

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 10 DECEMBER 2002

REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

REPORT BY PARLIAMENTARY RETURNING OFFICER

ABSTRACT

This Report sets out proposals for the designation of polling places within the area of Angus Council and amends the polling districts within Ward 7 (Forfar Central).

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee agree to designate the polling places within the area of Angus Council as detailed in the Report, and agree the amendments to parliamentary polling districts NBD and NBF as detailed in the Report.

2. INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the General Purposes Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of 26 January 1999, when the Sub-Committee agreed to approve the designation of polling places within the area of Angus Council as detailed in the Appendix to Report No 100/99. These polling places were used at the combined Scottish Parliamentary Election and Local Government Elections held on 6 May 1999 and the European Parliamentary Election held on 10 June 1999. Reference is also made to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 20 March 2001 where a number of changes were made to designated polling places following a review which looked at ways in which elections could be held with the minimum disruption to education, where possible.

3. PROPOSALS**(a) Polling Places**

A further review has since taken place and where at all possible polling places have been changed from schools to other premises.

In addition, cognisance has been taken of comments from elected members on a number of minor matters which again, where possible, has led to some changes. The opportunity was also given to Angus Access Panel to make comment on the suitability of polling places for disabled access etc.

It is now proposed that the premises shown at column (2) below will now cease to be used as polling places by the electors from the polling districts shown in column (1). The premises shown at column 3 will be polling places for forthcoming elections.

(1)	(2)	(3)
Polling Districts	Previous Polling Place	New Polling Place
NAL	Staff Social Club, HM Prison, Noranside	Memus Hall
AAK	Rosemount Primary School	Hillside Village Hall
AAP	Birkhill Primary School	Birkhill Village Hall
AAQ	Liff Primary School	Fowlis Easter Hall
AAV	Mattocks Primary School	Wellbank Hall
AAX	Seaview Primary School	South Church Hall, Monifieth
AAZ	Seaview Primary School	South Church Hall, Monifieth
ABQ	Inverkeilor Primary School	Inverkeilor Village Hall

A public notice to this effect will be published referring electors to their official polling card which will contain details of the polling place to which they have been allocated.

(b) Polling Districts

As part of the review consideration has also been given to making changes to the polling districts in Ward 7 (Forfar Central). A map showing the suggested boundary together with the present boundary is attached as **Appendix 1**. Currently all electors in polling district NBD would vote at Wellbrae Primary School. The proposed changes will allow voters to the east of the A90 and those residing in Finavon, Milton of Finavon and Bogardo to vote at the Old School, Oathlaw. The local member, Councillor Ron Scrimgeour is supportive of these proposals, as is Kirriemuir Landward East Community Council.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in this Report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this Report.

6. CONSULTATION

The terms of this Report has been the subject of consultation with the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Electoral Registration Officer.

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No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.