

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Strategic Lead - Regulatory****Council: 26 August 2020**

Subject: Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2020**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to conduct an interim review of polling districts and polling places within its area and to outline the timetable and processes for carrying out this review.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Council:
- (a) approves the Notice of Review and timetable as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
 - (b) notes that a report containing the final proposals and representations will be submitted for approval to the meeting of Council in December 2020.

3. Background

- 3.1** The previous scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places approved by this Council was published in December 2018 following the full statutory review which is required every five years. Since then a number of potential new polling places have become available for use. In addition, the election team have revisited polling districts which currently have schools as polling places and where possible have identified some alternative venues for the Council to consider. For that reason, unlike a full review of the scheme, the interim review will only focus on those Wards where changes are proposed, namely Leven, Dumbarton and Clydebank Central Wards.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** Discussions have taken place with the Electoral Registration Officer, Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute on the most practical time to carry out the review and consequently it is proposed that the review should commence no later than 1 October 2020 to ensure that it is complete in time for updated electoral registers to be prepared for the Scottish Parliamentary Elections in May 2021.

4.2 A copy of the proposed timetable and public notice for the conduct of the review is attached as Appendix 1 to this report, for approval. Appendix 2 provides, for information, a list of those polling places approved following the review in 2018.

4.3 When carrying out such a review, the Council is required by law to consult the local Parliamentary Returning Officer, who must submit representations to the authority on the polling scheme. These representations must be published by the authority with relevant parties being given the opportunity to comment on them. The Returning Officer's representations will be published on the Council's website and made available in offices and libraries, if opened, in accordance with the proposed timetable. A copy of the Returning Officer's representations will also be issued to all elected members and a range of local organisations, which represent disabled and elderly people, for comment.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no implications for employees of this Council.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the consultation but there may be some implications from any proposals to be considered in due course.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 The Council is expected to review its polling scheme on a regular basis to ensure it is fit for purpose. Failure to do so could result in reputational damage to the Council.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 The Council must ensure that, so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place within the area is accessible to electors who are disabled. Accordingly, local organisations representing disabled people and the elderly will be invited to comment on the Returning Officer's representations.

9. Consultation

9.1 Officers from legal and finance have been consulted on the content of this report.

9.2 A formal public consultation will take place once the Returning Officer's representations are made available for inspection in October.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report does not have a direct impact on the Council's Strategic priorities.

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Appendices:

1. Proposed public notice and timetable for the review of polling districts and polling places.
2. List of approved Polling Places following the full review in 2018.

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: Leven, Dumbarton and Clydebank Central.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
INTERIM REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Council is carrying out an interim review of polling districts and polling places for the Leven, Dumbarton and Clydebank Central Wards of the West Dunbartonshire County Constituency.
2. The Returning Officer will make comment on the proposed polling places.
3. Electors in the West Dunbartonshire Council area may make representations on the Council's proposals or on the Returning Officer's comments.
4. The Council particularly welcomes representations from any person or organisation with expertise in access for persons with disabilities.
5. Persons or organisations making representations should, if possible, suggest alternative locations for the polling places.
6. A list of proposed polling places will be made available online at <https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/council/voting-and-elections> or for inspection at main libraries and at the Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU.
7. Any representations should be addressed in writing to Peter Hessett, Strategic Lead, Regulatory Services, by email to elections@west-dunbarton.gov.uk or by letter to the Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU.
8. Proposals will be available in accordance with the following timetable:

Existing arrangements available for inspection and commencement of the review.	1 October 2020
Publication of the Returning Officer's representations.	1 October 2020
Closing date for representations by electors and consultees.	12 November 2020
Proposals submitted to Council Meeting.	16 December 2020
Publication of final proposals	23 December 2020

Joyce White
Chief Executive

Polling Districts and Polling Places 2018

APPENDIX 2

Polling District	Polling Place
LO1D	KILMARONOCK MILLENNIUM HALL , Church Road, Gartocharn G83 8NF
LO2D	LENNOX HALL , 101 Main Street, Jamestown G83 8AZ
LO3D	VALE OF LEVEN SWIMMING POOL , North Main Street, Alexandria G83 0UE
LO4D	ST KESSOG'S CHURCH HALL , Balloch Road, Balloch G83 8LQ
LE5D	ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY CENTRE , Main Street, Alexandria G83 0NU
LE6D	ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HALL , 331 Main Street, Renton G82 4PZ
LE7D	RENTON PRIMARY SCHOOL , Main Street, Renton G82 4NA
LE8D	DALMONACH MOBILE POLLING PLACE , Second Avenue, Bonhill G83 9BH
LE9D	BONHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE , Ladyton, Bonhill, G83 9DZ
LE10D	BONHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL , Raglan Street, Bonhill G83 9JA
LE11D	BELLSMYRE SCHOOL CAMPUS , Howatshaws Road, Dumbarton G82 3DR
DU13D	WESTBRIDGEND MOBILE POLLING PLACE , Westbridgend, Dumbarton G82 4BJ
DU14D	DALREOCH UNITED FREE CHURCH , 100 Hawthornhill Road, Dumbarton G82 5JB
DU15D	ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL , Cardross Road, Dumbarton G82 4JE
DU16D	WEST DUMBARTON ACTIVITY CENTRE , Ardoch Crescent, Dumbarton G82 4EN
DU17D LE12D	BRAEHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL , Meadow Road, Dumbarton G82 2BL
DU18D	CONCORD COMMUNITY CENTRE , St. Mary's Way, Dumbarton G82 1LJ
DU19D	KNOXLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL , Leven Street, Dumbarton G82 1QU
DU20D	ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL , Crosslet Road, Dumbarton G82 2LQ
DU21D	LEVEN SUITE , Abbotsford Hotel, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 2PJ
DU22D	MILTON COMMUNITY HALL , King George's Field, Milton, Dumbarton G82 2TT
DU23C DU23D	BOWLING COMMUNITY HALL , Dumbarton Road, Bowling G60 5AQ

KP1C	GLENHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE , Duntiglennan Road, Duntocher, Clydebank G81 6HF
KP2C	GOLDENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL , Stewart Drive, Hardgate, Clydebank G81 6AH
KP3C	FAIFLEY PARISH CHURCH HALL , Faifley Road, Clydebank G81 5AR
KP4C	ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL , Faifley Road, Clydebank G81 5EZ
CC5C CW13C	DALMUIR BARCLAY CHURCH , 21 Durban Avenue, Clydebank G81 4JL
CC6C	PARKHALL LIBRARY , Hawthorn Street, Clydebank G81 3EF
CC7C	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL , Park Road, Clydebank G81 3LD
CC8C	KILBOWIE PRIMARY SCHOOL , 11 West Thomson Street, Clydebank G81 3EA
CC9C	ST EUNAN'S COMMUNITY HALL , Gilmour Street, Clydebank G81 2BW
CC10C	ONSLow ROAD COMMUNITY HALL , 137 Onslow Road, Clydebank G81 2PR
CC11C	LINNVale PRIMARY SCHOOL , Livingstone Street, Clydebank G81 2RL
CW12C	NAPIER HALL , Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick G60 5JH
CW14C	DALMUIR COMMUNITY CENTRE , Duntocher Road, Clydebank G81 4RQ
CW15C	WATERFRONT CHURCH HALL , Abbotsford Road, Clydebank G81 1PA
CW16C	ST MARGARET'S CHURCH HALL , Sinclair Street, Clydebank G81 1AE