

TITLE	: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES		
TO / ON	: COUNCIL	28 JANUARY 2004	
REPORT FROM	: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
STATUS	: FOR PUBLICATION		

1.0 TYPE OF DECISION

1.1 What type of decision is to be taken:-

EXECUTIVE DECISION		COUNCIL DECISION	
Key		Non Key	Yes

1.2 If a key decision, has it been included in the Forward Plan

Inclusion in Forward Plan	N/A	Date of Plan	
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2.0 SUMMARY

Following the publication of the Boundary Committee for England's final recommendations for the future electoral arrangements for Bury and the decisions taken by Council at its meeting on 5 November 2003 on the Polling District Boundaries based on the proposed New Wards, representations have been received in respect of certain Polling District boundaries. This report contains details of suggested amendments to the boundaries of Polling Districts in the new Church, Holyrood and Sedgley Wards.

3.0 **OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTIONS (with reasons)**

<p>Option 1. To agree to the proposed amendments to the boundaries of Polling Districts within the new Church, Holyrood and Sedgley Wards in order to facilitate ease of voting for electors in future elections and to assist in the effective running of elections.</p> <p>Option 2. No change to recently agreed Polling District boundaries within the aforementioned Wards.</p> <p>Recommended Option – Adoption of Option 1.</p>
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4.0 **THIS REPORT HAS THE FOLLOWING IMPLICATIONS**

Corporate Aims	The proposed changes to Polling District boundaries would assist in developing a stronger community spirit.
Policy Framework	N/A
Statement by Monitoring Officer	Polling District boundaries within Ward areas are for the Council to determine.
Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government	No additional costs involved.
Human Resource IT/Land and Property Implications	N/A
Wards/Area Boards affected	Church, Holyrood and Sedgley
Scrutiny Panel's Interest	N/A

Consultations	Leaders of the three political groups on the Council.
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Briefings	Executive Members/ Chair		Chief Executive	
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5.0 BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The Boundary Committee for England has submitted its final recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Bury under the Periodic Electoral Review to the Electoral Commission.
- 5.2 The Council at its meeting on 5 November 2003 supported those recommendations and agreed to Polling District boundaries within the proposed new Wards.
- 5.3 However, following those decisions by the Council, representations have been received from Councillors R E Walker and T D Pickstone on behalf of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups respectively regarding certain Polling District boundaries within 3 Wards.
- 5.4 The determination of Polling District boundaries locally, within Ward Boundaries agreed by the Electoral Commission, is for the Council. This assists in the effective running of elections.

6.0 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

- 6.1 Councillor Walker has suggested two changes to the boundaries of Polling Districts in the new Church Ward as follows:-

Church Ward

- (a) To transfer the property 69 High Street, Walshaw and an area of surrounding land from GE to GD Polling District; and
- (b) To transfer the new 'Mere View' estate (Newham, Kingston, Finchley and Sutton) and 1, 1A, 1B and 3 Buckingham Drive from GA to GB Polling District.

Both these changes are detailed in the attached plan at Appendix 1.

- 6.2 Councillor Pickstone has suggested changes to the boundaries of Polling Districts in the new Holyrood and Sedgley Wards as follows:-

Holyrood Ward

- (a) To transfer an area of PB Polling District to a new Polling District PF as follows:-

The area to be transferred is bounded by Bury Old Road, Heywood Road and the Metrolink tram line in the south and comprises all the properties in streets to the east of Heywood Road to the boundary along Bury Old Road.

- (b) To transfer an area from PA to PB Polling District as follows:-

The area to be transferred is bounded by Bury Old Road, Poppeythorn Lane/Guest Road and the Metrolink tram line and comprises properties in Lilac Grove, Ash Grove, Lime Grove, Cedar Grove, Pine Grove, Maple Grove, Birch Grove, Elm Grove and Nursery Road.

These changes are detailed in the attached plan at Appendix 2.

Sedgley Ward

- (c) To transfer an area of RC from the RD Polling District as follows:-

The area to be transferred is bounded by Scholes Lane, Sedgley Park Road and Bury New Road and comprises properties in Overbrook Drive, Woodhill Drive, Breeze Mount and Beechcroft.

These changes are detailed in the attached plan at Appendix 3.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The Council is requested to consider the suggested amendments to boundaries for the new Church, Holyrood and Sedgley Wards in order to facilitate ease of voting for electors at future elections.

Background documents:

Report on Periodic Electoral Review – Final Recommendations of the Boundary Committee for England and Polling District Boundaries.

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