

**COUNCIL  
4 DECEMBER 2002**

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**PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW – POLLING DISTRICTS  
(Director of Corporate Services)]**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The new electoral arrangements for Bracknell Forest were approved by the Electoral Commission on 12 September 2003. The Borough of Bracknell Forest (Electoral Changes) Order 2002 took effect from 13 September 2003 for the purposes of proceedings preliminary to any election held on 1 May 2003 and for all other purposes on 1 May 2003.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **The Borough be divided into 31 polling districts as described below and shown on the large scale map on display at the meeting.**

**3 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

Borough Solicitor

None

Borough Finance Officer

Change of boundaries does not directly lead to additional expenditure. However, the increase in Members from 40 to 42 may do, depending on the decision by the Council on Members Allowances and as such any implications arising from the increase in the number of Members will need to be included in the budget proposals for 2003/04.

Access Implications

None

Other Officers

None

**4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The Local Government Commission for England [LGCE] commenced a formal Periodic Electoral Review of Bracknell Forest in April 2001.

4.2 The LGCE published their draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Bracknell Forest on 27 November 2001. In April 2002, then known as the Boundary Committee for England, it submitted its final recommendations to the Electoral Commission.

4.3 The Electoral Commission approved the recommendations as follows:

- Bracknell Borough should have 42 Councillors;
- There should be 18 Borough wards;
- Elections should continue to take place every four years.
- New warding proposals for Crowthorne and Warfield parishes and rewording proposals for Bracknell Town, Sandhurst Town and Winkfield Parish Councils.

4.4 To give effect to the Order, it has been necessary to review the polling districts within the Borough. Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 provides that each parish or community must be a separate polling district and accordingly, each polling district shown below represents a parish ward (or part thereof) as designated by the Order. Details have previously been sent to all members. It is therefore proposed that the existing Polling Districts be abolished and the Borough be divided into 31 polling districts as described below:

POLLING DISTRICT	PARISH (WARD)	
<b>BA</b>	Binfield	(was LA)
<b>BB</b>	Binfield	(was LL)
<b>BD</b>	Bracknell (Birch Hill)	(was MO)
<b>BE</b>	Bracknell (Bullbrook)	(was LD)
<b>BF</b>	Bracknell (Crown Wood)	(was MN)
<b>BG</b>	Bracknell (Garth)	(was LC)
<b>BH</b>	Bracknell (Gt Hollands North)	(was LH)
<b>BJ</b>	Bracknell (Great Hollands South)	(was MP)
<b>BK</b>	Bracknell (Hanworth)	(was MM)
<b>BL</b>	Bracknell (Harmans Water)	(was LE)
<b>BM</b>	Bracknell (Old Bracknell)	(was LF)
<b>BN</b>	Bracknell (Old Bracknell)	(was LK)
<b>BP</b>	Bracknell (Priestwood)	(was LB)
<b>BT</b>	Bracknell (Town Centre)	(new)
<b>BW</b>	Bracknell (Wildridings)	(was LG)
<b>CN</b>	Crowthorne (Crowthorne)	(was LI)
<b>CS</b>	Crowthorne (Crowthorne South)	(new)
<b>SJ</b>	Sandhurst (Owlsmoor)	(was LJ)
<b>SO</b>	Sandhurst (College Town)	(was LO)
<b>SP</b>	Sandhurst (Central Sandhurst )	(was LP)
<b>SQ</b>	Sandhurst (Little Sandhurst)	(was LQ)
<b>WG</b>	Warfield (Whitegrove)	(was LT)
<b>WM</b>	Warfield (St Michael's)	(was LS)
<b>WP</b>	Warfield (Warfield Park)	(was LT)
<b>WQ</b>	Warfield (Quelm)	(was LT)

<b>WS</b>	Winkfield (Winkfield & Cranbourne) (was MA)
<b>WV</b>	Winkfield (Martins Heron & Warren) (was LV)
<b>WW</b>	Winkfield (Forest Park) (was MW)
<b>WX</b>	Winkfield (Ascot Priory ) (was LW)
<b>WY</b>	Winkfield (Ascot Priory) (was LY)
<b>WZ</b>	Winkfield (Winkfield & Cranbourne) (was LZ)

4.7 As the Council has full Borough/Parish elections on 1 May 2003, the Register of Electors to be published on 1 December will be based on the new Polling Districts set out here.

4.8 A large scale map of the new polling districts will be available at the meeting for inspection by members.

## **5 Next Stages**

5.1 A review of polling places and stations within the Borough will take place in January 2003.

### Background Papers

The Borough of Bracknell Forest (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

Final Recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Bracknell Forest – Boundary Committee for England

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