

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 SEPTEMBER 1998

REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

REPORT BY PARLIAMENTARY RETURNING OFFICER

ABSTRACT

This Report sets out proposals for parliamentary polling districts within the area of Angus Council following the submission to the Secretary of State for Scotland by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland of a Scheme of Representation under the Third Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:-

- (a) agree to the provisional parliamentary polling districts as detailed in Appendix 1 hereto;
- (b) note that the canvass for 1999/2000, undertaken by the Electoral Registration Officer, will be on the basis of these proposed parliamentary polling districts; and
- (c) note that a further report will be submitted in due course regarding the polling places to be used at the forthcoming elections.

2. INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to the meeting of the Council of 18 December 1997, when the Council was reminded that the General Purposes Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee had, at its meeting on 22 April 1997, noted the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's provisional proposals for a scheme of representation for the Angus Council area based on 29 Electoral Wards, each returning one Councillor. Following public consultation, only one small amendment had been agreed involving the boundary between Ward 7 (Forfar Central) and Ward 9 (Brechtin Southesk) involving 7 electors.

While the formal consent of the Secretary of State to these proposals has not yet been received, because the canvass for the 1999/2000 Register is now underway, it is necessary to carry out a review of parliamentary polling districts and polling places for the new wards. Assuming approval is given to these proposals, it is anticipated they will come into force for the Scottish Parliamentary Election and the Local Government Elections to be held on 6 May 1999.

3. PROPOSALS

Section 18(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994, provides that it is the duty of every local authority to divide their area into polling districts for the purpose of parliamentary elections and to designate the polling places for each polling district.

In discharging these responsibilities, it is normal practice for Parliamentary Returning Officers to make every possible effort to ensure that parliamentary polling districts and local authority electoral wards share common boundaries. Thus, local authorities are normally able to adopt parliamentary voting arrangements. This will be particularly important because of the combined poll to be held on 6 May 1999.

Against the background of these factors, and following detailed consultation with the Electoral Registration Officer, the Returning Officer proposes to designate polling districts within the area of Angus Council as shown at Appendix 1 hereto.

These proposed polling districts will form the basis of the preparation of the draft Register of Electors to be published in December 1998. However, at this stage of the review, there are apparently a number of parliamentary polling districts which appear to have no electorate and consideration will be given to realigning their boundaries with the ward boundary following the canvass currently being undertaken by the Electoral Registration Officer. Maps showing the proposed polling districts will be on display in the Members' accommodation.

Considerable work is now being undertaken on a review of polling places in relation to the proposed parliamentary polling districts. The aim is to minimise the number of people who will have to use a different polling place as a result of the above changes. Consideration is also being given to requests for alterations/additions to polling places which have been received, and these will be accommodated wherever possible. A further report will be submitted in due course when this exercise has been completed.

4. CONSULTATION

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

A B Watson
Returning Officer

NOTE: 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 a material extent in preparing the above Report.

**PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY POLLING DISTRICTS
WITHIN THE AREA OF ANGUS COUNCIL**

APPENDIX 1

**THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE MAPS DISPLAYED IN THE MEMBERS' LOUNGE**

Ward No.	New Ward	Parliamentary Polling Districts	Electorate (as at 10 August 1998)
1	Kirriemuir West	NGN1	1191
		NGT1	1173
		NGU1	367
		NGX	126
		NGZ	153
		NHA	99
		NHB	158
			3267
2	Kirriemuir East	NGN2	2575
		NGP2	69
		NGR2	0
		NGT2	88
		NGV	192
		NGY	215
			3139
3	Brechin West	NGO1	85
		NGP1	115
		NGQ1	185
		NHC1	2611
		NHD2	69
		NGS	238
			3303
4	Brechin North Esk	AHC2	0
		AHD1	203
		NGO3	48
		NGQ2	0
		NHC3	0
		NHD1	244
		NHH1	977
		NHI1	837
		NHE	64
		NHF	79
		NHG	750
			3202
5	Westfield and Dean	NGA3	0
		NGD1	966
		NGU2	0
		NGC	250
		NGE	593
		NGF	282
		NGG	153
		NGH	667
		NGW	285
	3196		

Ward No.	New Ward	Parliamentary Polling Districts	Electorate (as at 10 August 1998)
6	Forfar West	NGA1	1972
		NGJ2	113
		NGB	915
			3000
7	Forfar Central	NGA2	427
		NGI2	90
		NGJ1	2149
		NGK2	160
		NGR1	135
			2961
8	Forfar East	NGI1	398
		NGJ3	137
		NGJ4	864
		NGK1	1474
			2873
9	Brechin South Esk	AGK2	157
		AGW1	231
		NGO2	17
		NHC2	26
		NHH2	1041
		NHI2	875
		AGM	308
			2655
10	Montrose Ferryden	AGT2	855
		AGV1	1429
		AGW2	134
		AGX2	110
		AGU	606
			3134
11	Montrose Central	AGT1	2459
		AGY2	545
			3004
12	Montrose West	AGV2	0
		AGY1	2906
		AGZ2	10
		AHA2	32
		AHA3	8
		AHB1	204
		AHD3	0
		AHD4	0
			3160
13	Montrose Hillside	AGY3	2
		AGZ1	1808
		AHA1	865
		AHB2	0
		AHB3	0
		AHC1	327
		AHD2	0

Ward No.	New Ward	Parliamentary Polling Districts	Electorate (as at 10 August 1998)
14	Forfar South	NGD2	762
		NGK3	139
		NGK4	28
		NGL	1635
		NGM	89
			2653
15	Letham and Friockheim	AGF4	0
		AGJ1	521
		AGK1	1418
		AGS3	5
		AGW3	0
		AGL	1116
			3060
16	Sidlaw West	AHG1	307
		AHI2	145
		AHE	1106
		AHF	1058
		AHH	455
			3071
17	Sidlaw East and Ashludie	AGR2	33
		AGR3	0
		AGR4	0
		AHG2	97
		AHI1	405
		AHM2	752
		AGS1	902
		AHJ	351
		AHK	679
			3219
18	Monifieth West	AHL1	3184
			3002
19	Monifieth Central	AGS4	1
		AHL2	494
		AHM1	2462
			2957
20	Carnoustie West	AGF5	24
		AGQ2	732
		AGQ3	4
		AGR1	2355
		AGS2	0
			3115
21	Carnoustie Central	AGF2	258
		AGQ1	2739
			2997
22	Carnoustie East	AGF1	3045

Ward No.	New Ward	Parliamentary Polling Districts	Electorate (as at 10 August 1998)
23	Arbirlot and Hospitalfield	AGA3	0
		AGD1	2606
		AGF3	244
		AGJ2	0
		AGE	169
		3019	
24	Keptie	AGB1	873
		AGC	2116
			2989
25	Arbroath North	AGD2	550
		AGG2	400
		AGH	1446
		AGI	565
			2961
26	Brothock	AGG1	1090
		AGN3	0
		AGO1	1812
			2902
27	Hayshead and Lunan	AGN2	1306
		AGO2	920
		AGV3	0
		AGX1	538
		AGP	245
			3009
28	Harbour	AGA1	2914
		AGB2	87
			3001
29	Cliffburn	AGA2	497
		AGN1	2392
			2889
		87967	