

REPORT FOR DECISION



DECISION MAKER:	Council		
DATE:	29/01/2014		
SUBJECT:	Polling District and Polling Places Review 2014		
REPORT FROM:	Chief Executive		
CONTACT OFFICER:	Warren Rafferty		
TYPE OF DECISION:	Council		
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain		
SUMMARY:	Compulsory review of all polling districts and polling places in Bury		
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	Recommendation		
IMPLICATIONS:			
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes		
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	This review is necessary to comply with statutory timescales. All costs will be met from existing budgets		
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	There are no additional resource implications		
Equality/Diversity implications:	Yes Report includes details of disabled access at polling stations		MO
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes		JH
Wards Affected:	All		
Scrutiny Interest:	None		

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of polling districts and polling places. This review had to be completed between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015 inclusive. It was therefore timed to have effect upon publication of the revised Register of Electors on 17 February 2014. Subsequent compulsory reviews must be started and completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every fifth year after October 2013.
- 1.2 Section 18B (4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 states that in conducting a review of polling places the authority must:
- a) seek to ensure that all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
 - b) seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons

In addition the polling place for a polling district must be within the area of the district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area either wholly or partly outside of the polling district.

Electorate and property figures are as at 2 January 2014.

2.0 CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations included in this review.

List of Background Papers:-

None

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