

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I110773
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1. **TITLE:** Polling District and Polling Place Review

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Delivery

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Agreement to implement revised polling arrangements following recent electoral reviews.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RECOMMENDED to Council the approval of the revised polling district and polling place scheme, as set out in Annex A of the Working Groups report.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

- i. Following the conclusion of recent boundary reviews it is necessary to alter the Council's polling scheme to take account of the new borough, parish and town council ward boundaries.
- ii. Included in the recommendations are the appointment of designated alternative polling places at which the Returning Officer could locate polling stations at short notice should the primary venue not be available due to any unforeseen circumstances. This is to ensure the efficient administration any electoral event.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Several alternative locations were evaluated by officers and the Boundary Review Working Group throughout the review process and a number of these have been included in the scheme as suitable alternative polling places. Those designated as the primary polling place are considered to offer the most suitable arrangements for voters and polling station staff.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: Delivery

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
7 February 2023	14 February 2023