

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	1071009
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1. **TITLE:** Polling Districts and Polling Places Review

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Resources

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To carry out a review of polling districts and polling places in the borough as required by Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and Section 17 of the Electoral Administration Act 2013.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RECOMMENDED that:

- i) no changes are made to the existing polling arrangements for the following wards:

Ward	Polling Districts
Ascot	WX; WY
Central Sandhurst	SP
Crown Wood	BF; WW
Crowthorne	CN
Great Hollands North	BH; BQ
Great Hollands South	BJ
Hanworth	BD; BK
Harmans Water	BL; BLP; WV
Little Sandhurst and Wellington	CS; SQ
Old Bracknell	BM; BN
Owlsmoor	SJ
Priestwood and Garth	BG; BP

Winkfield and Cranbourne	WN; WP; WS; WZ
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- ii) the following changes are made to the Binfield with Warfield Ward:
 - a) separate the southern area of the existing 'BA' polling district into a new polling district to be called 'BI'. Shown in Annexe A – Fig 1 of the Director of Resources report.
 - b) separate the Amen Corner development from the 'BA' polling district and creating a new polling district to be called 'BAC'. Shown in Annexe A – Fig 1 of the Director of Resources report.
 - c) designate Newbold College as the polling station for the 'BI' new polling district.
 - d) designate Farley Wood Community Centre is designated as the polling station for polling district 'BAC' with the electors for that polling district using the main hall at the Community Centre.
 - e) Binfield Memorial Hall remains the polling station for the revised 'BA' polling district.
 - f) Farley Wood Community centre remains the polling station for the unchanged 'BB' polling district with the electors concerned continuing to vote in the "Meeting Room" at the Community Centre.
 - g) no changes are made to either polling districts 'BB' or 'WM', retaining existing polling arrangements.
- iii) the following change is made to the Bullbrook Ward:
 - a) one additional polling station is created at Bullbrook Community Centre to increase capacity at this polling place and reduce pressure on the two existing polling stations.
- iv) the following change is made to the College Town Ward:
 - a) designate the main sports hall at Sandhurst Secondary School as the default polling station for electors in polling district 'SO'. Should a scheduled exam clash with a polling day the existing arrangements at College Town Infants School would be reinstated.
- v) the following changes are made to the Warfield Harvest Ride Ward:
 - a) create a new polling district named 'WE' by splitting the existing 'WG' polling district into two areas, as shown in Fig. 2 in Annexe A of the Director of Resources report.
 - b) designate Westmoreland Pavilion as the polling station for the proposed 'WE' polling district.
 - c) that voters in the revised 'WG' polling district continue to vote at Warfield Community centre which would be a single polling station.

- d) that voters in the unchanged 'WQ' polling district continue to vote at Warfield Community Centre.
- vi) the following change is made to the Wildridings and Central Ward:
 - a) designate the former Magistrates Court as the polling station for 'BT' electors for the 2019 elections.
 - b) that subject to a re-evaluation by the Steering Group after planned renovation work, for all subsequent polls, Bracknell Central Library is designated as the polling station.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

- i) The proposals seek to update the current polling arrangements to ensure that all polling districts, places and stations are suitable for the next borough wide elections in May 2019.
- ii) All proposals are made with the intention to balance the number of electors within each polling district; to ensure that polling places are convenient and easily accessible for voters and that polling arrangements have capacity to absorb future demand arising from new residential property developments.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The Electoral Review Steering Group considered a number of potential locations to replace polling stations that were no longer suitable or available taking consideration of representations made by a number of stakeholders as part of the formal consultation process that ran from September to November 2017 – Shown in Annexe B of the Director of Resources report.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Residents of the borough.

10. DOCUMENT CONSIDERED: Report of the Director of Resources

11. DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
17 July 2018	24 July 2018