Z	No change to polling place - Scout Hall, 88 Eastfield Lane, BH24 1UR	
RD	Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 1DH	1949		Representation has been given due consideration but Trinity Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	RD	No change to polling place - Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 1DH	
RE	Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 1DH	1972		Representation has been given due consideration but Trinity Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	RE	No change to polling place - Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 1DH	

Sway

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
SW	St Lukes Church, Church Lane, SO41 6AD	1352		Representation has been given due consideration and St Lukes Church Hall will be designated as a polling place. St Lukes Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district. Alternative sites will be considered ahead of the next statutory review.	SW	No change to polling place - St Lukes Church Hall, Church Lane, SO41 6AD	
SX	St Lukes Church, Church Lane, SO41 6AD	1547		Representation has been given due consideration and St Lukes Church Hall will be designated as a polling place. St Lukes Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district. Alternative sites will be considered ahead of the next statutory review.	SX	No change to polling place - St Lukes Church Hall, Church Lane, SO41 6AD	

Totton Central

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
TA (PART)	Totton & Eling Cricket Club, Southern Gardens, Ringwood Road, SO40 8RW	1371	Red	Totton and Eling Cricket Club is no longer a viable venue as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative venue has been identified as Totton and Eling Community Centre which is an existing polling place for polling district TE. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district TA now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Totton South ward.	TA	CHANGE	CHANGE
TE (PART)	Totton & Eling Community Centre, Civic Centre, off Salisbury Road, SO40 3AP	1449	Green	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a geographical area from polling district TE now falls outside of this ward. The electorate for this area is reflected in the table for Marchwood and Eling ward. Adequate existing arrangements for polling place.	TE	CHANGE	NO CHANGE
TC	Testwood Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, SO40 3LZ	1962	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and Testwood Baptist Church is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	TC	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
TD	Testwood Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, SO40 3LZ	876	Green	Representation has been given due consideration and Testwood Baptist Church is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	TD	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE

Totton North

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
TL	Portacabin at Tottonians Rugby Football Club, Water Lane, SO40 3ZX	1627	Red	Alternative sites considered but Portacabin at Tottonians Rugby Football Club has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Alternative sites will be considered ahead of the next statutory review.	TL	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
TG	Calmore Community Centre (Hunter Hall), Calmore Drive, SO40 2ZU	2649	Green	Representation has been given due consideration, Calmore Community Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	TG	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
TH	Calmore Community Centre (Hunter Hall), Calmore Drive, SO40 2ZU	2127	Green	Representation has been given due consideration, Calmore Community Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	TH	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
TM	West Totton Community Centre, Hazel Farm Road, SO40 8WU	2112	Green	Representation has been given due consideration, West Totton Community Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	TM	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE

Totton South

Existing polling district(s)	Existing polling station	Number of electors (approx)	RAG rating	Returning Officer's commentary	Proposed polling district(s)	Returning Officer's final recommendation	New RAG rating
TB	West Totton Community Centre, Hazel Farm Road, SO40 8WU	2715	Amber	West Totton Community Centre is no longer a viable venue as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative venue has been identified as Totton and Eling Cricket Club which is an existing polling place. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling district TA (Totton Central) now falls within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district TB in December 2023 and is therefore identified as TB/Z.	TB, TB/Z	Change	Change
TJ	Hounslow Community Hall, Hounslow Avenue, Hounslow, SO40 9EX	1967	Green	Representation has been given due consideration, Hounslow Community Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	TJ	No Change	No Change
TK	Hounslow Community Hall, Hounslow Avenue, Hounslow, SO40 9EX	1459	Green	Representation has been given due consideration, Hounslow Community Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.	TK	No Change	No Change

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**Summary of Representations and Returning Officers Commentary**

**Ashley, Bashley and Fernhill**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
New Milton Cricket Club	Concerns raised around the distance to the polling station being too far.	Guide Hut, Ballard lake	New Milton Cricket Club is no longer a viable option as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative for polling district NJ has been identified as Bashley Village Hall which is a new polling place and for polling district NK the most suitable alternative has been identified as St Peters Church Hall. New Milton Cricket Club will no longer operate as a polling station.
New Milton Cricket Club	Concerns raised around the distance to the polling station being too far and having no option but to drive. Concerns raised around congestion on the road and potential safety.	St Peters Church, Ashley	New Milton Cricket Club is no longer a viable option as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative for polling district NK has been identified as St Peters Church Hall. New Milton Cricket Club will no longer operate as a polling station.
New Milton Cricket Club	Comment endorses the use of the Returning Officers suggested venue and comments need for improved facilities for voting.	Bashley Village Hall	New Milton Cricket Club is no longer a viable option as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. The most suitable alternative for polling district NJ has been identified as Bashley Village Hall which is a new polling place and for polling district NK the most suitable alternative has been identified as St Peters Church Hall. New Milton Cricket Club will no longer operate as a polling station.
All	Comment endorses returning officers recommendations for this ward		Comments noted.

**Ballard**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Nedderman Centre	Concerns raised as to location of this polling station.	Guide Hut, Lake Grove Rad.	Representation has been given due consideration, however the Nedderman Centre is still deemed to be the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Barton and Becton**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
The Scout Hut	Comment supports ROs final recommendation - Some concerns raised over access.		Sea scout's hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Representation has been given due consideration and mitigation actions for driveway and lighting will be implemented.
The Scout Hut	Concerns raised over access, wheelchair access, lighting, improved facilities within and internal lighting.		Sea scout's hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Representation has been given due consideration and mitigation actions for driveway and lighting will be implemented.
The Scout Hut	Good location - Some concerns raised over external lighting and access.		Sea scout's hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Representation has been given due consideration and mitigation actions for driveway and lighting will be implemented.
Barton-on-Sea Methodist Hall	Comments supports continued use of this venue.		Representation has been given due consideration and Barton-on-Sea Methodist Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Bransgore, Burley, Sopley and Ringwood East**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Bransgore Village Hall	Comments that venue should not change.		Representation has been given due consideration and Bransgore Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Bransgore Village Hall	Comments that venue is central, accessible and has good parking.		Representation has been given due consideration and Bransgore Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Burley Village Hall	Comments that venue works well.		Representation has been given due consideration and although alternative sites have been considered and Burley Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Sopley Village Hall	Comments that venue is central, accessible and has good facilities.		Representation has been given due consideration and although alternative sites have been considered and Sopley Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district. Mitigation actions for lighting will be implemented.

**Brockenhurst and Denny Lodge**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Brockenhurst Village Hall	Concerns raised around the polling districts served by this polling station, timing of the review, and endorses no change to current location and venue.		Representation has been given due consideration. Existing polling district BM will combine with existing polling district BK to become polling district BK, polling district BM will no longer exist. Brockenhurst Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for polling districts BK (inc. electorate previously from polling district BM) and BL.
Brockenhurst Village Hall	Comments that the venue is excellent, in a good location with good facilities and parking.		Representation has been given due consideration. Existing polling district BM will combine with existing polling district BK to become polling district BK, polling district BM will no longer exist. Brockenhurst Village Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue and location for polling districts BK (inc. electorate previously from polling district BM) and BL.
St Johns Church Hall	Comments support RO's final recommendation to combine polling districts BM and BK and designate Brockenhurst Village Hall as polling place.	Brockenhurst Village Hall	St Johns Church Halls is no longer a viable venue as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration and the more suitable polling place has been identified as Brockenhurst Village Hall which is the existing polling place for BK. Existing polling district BM will combine with existing polling district BK to become polling district BK. Polling district BM will no longer exist.
Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall	Comments support RO's final recommendation to designate Beaulieu Road Hotel as polling district for DL and DM.	Beaulieu Road Hotel	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall is no longer a viable options as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration and the most suitable alternative has been identified as Beaulieu Road Hotel which is a new polling place.

**Dibden and Dibden Purlieu**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Hythe & Dibden Football Club	Comments that the venue is accessible and has flat level access.		Alternative sites have been considered and were found to not be a viable alternative. Representation has been given due consideration and Hythe & Dibden Football Club is therefore deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue.
St Andrew's Centre	Comments that the venue is convenient and within walking distance.		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two small geographical areas from polling district HN (Hythe South) now fall within this ward. The electorate for these areas will become a part of polling district HP in December 2023 and are therefore identified as HP/Z1 and HP/Z2. Representation has been given due consideration and St Andrew's Church is deemed to represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Downlands and Forest North**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Damerham Village Hall	Comments that venue is central, convenient and has good parking.	No alternative and would not support the use of the village school.	Representation has been given due consideration, Damerham Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Fawley, Blackfield, Calshot and Langley**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
St Francis Church Hall	Comments that venue is accessible and endorses no change to current location and venue.		Representation has been given due consideration and St Francis Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
St George's Centre	Comments that venue is central for the community and endorses no change to current location and venue.		Representation has been given due consideration and St George's Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Blackfield Baptist Church	Comment supports the continued use of Blackfield Baptist Church. In the absence of this Royal British Legion or QE2 Hall suggested as alternatives.	Royal British Legion or QE 2 Hall.	Blackfield Baptist Church is no longer a viable venue as it now falls outside of the district ward boundary. Representation has been given due consideration but the most suitable alternative venue has been identified as The Fawley Royal British Legion which is a new polling place for polling districts FC and FE. Existing polling district FE will combine with existing polling district FC to become polling district FC. Polling district FE will no longer exist.

**Fordingbridge, Godshill and Hyde**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Fordingbridge Town Hall	Comments that alternative is more appropriate venue due to better parking.	Victoria rooms	Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been discussed but Fordingbridge Town Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.
Fordingbridge Town Hall	Comment endorses no change to current location and venue.		Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been discussed but Fordingbridge Town Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.
Fordingbridge Town Hall	Comments that current venue has good disabled access for mobility scooters, level access, seats for elderly, space for pick up and drop off, community knows the venue. Alternative venue has narrow access, steps and no pick up or drop off.		Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been discussed but Fordingbridge Town Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.
Fordingbridge Town Hall	Comment endorses no change to current location and venue but comments that any location in Fordingbridge would be suitable.	The Victoria Rooms. Fordingbridge	Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been discussed but Fordingbridge Town Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.

**Forest and Solent**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
The Old School Rooms	Comments that the current location and venue works well.		Representation has been given due consideration and The Old School Rooms is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Boldre War Memorial Hall	Comments that venue is suitable and has good parking. Comments that no school has to shut for it to operate.		Representation has been given due consideration and Boldre War Memorial Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.



Hythe Central

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
The Grove	Comments that any alternative would need to be in walking distance	Community Centre, Jones Lane	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts HK1 (Hythe South) now fall within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district HK2 in December 2023 and is therefore identified as HK2/Z. Representation has been given due consideration and The Grove is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
The Grove	Comments that venue is in a good location and has good parking.		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts HK1 (Hythe South) now fall within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district HK2 in December 2023 and is therefore identified as HK2/Z. Representation has been given due consideration and The Grove is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

Hythe South

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Wildground School and Waterside Primary School	Comment endorses the use of schools as they are central to the communities they serve and encourages mitigation against potential disruption to schools.	No	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two geographical areas from polling district HN now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Dibden and Dibden Purlieu ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed and The Glen has been deemed to represent the most appropriate alternative location and venue for this polling district.
Wildground School and St Andrews Church Dibden Purlieu	Comments that the venues are convenient and local.		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two geographical areas from polling district HN now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Dibden and Dibden Purlieu ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed and The Glen has been deemed to represent the most appropriate alternative location and venue for this polling district.
School use	Concerns raised around using schools or preschools for the purposes of voting, disruption to education and safeguarding issues.	Not applicable	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two geographical areas from polling district HN now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Dibden and Dibden Purlieu ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed and The Glen has been deemed to represent the most appropriate alternative location and venue for this polling district.
School use	Concerns raised around using schools for the purposes of voting, increased risks, safeguarding issues, having to close schools, disruption to education (particularly post covid), venues located in areas of deprivation, exacerbating arguments around attendance between parents and teacher.	The Glen/St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two geographical areas from polling district HN now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Dibden and Dibden Purlieu ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed and The Glen has been deemed to represent the most appropriate alternative location and venue for this polling district.
Waterside Primary School	Concerns over access to voting should this venue be closed and an alternative less local be opened.	No	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.
Wildground School and Waterside Primary School	Concerns over <b>not</b> using Waterside Primary School for purposes of voting, impacts on voter engagement, alternatives not as central to Langdown area, residents find it easy to go in and vote. Concerns over not using Wildground School for the same reasons. Concerns over reduced voter engagement and that alternatives are not as accessible than the schools.	No	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district. Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two geographical areas from polling district HN now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Dibden and Dibden Purlieu ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed and The Glen has been deemed to represent the most appropriate alternative location and venue for this polling district.
Waterside Primary School	Concerns raised over using Waterside Primary School for purposes of voting, disruption to education. Notes that no other wards use schools for this purpose. Comments that alternative has good parking, good sized venue and disabled access.	Scouts hut, Shore Road	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.
Waterside Primary School	Concerns raised over using Waterside Primary School for purposes of voting, safeguarding, closures, attendance rates, parent relationships.	Hythe Sea Scouts, Shore Road	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes three geographical areas from polling district HK1 now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Hythe Central ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed but Waterside Primary School has been deemed to represent the most appropriate location and venue for this polling district.
Wildground Infant School	Concerns raised around Safeguarding, school closures, outlines educational priorities for the month of May and impact of a school closure, impact on paid for nursery services and fees, impact on higher than average special education needs pupils, discrimination against those already living in an area of high deprivation.	St Annes Neighbourhood Centre/The Glen	Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes two geographical areas from polling district HN now fall outside of this ward. The electorate for these areas are all reflected in the table for Dibden and Dibden Purlieu ward. Representation has been given due consideration and alternative sites have been assessed and The Glen has been deemed to represent the most appropriate alternative location and venue for this polling district.

Lymington

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
St Thomas Church Hall	Comments that venue is central, is accessible and has plenty of space.		Representation has been given due consideration and St Thomas Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
St Thomas Church Hall	Comments that venue is convenient.	Possibly the community centre.	Representation has been given due consideration and St Thomas Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Lymington Sea Scouts Hall	Comments that venue is accessible, has good parking and pedestrian access.	Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath Road SO41 3SE	Representation has been given due consideration and Lymington Sea Scout Hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Mitigation actions for lighting will be implemented.
Lymington Sea Scouts Hall	Comment makes suggestions for alternatives should the venue be deemed unsuitable.	Town Sailing Club / Woodside Pavilion	Representation has been given due consideration and Lymington Sea Scout Hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Mitigation actions for lighting will be implemented.
Lymington Sea Scouts Hall	Comments that venue is convenient.		Representation has been given due consideration and Lymington Sea Scout Hall has been assessed and has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue. Mitigation actions for lighting will be implemented.

**Marchwood and Eling**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Totton Masonic Hall	Comments that venue is accessible, has good parking and disabled access.		Due to the district and parish ward boundary changes a small geographical area from polling districts TE (Totton Central) now fall within this ward. The electorate for this area will become a part of polling district TI in December 2023 and is therefore identified as TI/Z. Representations and alternative sites have been given due consideration but Totton Masonic Hall has been deemed to still represent the most appropriate venue.

**Milford and Hordle**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Brockenhurst Young Farmers` Club	Concerns raised that facilities are less than ideal.	Working Mans Club	Representation has been given due consideration and it has been deemed that Brockenhurst Young Farmers is no longer an ideal venue due to issues raised around access and available facilities. The most suitable alternative venue has been identified as River of Life Church which is a new polling place.
Brockenhurst Young Farmers` Club	Comments that the venue is central.		Representation has been given due consideration and it has been deemed that Brockenhurst Young Farmers is no longer an ideal venue due to issues raised around access and available facilities. The most suitable alternative venue has been identified as River of Life Church which is a new polling place.
Brockenhurst Young Farmers` Club	Comments support RO's final recommendation to move to the River of Life Church Hall, Tiptoe. Comments that the new venue is central with good parking.	River of Life Church Hall, Wootton Road, Tiptoe	Representation has been given due consideration and it has been deemed that Brockenhurst Young Farmers is no longer an ideal venue due to issues raised around access and available facilities. The most suitable alternative venue has been identified as River of Life Church which is a new polling place.
Milford Church Hall	Comments that venue is most convenient.		Representation has been given due consideration and All Saints Milford Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Pennington**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Pennington Sports and Social Club	Comments suggests a lack of alternative to Social Club and endorses this decision.		Representation has been given due consideration and alternative venues have been explored, however Pennington Sports and Social Club is deemed to represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Pennington Sports and Social Club	Concerns raised around the appropriateness of using a of a bar/public house for the purposes of voting.	Lymington & Pennington Scout Hut	Representation has been given due consideration and alternative venues have been explored, however Pennington Sports and Social Club is deemed to represent the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Ringwood North and Ellingham**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Ibsley Village Hall	Comments that the venue is convenient, has good parking and good staff.		Representation has been given due consideration and Ibsley Village Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
Community Centre Poulner Junior School	Comments that the venue is in a good location.	No	Representation has been given due consideration and Community Centre at Poulner Junior School is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Ringwood South**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Trinity Centre (Main Hall)	Concerns raised around the distance to the venue.		Representation has been given due consideration but Trinity Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Sway**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
St Luke's Church	Concerns raised around the appropriateness of using a church for the purposes of voting.	Village Hall, Church Rooms, Youth Club, Jubilee Field Pavilion.	Representation has been given due consideration and St Lukes Church Hall will be designated as a polling place. St Lukes Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district. Alternative sites will be considered as a part of future reviews.
St Luke's Church	Comments that the venue is in a good location, is accessible and has good parking.	Sway Village Hall or Jubilee Pavilion	Representation has been given due consideration and St Lukes Church Hall will be designated as a polling place. St Lukes Church Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district. Alternative sites will be considered as a part of future reviews.

**Totton Central**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Testwood Baptist Church	Comments that the location is suitable.	Totton College	Representation has been given due consideration and Testwood Baptist Church is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Totton North**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Calmore Community Centre (Hunter Hall)	Comments that venue is central, convenient and has good parking.	No	Representation has been given due consideration, Calmore Community Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.
West Totton Community Centre	Comments that venue is in a good location and is accessible.	No	Representation has been given due consideration, West Totton Community Centre is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

**Totton South**

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Hounslowdown Community Hall	Concerns raised around the location, too far too walk and not ideal road access or public transport links.	Rushington Business park	Representation has been given due consideration, Hounslowdown Community Hall is deemed to remain the most appropriate venue and location for this polling district.

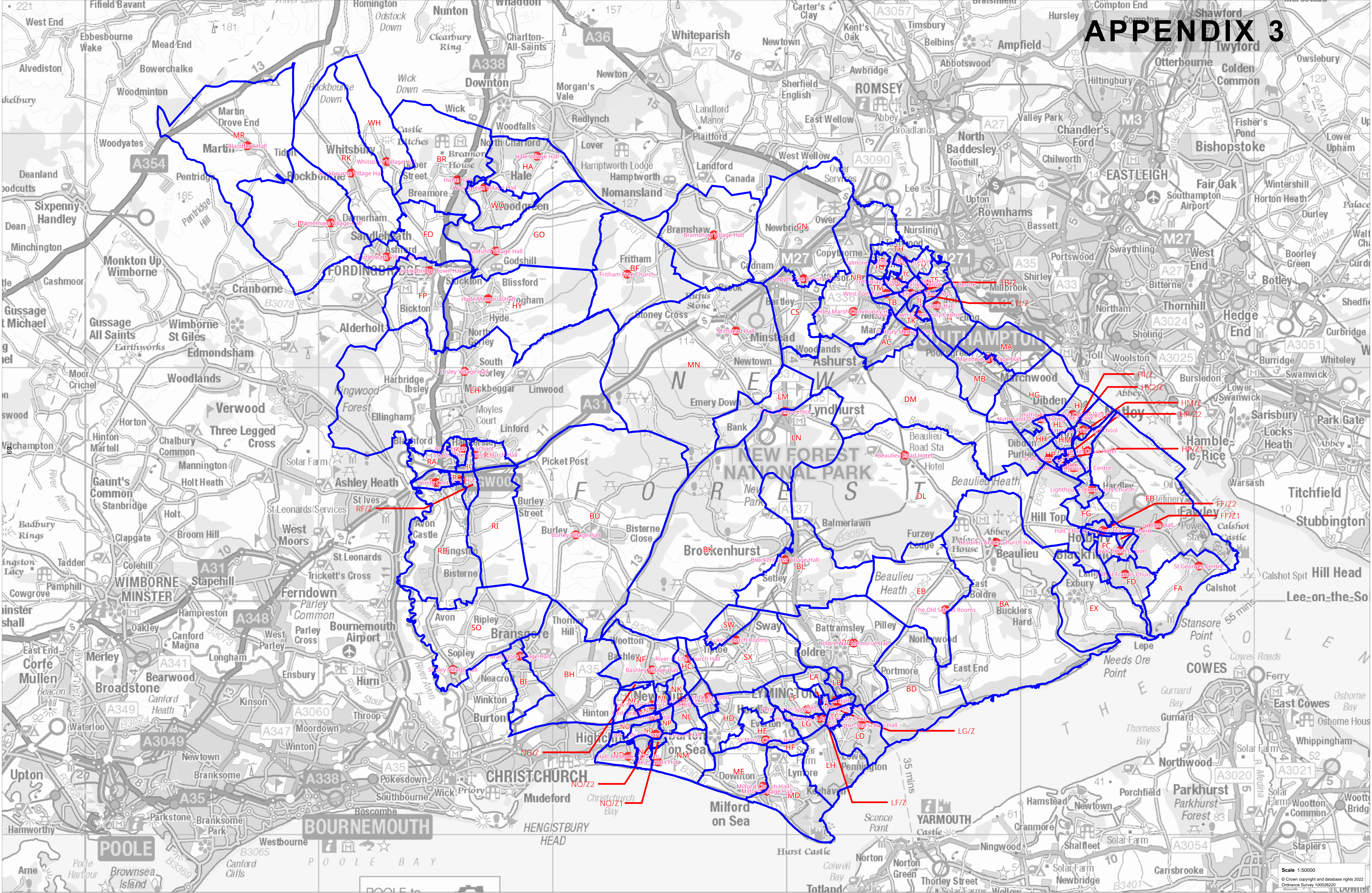
Other

Polling station	Representation summary	Alternative polling station suggestion	Returning Officer's commentary
Colbury Hall	Comment related to absent voting.		No information from this representation could be considered as part of this review.
Unknown	Comment raised concerns around the legibility of the background information for this review and considered the consultation void.		No information from this representation could be considered as part of this review.
Unknown	Comment that the venue worked well with no queues.		Unfortunately as this comment could not be attributed to a specific polling station no information from this representation could be considered as part of this review.
Unknown	Comment related to absent voting.		No information from this representation could be considered as part of this review.
Unknown	Comment related to absent voting.		No information from this representation could be considered as part of this review.
Unknown	Comment requesting a specific change for individual.	Baptist Church on Ashley Common Road	Unfortunately any changes need to provide accessible voting for the entire electorate of the polling district in which you live and therefore no specific changes can be considered as part of this review.
Unknown	Comment included no information related to this review.	Church hall	Unfortunately as this comment could not be attributed to a specific polling station no information from this representation could be considered as part of this review.
Town Hall	Comments upon the naming of the new district wards.		Ward boundaries have been laid before parliament and this review does not provide an option to comment upon these changes.
Marchwood Village Hall	Comment included no information related to this review.		No information from this representation could be considered as part of this review.

Wards for which no representation was received

No representations were received from Ashurst, Bramshaw, Copythorne and Netley Marsh, Hardley, Holbury and North Blackfield, Lyndhurst and Minstead or Milton

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Polling Districts and Places (August 2022)

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Table of part polling district areas moving to a new district ward

OLD polling district	NEW polling district	OLD ward	NEW ward	NEW polling station
FC	FF/Z2	Fawley, Blackfield, Calshot and Langley	Hardley, Holbury and North Blackfield	The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Roewood Road, SO45 2JH
FE	FF/Z1	Fawley, Blackfield, Calshot and Langley	Hardley, Holbury and North Blackfield	The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Roewood Road, SO45 2JH
HK1	HI/Z	Hythe South	Hythe Central	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane, SO45 6DU
HK1	HK2/Z	Hythe South	Hythe Central	The Grove, St Johns Street, SO45 6BZ
HK1	HM/Z	Hythe South	Hythe Central	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane, SO45 6DU
HN	HP/Z1	Hythe South	Dibden and Dibden Purlieu	St Andrew's Centre, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu, SO45 4PT
HN	HP/Z2	Hythe South	Dibden and Dibden Purlieu	St Andrew's Centre, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu, SO45 4PT
LA	LF/Z	Lymington	Pennington	Pennington Sports and Social Club, 17 Lodge Road, Pennington, SO41 8HH
LE	LG/Z	Lymington	Pennington	Lymington Health & Leisure (Studio 1), North Street, Pennington, SO41 8FZ
NC	NQ/Z2	Barton and Becton	Milton	Roman Catholic Church Hall, Cowper Avenue, BH25 6NT
NF	NG/Z	Ashley, Bashley and Fernhill	Ballard	New Milton District Guide H.Q., Lake Grove Road, BH25 5LA
NM	NQ/Z1	Barton and Becton	Milton	Roman Catholic Church Hall, Cowper Avenue, BH25 6NT
RI	RF/Z	Bransgore, Burley, Sopley and Ringwood East	Ringwood South	Scout Hall, 88 Eastfield Lane, BH24 1UR
TA	TB/Z	Totton Central	Totton South	Totton & Eling Cricket Club, Southern Gardens, Ringwood Road, SO40 8RW
TE	TI/Z	Totton Central	Marchwood and Eling	Totton Masonic Hall, Lexby Road, Eling, SO40 9HD

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