

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 29 November 2023

Report Title

Recommendations from Cabinet - Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023 – Final Proposals

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

A statutory review of polling places and polling districts has been undertaken between 2 October 2023 and 30 October 2023, which included a public consultation on the current polling scheme and the Returning Officer's proposals.

At its meeting on 20 November 2023, the Cabinet considered a report in respect of the Returning Officers final proposals arising from the polling districts and polling places review. The Cabinet report is appended to this report to provide Members with information about the final proposals.

To give effect to the recommendations from Cabinet, consideration and approval by Council must be given to the recommendations set out below.

Recommendations

That Council: -

1. Note the submissions made in respect of the review of polling districts and polling places for the Borough of Rotherham.
2. Approve the adoption of the polling district boundaries outlined in Appendices 2 and 5 of the Report to Cabinet.
3. Approve the final proposals for polling places as detailed in Appendix 2 of the Cabinet Report.

4. Request the Electoral Registration Officer makes the necessary amendments to the polling districts to take effect from publication of the revised register on 1 December 2023.
5. Request the Electoral Registration Officer makes the necessary amendments to the RVB and RVD polling district boundaries to take effect from publication of the revised register following the next UK Parliamentary General election.
6. Agree that the power to designate polling places in accordance with section 18B of the Representation of the People Act 1983 is continued to be delegated to the Chief Executive.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023 – Final Proposals

Background Papers

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023 – Final Proposals

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 1 Borough Wards shown by current and proposed Parliamentary Constituencies](#)

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 2 Polling place scheme and final proposals](#)

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 3 Summary of responses to the consultation and Returning Officer comments](#)

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 4 Ward maps of current polling districts and polling stations](#)

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 5 Ward maps of proposed polling districts and polling stations](#)

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 6 Part A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment Form](#)

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 7 Part B - Equality Analysis Form](#)

Report to Cabinet – 20 November 2023: [Appendix 8 Carbon Impact Statement](#)

[2023 Polling District and Polling Places Review - Consultation](#)

[Electoral Commission guidance on the review of polling districts and polling places](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

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Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Accountable Officer(s)

Phillip Horsfield, Assistant Director of Legal, Elections and Registration Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	Name	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	20/11/23
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	17/11/23
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Bal Nahal	17/11/23
Assistant Director of Human Resources (if appropriate)	N/a	
Head of Human Resources (if appropriate)	N/a	
The Strategic Director with responsibility for this report	Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive	20/11/23
Consultation undertaken with the relevant Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance - Councillor Alam	

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