

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by the Chief Executive****Council: 30 November 2011**

Subject: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To advise the Council on representations received in relation to the proposed Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for parliamentary elections.
- 1.2 To inform the Council of the outcome of investigations into suggested polling places by elected members at the previous Council meeting and to recommend adoption of a final scheme.

2. Background

- 2.1 The previous review of Polling Districts and Polling Places by this Council was completed and published in December 2007. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires that every local authority must complete a further review of each polling district and place in its area before the end of the period of four years starting with the completion of the previous such review.
- 2.2 In terms of the above legislation, Councils must ensure that all electors in parliamentary constituencies within their areas have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable, and that, so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place within the area is accessible to electors who are disabled.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 31 August 2011, the Council approved the arrangements for conducting the review and accordingly copies of the Returning Officer's representations were sent to all elected members and a range of local organisations, which represent disabled and elderly people, for comment. The deadline for submission of representations was 4 October 2011.
- 2.4 At its meeting on 26 October 2011, the Council considered the Returning Officer's representations and agreed:-
 - (1) *to approve the preferred scheme of polling districts; and*
 - (2) *to continue the approval of polling places to the next meeting of the Council to allow officers to investigate alternative polling places within the Mountblow, Dumbarton Road and Whitecrook areas of Clydebank, which should include consideration of Centre 81 and Dalmuir Community Learning and Development Centre.*

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Only two responses have been received from external bodies; one from the One Thirty Club and one from Old Kilpatrick Community Council, both of which supported the proposed polling scheme and places. However, some representations were made by elected members at the Council meeting in October which required further investigation.

Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Mountblow area

- 3.2** Councillor McGlinchey expressed concern on the issue of voters in the Mountblow area who would need to go to Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church Hall to vote and it was agreed that officers should try to identify alternative venues in the Mountblow area to reduce the distance they have to travel.
- 3.3** Officers have visited the area and have looked at two possible locations for a polling place in Mountblow.
- 3.4** The first option is the derelict community centre which is located on Melbourne Avenue. To date, officers have been unable to access the community centre to assess its condition but have concluded that it is not suitable for a number of reasons. The community centre, which is in the centre of Mountblow, was proposed as a polling place in 2007. At that time, the Access Panel was consulted and the Secretary indicated that it would not be suitable as a polling place as it was too small; Mountblow falls within two polling districts WC07 and WC08, which have a total of 1461 registered voters, and therefore ideally the polling place would need to be big enough to host two polling stations. Even if only voters from WC07 were asked to vote in a venue in Melbourne Avenue, it would still need 2 polling stations as there are 1069 voters within that polling district. It would also mean that some voters in WC07 who reside at the foot of the hill would be asked to travel further to the polling place than they do at present.
- 3.5** The second alternative would be to locate two portacabins in the two parking bays on Melbourne Avenue (not far from the community centre). However, our previous experience of using portacabins for polling places is that they are very unpopular with voters, polling staff and the Access Panel; they are very tight for space and very difficult to keep warm in cold weather. Both portacabins, which cost approximately £2000 each to hire, would be positioned very near the main road, which is a busy bus route and therefore there would be a risk of danger to the public. The voters could be controlled by crowd barriers but the situation would be far from ideal. In addition, there is the added risk that the portacabins could be vandalised or broken into overnight which could impact on the integrity of the election.
- 3.6** For the reasons detailed in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 above, it is recommended that Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church hall be used for voters in the Mountblow area until such times as more suitable accommodation can be identified.

Councillor Marie McNair – Dalmuir Community Learning and Development Centre

- 3.7** Councillor McNair suggested that officers should investigate the feasibility of using the Dalmuir Community Learning and Development Centre (C&LD) as a polling place to reduce the travel distance of those voters who reside within polling district WC23. The Dalmuir C&LD Centre is located in the middle/north of WC23.
- 3.8** The Dalmuir C&LD Centre is a very well used centre which has a number of community activities and groups which take place on a Wednesday and Thursday, including an out of school care group. The front entrance (main entrance to the building) has a disabled ramp and is close to the Social Room which would be the room of choice if the centre were to be used as a polling place. However, for security purposes, it is normal that the whole building be closed to the public on the Wednesday evening and Thursday (Day of the Poll) which could cause a lot of disruption and inconvenience to users of the Centre and in particular parents who rely on out of school care services.
- 3.9** The only way to use the Centre as a polling place and keep it open to the public would be to use the Conference Room to the rear of the premises and lock it off from the rest of the building. However, there is only one external entrance and exit which is served by a steep set of stairs at present; a ramp would need to be built to ensure adequate access for disabled and elderly people. It has been estimated that the ramp would cost approximately £3000 to build. Another issue would be the lack of adequate lighting to the rear of the premises. This problem is further exacerbated by the uneven ground at the rear of the premises (car park area with no footpath). Another issue is that the room would be served by a single entrance and exit and therefore the doors would need to be kept open thus making it uncomfortable for election staff working in the room from 7am to 10 pm.
- 3.10** Given the issues raised in paragraph 3.9 above, it is not recommended that room to the rear of the centre be used. Therefore if the Council agrees that the centre should be used as a polling place then all users will need to be informed that the centre will be closed on Wednesday evening and all day Thursday. At present, the furthest point to travel to Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church for voters residing within polling district WC23 is slightly less than one mile and this journey would be reduced to approximately half a mile if the Dalmuir C&LD Centre is used as a polling station.

Councillor Gail Casey – Use Centre 81 as an additional polling place in the Whitecrook area.

- 3.11** Councillor Gail Casey suggested that officers should investigate the possibility of using Centre 81, Braes Avenue, Clydebank, as an additional polling place in the Whitecrook area of Clydebank due to the distance which some voters had to travel to the existing polling place in St Margaret's Church Hall, Sinclair Street, Clydebank.

- 3.12** The location of Centre 81 and the design of the building would make it an ideal venue as an additional polling place in the Whitecrook area. However, the Centre is not owned by the Council and the Centre 81 management are not prepared to close down access to the centre to their regular users for the purposes of the poll. This being the case, Centre 81 cannot be considered as a polling place.
- 3.13** As Centre 81 was not available for use, Officers also investigated the possibility of using the Clydebank East Community Learning and Development Centre (known as the Whitecrook Community Centre) as an additional polling place. However, it is located relatively close to St Margaret's Church Hall and therefore the distance, which voters with the furthest distance to travel, would need to travel would only be reduced by 0.1 mile. In terms of the relevant legislation, it is considered that this would not be sufficient to justify having two polling places in the one polling district. Furthermore, if this change were to be implemented in time for the Local Elections in May 2012, it would mean that the Electoral Registration Officer would ideally need to split the register for Polling District WC25 for publication on 1 December 2011. Clearly, this would not be possible given the timescales involved.
- 3.14** Given the issues raised in paragraph 3.12 and 3.13 above, it is recommended that all voters in Polling District WC25 should continue to vote in St. Margaret's Church Hall. However, over the longer term, officers will give further consideration to the issues raised within the Whitecrook area with a view to reducing travel distances to voters.

4. People Implications

- 4.1** There are no implications for employees of the Council.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** At present, all of our designated polling places have disabled access. There are potentially financial implications of adopting new polling places which require improved access as only 50% of funding is met by the Scotland Office in preparation for an election. The costs involved with the hiring of portacabins and building temporary ramps have been highlighted earlier in this report.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** As previously stated the Council is required by statute to complete the review within the required timescales. Failure to do so could result in reputational damage to the Council. All polling places are inspected with a view to identifying and eliminating avoidable hazards and polling staff are provided with check lists to ensure that such hazards are identified and dealt with early.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 As stated in paragraph 2.2 of this report, 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. Furthermore, organisations representing disabled people and the elderly have been invited to comment on the Returning Officer's representations. This year only two comments were received and this has been recorded in paragraph 3.1 above.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The Council is required by statute to carry out this review and therefore must do so. However, the purpose of the review does fit with the Council's Strategic Priorities in that it asks the Council to consider the impact of the proposed polling scheme on vulnerable groups such as the elderly and disabled with a view to making improvements to service delivery. At the previous meeting of Council, elected members made officers aware of some such issues within their wards which have been investigated and responded to within this report.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended:-

- (a) that the Council considers the issues surrounding the use of the Dalmuir C&LD Centre as a polling place for voters residing within Polling District WC23 and makes a decision thereon;
- (b) that, subject to the decision at (a) above, the Council agrees to approve the scheme of polling districts and places as detailed in the appendices to this report; and
- (c) that the Council agrees to note that due to the further investigations required to finalise the scheme, it will not be possible for the Returning Officer to publish the final scheme on 1 December 2011 as previously agreed and therefore the Council agrees that the final scheme should be published no later than 31 December 2011.


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Appendices: (1) Summary of Existing and Proposed Polling Places and Polling Districts for the West Dunbartonshire County Constituency.

(2) Details of Proposed Places together with the Returning Officer's and Elected Members' Representations.

Wards Affected: All Wards

Background Papers: Report to Council on 26 October 2011 on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011

Letter from One Thirty Club.

Letter from Old Kilpatrick Community Council.

POLLING PLACES FOR THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
(Electorate figures as at 2 August 2011)

Polling Place	Polling District Number	Total No. of stations - May 2011	Total No. of stations - post review	No. of voters
WARD 1 - LOMOND				
Kilmaronock Millennium Hall, Church Road, Gartocharn	WD01	1	1	515
Lennox Hall, Carrochan Road, Balloch	WD02	6	5	1537
	WD03			928
	WD04			537
	WD09			500
Vale of Leven Swimming Pool, North Main Street, Alexandria	WD05 WD08	5	4	772 2294
St. Kessog's Church Hall, Balloch Road, Balloch	WD06	2	2	1213
Alexandria Parish Church, Lomond Road, Balloch	WD07	1	1	699
WARD 2 - LEVEN				
Alexandria C.E. Centre, Main Street, Alexandria	WD10 WD11	3	3	846 1199
St. Martin's Church Hall, 331 Main Street, Renton	WD12	1	1	733
Renton Primary School, Main Street, Renton	WD13	1	1	913
Dalmonach CLD Centre, First Avenue, Bonhill	WD14	2	2	1443

Polling Place	Polling District Number	Total No. of stations - May 2011	Total No. of stations - post review	No. of voters
Bonhill C.E. Centre, Ladyton, Bonhill	WD15 WD16	4	3	1115 1538
Highlykes Primary School, Braehead, Bonhill	WD17	1	1	794
Bonhill Primary School, Raglan Street, Bonhill	WD18	2	2	1401
Aitkenbar Primary School, Whiteford Avenue, Dumbarton	WD19 WD20	5	4	2096 1081
WARD 3 - DUMBARTON				
Westbridgend Community Hall, Westbridgend, Dumbarton	WD21	1	1	916
United Free Church Hall, Hawthornhill Road, Dumbarton	WD22	2	1	934
St. Michael's Church Hall, Cardross Road, Dumbarton	WD23	2	2	1251
West Dumbarton Activity Centre, Ardoch Crescent, Dumbarton	WD24	2	1	907
Braehead Primary School, Meadow Road, Dumbarton	WD25 WD26	4	3	367 1667
Concord C.E. Centre, St. Mary's Way, Dumbarton	WD27	1	1	498

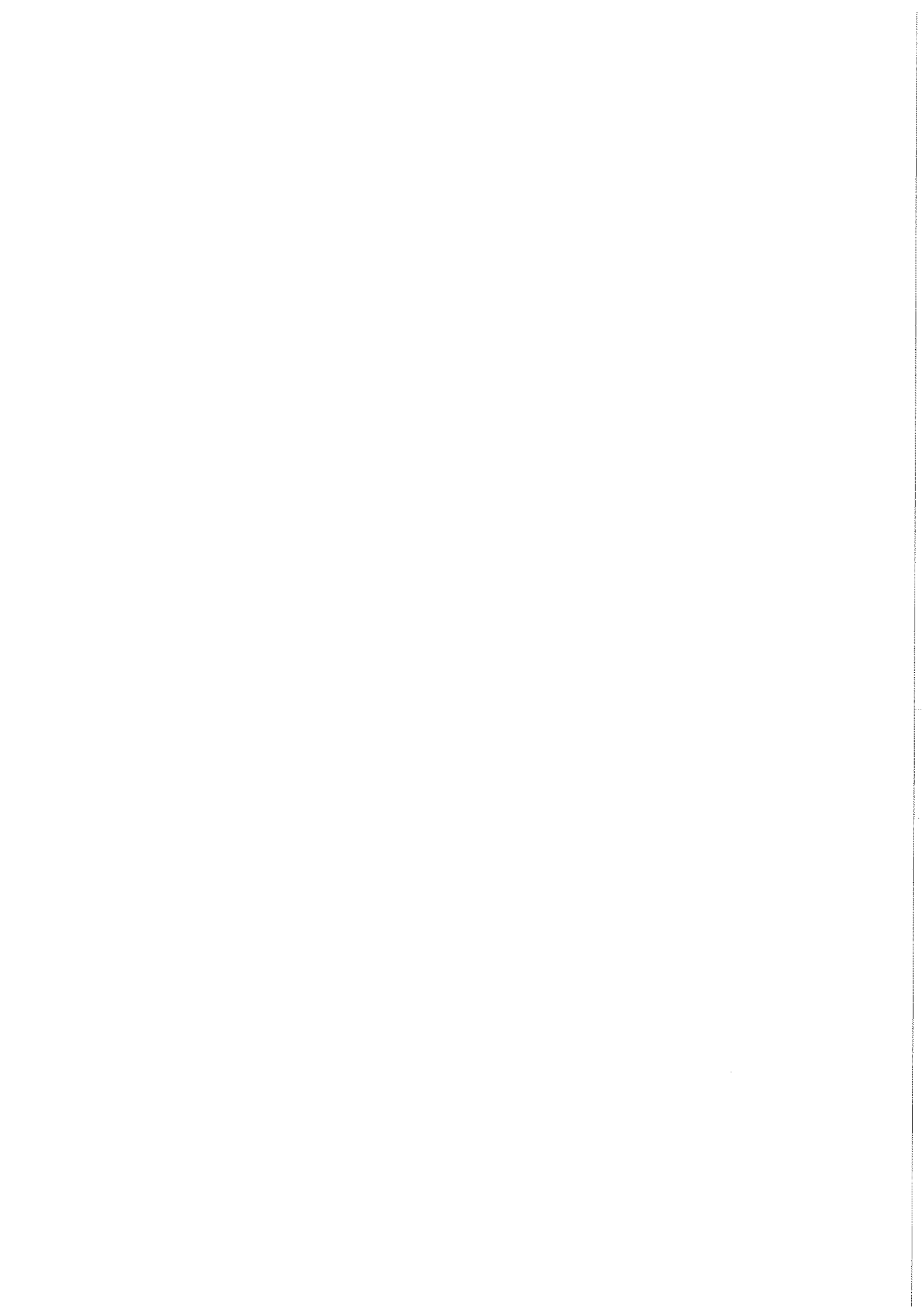
Polling Place	Polling District Number	Total No. of stations - May 2011	Total No. of stations - post review	No. of voters
Knoxland Primary School, Leven Street, Dumbarton	WD28 WD30	4	3	1009 1396
St. Patrick's Primary School, Crosslet Road, Dumbarton	WD29	2	2	1474
Leven Suite, Abbotsford Hotel, Stirling Road, Dumbarton	WD31	2	2	1263
Milton Mobile Polling Place, Colquhoun Road, Milton (replace with Milton Community Hall)	WD32	1	1	462
Bowling Hall, Dumbarton Road, Bowling	WD33	1	1	365
WARD 4 - KILPATRICK				
Glenhead Community Centre, Duntiglennan Road, Duntocher, Clydebank	WC01 WC02	6	5	2282 1276
Goldenhill Primary School, Stewart Drive, Hardgate, Clydebank	WC03 WC06	3	3	865 1395
Faifley Parish Church Hall, Faifley Road, Clydebank	WC04	3	2	1958
St. Joseph's Church Hall, Faifley Road, Clydebank	WC05	2	2	1213

Polling Place	Polling District Number	Total No. of stations - May 2011	Total No. of stations - post review	No. of voters
WARD 5 – CLYDEBANK CENTRAL				
Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church, Durban Avenue, Clydebank	WC07 WC08 WC22 (Ward 6) WC23 (Ward 6)*	8	6*	1069 392 1234 2115
Parkhall Library, Hawthorn Street, Clydebank	WC10 WC13	3	2	1212 740
St. Stephen's Church Hall, Park Road, Clydebank	WC11 WC12	3	2	668 1038
Kilbowie Primary School, West Thomson Street, Clydebank	WC14	3	2	1623
St. Eunan's Community Hall, Gilmour Street, Clydebank	WC15 WC16	3	2	791 1140
Onslow Road Community Hall, Onslow Road, Clydebank	WC17	3	2	1620
Linnvale Primary School, Livingstone Street, Clydebank	WC18	2	2	1278
WARD 6 – CLYDEBANK WATERFRONT				
Gavinburn Primary School, Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick	WC19	1	1	651
Napier Hall, Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick	WC20 WC21	5	4	1649 1536

Polling Place	Polling District Number	Total No. of stations - May 2011	Total No. of stations - post review	No. of voters
Abbotsford Church Hall, Abbotsford Road, Clydebank	WC24	2	2	1390
St. Margaret's Church Hall, Sinclair Street, Clydebank	WC25	5	4	2887

* This figure will reduce to 4 if the Council decides that the Dalmuir Community and Learning Development Centre should be used as a polling place for WC23. It is proposed that there would be 3 polling stations in the Social Room, Ground Floor, Dalmuir Community and Learning Development Centre, if agreed.

Total electorate for Local Government Election (as at 2 August 2011) – 66,685



WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Kilmaronock Millennium Hall
Address:	Church Road, Gartocharn G83 8NF
Type of Property:	Non local authority community hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	Ward 1 Lomond
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD01 - 515
Total No of voters served:	515 (89 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations recommended for election at Parliamentary Constituency:	1

Returning Officer's comments on this Polling Place:

This is the main community hall for the village. It is well situated, with a disabled access ramp at the side of the property leading directly into the lower hall which is used for polling.

The hall offers generous accommodation for the single polling station and there are adequate facilities for staff.

Retain as a polling place.

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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Lennox Hall
Address:	Carrochan Road, Balloch G83
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	Ward 1 Lomond
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD02 1537 WD03 928 WD04 537 WD09 500
Total No of voters served:	3502 (340 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	6
No of polling stations post review:	5

Returning Officer's Comments:

In May 2010, 4 polling stations were used in this building. However, in order to reduce the risk of queuing I recommend an increase to 5 polling stations.

Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Vale of Leven Swimming Pool
Address:	North Main Street, Alexandria G83 9SJ
Type of Property:	Local Authority sports facility
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	1 - Lomond
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD05 – 772 WD08 - 2294
Total No of voters served:	3066 (333 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	5
No of polling stations post review:	4 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

With turnout being just over 50% and postal votes increasing to 10% it is considered that, for a first past the post election, 4 polling stations should be adequate for this polling place. Indeed in May 2010, 4 polling stations were used in this building without any complications or complaint. Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	St Kessog's Church Hall
Address:	Balloch Road, Balloch G83 8LQ
Type of Property:	Church Hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	1 - Lomond
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD06 – 1213
Total No of voters served:	1213 (187 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Alexandria Parish Church Hall,
Address:	Lomond Road, Balloch G83 8LQ
Type of Property:	Church Hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	Ward 1 Lomond
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD07 - 699
Total No of voters served:	699 (78 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Alexandria Community Learning and Development (CLD) Centre
Address:	Main Street, Alexandria G83 9BH
Type of Property:	Local Authority CLD Centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	Ward 2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD10 – 846 WD11 -1199
Total No of voters served:	2045 (240 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	3

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	St Martin's Church Hall
Address:	Main Street, Renton, G82 4PZ
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD12 – 733
Total No of voters served:	733 (69 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Renton Primary School
Address:	Main Street, Renton G82 4NA
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD13 - 913
Total No of voters served:	913 (75 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Dalmonach Community Learning and Development Centre
Address:	First Avenue, Bonhill, G82 9AU
Type of Property:	Local Authority CLD Centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD14 - 1443
Total No of voters served:	1443 (119 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

This centre may transfer to community ownership in 2012. Given that there are no other suitable premises within this polling district, it should be a condition of transfer that the Council will continue to be able to utilise the centre for election purposes at the standard rates of let.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	Bonhill CLD Centre
Address:	Ladyton, Bonhill G83 9BH
Type of Property:	Local authority CLD centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD15 – 1115 WD16 -1538
Total No of voters served:	2653 (200 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	4
No of polling stations post review:	3 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Highdykes Primary School
Address:	Braehead, Bonhill, G83 9NQ
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD17 - 794
Total No of voters served:	794 (89 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Bonhill Primary School
Address:	Raglan Street, Bonhill, G83
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD18 - 1401
Total No of voters served:	1401 (97 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Aitkenbar Primary School
Address:	Whiteford Avenue, Dumbarton
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD19 - 2096 WD20 - 1081
Total No of voters served:	3177 (407 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	5
No of polling stations post review:	4 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

With turnout being just over 50% and postal votes increasing to over 10% it is considered for a first past the post election, 4 stations would be adequate for this polling place. Indeed in May 2010, 4 polling stations were used in this school without any complications or complaint

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	Westbridgend Community Hall
Address:	Westbridgend, Dumbarton G82 4BJ
Type of Property:	Local authority community hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD21 - 916
Total No of voters served:	916 (126 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

The position of the polling station within the polling place has been changed in response to comments received at last election.

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Polling Place Name:	United Free Church Hall
Address:	Hawthornhill Road, Dumbarton G82 5AS
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD22 - 934
Total No of voters served:	934 (112 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	1 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

With turnout being just over 50% and postal votes increasing to 10% it is considered for a first past the post election, 1 station would be adequate for this polling place. Indeed in May 2010, 1 polling station was used in this building without any complications or complaint. Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	St Michael's Church Hall
Address:	Cardross Road, Dumbarton G82 4JE
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3- Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD23 - 1251
Total No of voters served:	1251 (166 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	West Dumbarton Activity Centre
Address:	Ardoch Crescent, Dumbarton, G82 4EN
Type of Property:	Local authority community centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD24 - 907
Total No of voters served:	907 (109 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	1 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	Braehead Primary School
Address:	Meadow Road, Dumbarton G82 2BL
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD25 - 367 WD26 - 1667
Total No of voters served:	2034 (245 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	4
No of polling stations post review:	3 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

With turnout being just over 50% and postal votes increasing to 10% it is considered for a first past the post election that 3 stations would be adequate for this polling place. Indeed in May 2010, 3 polling stations were used in this building without any complications or complaint. Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Concord CLD Centre
Address:	St Mary's Way, Dumbarton G82 1JL
Type of Property:	Local authority CLD centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD27 - 498
Total No of voters served:	498 (89 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	St Patrick's Church Hall
Address:	Strathleven Place, Dumbarton, G82 1BA
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD28 - 1009
Total No of voters served:	1009 (138 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	Not used – polling station was transferred to Knoxland Primary School in response to comments from electors.
No of polling stations post review:	Nil

Returning Officer's Comments:

Do not use for future elections.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	St Patrick's Primary School
Address:	Crosslet Road, Dumbarton G82 2LQ
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD29 - 1474
Total No of voters served:	1474 (157 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Knoxland Primary School
Address:	Glasgow Road, Dumbarton G82 1QU
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD28 – 1009 WD30 – 1396
Total No of voters served:	2405 (297 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	4
No of polling stations post review:	3 (2 in 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

Increase to 3 polling stations to accommodate transfer of WD28 from St Patrick's Church Hall.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Leven Suite, Abbotsford Hotel
Address:	Stirling Road, Dumbarton
Type of Property:	Hotel function suite.
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD31 - 1263
Total No of voters served:	1263 (147 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

Poor lighting caused problem at previous elections and temporary lighting was put in to improve situation. At future elections, the Returning Officer will ensure that adequate lighting is in place in advance of polls opening. Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Milton Mobile Polling Place
Address:	Colquhoun Road, Milton G82 2TH
Type of Property:	Temporary portacabin
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD32 - 462
Total No of voters served:	462 (65 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	Nil

Returning Officer's Comments:

There are plans to build a new community facility within Milton which will negate the need to use a mobile polling place in future years. It is planned that the works on the new community centre will be completed by March 2012 and therefore could be used for polling in May 2012.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Milton Community Hall (name to be confirmed)
Address:	Milton, Dumbarton
Type of Property:	Community Hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD32 - 462
Total No of voters served:	462 (65 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

This new centre will provide a much improved polling facility for the residents of the Milton area.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Bowling Public Hall
Address:	Dumbarton Road, Bowling G80 1UA
Type of Property:	Local authority hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton (WD33)
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 – Dumbarton (WD33)
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD33 – 365
Total No of voters served:	365 (38 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

This hall may transfer to community ownership in 2012. Given that there are no other suitable premises within this polling district, it should be a condition of transfer that the Council will continue to be able to utilise the centre for election purposes at the standard rates of let.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Glenhead CLD Centre
Address:	Duntiglennan Road, Duntocher, Clydebank G61 6AH
Type of Property:	Local authority CLD centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	4 – Kilpatrick
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC01 – 2282 WC02 - 1276
Total No of voters served:	3558 (283 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	6
No of polling stations post review:	5 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

With turnout being just over 50% and postal votes increasing to 10% it is considered for a first past the post election that 5 polling stations would be adequate for this polling place. Indeed in May 2010, 5 polling stations were used in this building without any complications or complaint. The direction which some of the polling stations face within the hall has been adjusted following feedback from the Presiding Officer at the Kilpatrick By-election in March 2011. Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Goldenhill Primary School
Address:	Stewart Drive, Hardgate, Clydebank G81 6AH
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	4 - Kilpatrick
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC03 – 865 WC06 - 1395
Total No of voters served:	2260 (260 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	3

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Faifley Parish Church Hall
Address:	Faifley Road, Faifley, Clydebank G81 5AR
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	4 - Kilpatrick
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC04 - 1958
Total No of voters served:	1958 (185 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's comments:

This polling place was used for the first time in May 2007 and was satisfactory.
Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	St Joseph's Church Hall
Address:	Faifley Road, Faifley, Clydebank G81 5EZ
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	4 - Kilpatrick
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC05 - 1213
Total No of voters served:	1213 (122 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's comments:

This polling place was used for the first time in May 2007 and was satisfactory.
Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church Hall
Address:	Durban Avenue, Clydebank G81 4JH
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central (WC07,08) 6 – Clydebank Waterfront (WC22, 23)
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC07 – 1069 WC08 – 392 WC22 – 1234 WC23 - 2115
Total No of voters served:	4810 (542 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	8
No of polling stations post review:	6 (as per 2010)

Representations received from:**1) Councillor Patrick McGlinchey**

Suggested that an alternative polling place be found for voters in Mountblow area due to distances.

Response

The Mountblow Community Centre is not large enough for polling. In 2007, the view of the Access Panel was sought and the Secretary confirmed that the premises would not be suitable.

The only alternative to the Community Centre is the use of portacabins which are very unpopular with the public and there are security and safety concerns regarding the proposed location of the portacabins on Melbourne Avenue.

2) Councillor Marie McNair

Suggested using Dalmuir Community Learning and Development Centre as a polling place for voters in WC23.

Response/

Response

The Social Room would be a suitable polling place but the Centre would need to be closed to the public on the Wednesday evening and all day Thursday for security purposes.

Returning Officer's Comments:

This is a large polling place which accommodates voters from Wards 5 and 6. Fewer polling stations are required at a Parliamentary election because voters do not have to be divided by ward. The Council may wish to consider using the Dalmuir Community Learning and Development (CL&D) Centre as a polling place for voters in Polling District WC23 as this will also reduce the number of voters using the church hall which can be busy. If this is agreed then this would leave four polling stations within Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church hall and three would be required within Dalmuir CL&D Centre.

Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Parkhall Library
Address:	Hawthorn Street, Clydebank, G81 3EF
Type of Property:	Local authority library
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC10 – 1212 WC13 - 740
Total No of voters served:	1952 (221 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	St. Stephen's Church Hall
Address:	Park Road, Clydebank G81 3ED
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC11 – 668 WC12 - 1038
Total No of voters served:	1706 (190 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

There is a separate access for disabled electors to the side of the building. The configuration of the front entrance does not permit the use of a ramp. Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Kilbowie Primary School
Address:	West Thomson Street, Clydebank G81 3AE
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC14 - 1623
Total No of voters served:	1623 (210 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	St Eunan's Community Hall
Address:	Gilmour Street, Clydebank G81 2BW
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 - Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC15 – 791 WC16 - 1140
Total No of voters served:	1931 (186 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Drumry Bowling Pavilion
Address:	Kirkoswald Drive, Clydebank, G81 2DA
Type of Property:	Local authority sports facility
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC16 - 1140
Total No of voters served:	1140 (100 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	Nil – voters were transferred to St. Eunan's Community Hall.
No of polling stations post review:	Nil

Returning Officer's Comments:

Do not use for future elections.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	St Eunan's Primary School
Address:	Melfort Avenue, Clydebank G81 2HS
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC17 - 1620
Total No of voters served:	1620 (177 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	Nil – voters transferred to Onslow Road Community Hall.
No of polling stations post review:	Nil

Returning Officer's Comments:

Do not use in future elections.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Onslow Road Community Hall
Address:	Onslow Road, Clydebank, G81 2PR
Type of Property:	Community Hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC17 - 1620
Total No of voters served:	1620 (177 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

This hall was used for the first time in May 2011 and was very satisfactory. Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Linnvale Primary School
Address:	Livingstone Street, Clydebank, G81 2RL
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC18 - 1278
Total No of voters served:	1278 (116 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	Gavinburn Primary School
Address:	Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick G60 5NE
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	6 – Clydebank Waterfront
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC19 - 651
Total No of voters served:	651 (51 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Napier Hall
Address:	Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick G60 5JH
Type of Property:	Local authority community hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	6 – Clydebank Waterfront
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC 20 – 1649 WC 21 - 1536
Total No of voters served:	3185 (310 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	5
No of polling stations post review:	4 (as per 2010)

Returning Officer's Comments:

There are steep steps up to the main entrance. For polling day the main entrance is closed and all electors enter by the side entrance which is accessible to voters in wheelchairs or with limited mobility. Retain as a polling place.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Polling Place Name:	Abbotsford Church Hall
Address:	Abbotsford Road, Clydebank G81 1PA
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	6 – Clydebank Waterfront
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC24 - 1390
Total No of voters served:	1390 (167 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Returning Officer's Comments:

It is recommended that the Polling stations are moved into the Main Hall as there is more space available. Retain as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011**

Polling Place Name:	St Margaret's Church Hall
Address:	Sinclair Street, Clydebank G81 1AE
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	6 – Clydebank Waterfront
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC25 - 2887
Total No of voters served:	2887 (288 postal)
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament elections/UK Referendum held in May 2011:	5
No of polling stations post review:	4 (as per 2010)

Representations received from Councillor Gail Casey

Suggested that Centre 81 be used as an additional polling place to reduce travel distances for some voters.

Response

The Centre 81 management has confirmed that the premises would not be available for polling purposes. Officers investigated using the Clydebank East C&LD Centre as an alternative to Centre 81 but it is located relatively close to the Church and therefore the distances are only reduced by 0.1 mile which is not sufficient to justify having two polling places in the one polling district.

Returning Officer's Comments:

Retain as a polling place.