

REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL - 31 OCTOBER 2011

REPORT ON: SECOND STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SUPPORT SERVICES)

REPORT NO 434-2011

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To outline proposals for polling places and polling districts in terms of the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the changes outlined in Section 5 be adopted.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 This is the second statutory Review carried out in terms of the Electoral Administration Act 2006. The timetable for the Review was as follows:-

6 June - Publication of existing arrangements

30 June - Closing Date for Initial Comments

29 August - Publication of Draft Proposals

30 September - Closing date for Representations to the draft Proposals

31 October - Proposals Put to Council

1 December - Publication of new Register based on final proposals approved by the Council.

4.2 A comprehensive review of polling districts and polling places is carried out prior to all elections, the most recent being in February this year.

4.3 As a result of this practice only a relatively small number of changes are proposed and these are largely due to the ongoing school rebuilding programme and a reduction in the number of Dundee college premises. The opportunity has also been taken to reduce the number of polling districts for administrative ease and to realign boundaries to make voting easier for electors.

4.4 Members should note that electorate figures quoted are those as at September 2011. The annual canvass is currently being undertaken and the final number of electors for each polling station will not be known until the publication of the new register on 30 November 2011. The register will be published based on the changes identified as a result of this Review.

4.5 The majority of Polling Districts have had to be renamed. As the Scottish Parliament and UK Parliament Boundaries are not coterminous a number of districts are in Dundee City East for Scottish Parliament Elections but Dundee West for UK elections and the opportunity has been taken to identify these districts as undernoted:-

Districts beginning EW are in Dundee City East for Scottish Parliamentary Elections but Dundee West for UK Elections.

Districts beginning WE are in Dundee City West for Scottish Parliamentary Elections but Dundee East for UK Elections.

The remaining Districts beginning E or W are always in the East or West Constituencies respectively.

- 4.6 Two maps will be on display. One map will show the changes referred to below and the second map will show the wards together with the new polling district boundaries and polling stations.
- 4.7 The Appendix to this report lists wards and the default polling places for each polling district within the ward.
- 4.8 The views of the Returning Officer had to be sought in terms of the regulations governing the Review and the Returning Officer has indicated that he agrees with all the proposals contained in this report.
- 4.9 The Boundary Commission for Scotland has recently published its initial proposals in connection with the 6th review of UK Parliament Constituencies. If the initial proposals are approved minor alterations to polling districts in Maryfield Ward will be required. These proposals will not take effect until 2015 and any necessary amendments will be made nearer the time. The proposals will be the subject of a separate report to the Council later this year.

5.0 PROPOSALS

Ward 1 - Strathmartine

- 1.1 A new polling district WAO will be formed by combining former districts WAO, WBV. Electors will continue to vote at Ardler complex.
- 1.2 A new polling district WAN will be formed by combining former districts WAN and WBU (Clattowoods area only). Electors will continue to vote at Craigowl Primary.
- 1.3 A new polling district WAQ will be formed by combining former districts WAQ and WBU (part St Martin Avenue, St Martin Drive etc). Electors will vote at Strathmartine Parish Church Hall. (Electors in the former WBU voted at Craigowl Primary).
- 1.4 A new polling district WAM will be formed by combining former districts WXN, WXP and WXQ. Electors will continue to vote at St Andrew's Primary.

Ward 2 - Lochee

- 2.1 A new polling district WAC will be formed by combining former districts WBT, WAC (Part) and WAA (Myrekirk Road and South Road addresses only). Electors will vote at the Lynch Sports Centre which is closer for electors in the former WAA and WAC district and more accessible for electors in the former WBT district (Liff area) than the previous polling place of Charleston Community Centre.
- 2.2 The boundary of existing polling district WAA will be realigned following the changes outlined at 2.1 above. Electors continue to vote at Gowriehill Primary.
- 2.3 A new polling district WAG will be formed by the combination of former districts WAG and WAM. Electors continue to vote at Hillside Primary.
- 2.4 The boundary of existing polling district WAD is realigned as outlined in 2.1 above. All electors continue to vote at Charleston Community Centre.

Ward 3 - West End

- 3.1 The boundary of existing polling districts WBJ and WAJ will be realigned. Electors in the new WBJ will continue to vote at Mitchell Street Centre.
- 3.2 The boundary of existing districts WAJ, WBJ and WBD will be realigned. All electors in the new WAJ will vote at the Al-Maktoum Institute. Electors in the former WBJ and WBD voted at Mitchell Street and Park Place Primary respectively.
- 3.3 The boundary of WBD is realigned as outlined in 3.2 above and electors continue to vote at Park Place. Following the 2012 election, officers will attempt to identify suitable premises to replace Park Place Primary which will no longer be available.

Ward 4 - Coldside

- 4.1 New polling district WAX formed by combining former districts WAX, WBB and WBM. Electors will continue to vote at Lawton Road Sheltered Lounge. Efforts will be maintained to find a suitable building close to the Kingsway.
- 4.2 New polling district WBH formed by combining former districts WBH and WBN. Electors will continue to vote at Hill Street Communal Lounge.
- 4.3 New polling district WBB formed by combining former districts WBO and WBP. Electors will continue to vote at Alva Square Communal Lounge.
- 4.4 New polling district EWE formed by combining former districts EBO, EBP and EBX. Electors will vote at Fleming Gardens Communal Lounge. Electors in the former EBP and EBX currently vote there. Electors in the former EBO currently vote at Graham Street (Dundee College) which is no longer available.

Ward 5 - Maryfield

- 5.1 New polling district EWF formed from existing district EBW. Electors will vote at DISC as the existing polling place of Dundee College, Graham Street is no longer available.
- 5.2 New polling district EWG formed from part of existing polling district EBM (south of Tannadice Street) and EBY (Eliza Street, Albert Street etc). Electors will vote at Clepington Primary having previously voted at Dundee College, Melrose Terrace and Arthurstone Terrace Library, respectively.
- 5.3 New polling district EWI formed being the remainder of former district EBY. Electors continue to vote at Arthurstone Terrace Library.
- 5.4 New polling district EAY formed from that part of existing district EXI (north of Janefield Place. Electors will vote at DISC having previously voted at Clepington Primary.
- 5.5 New polling district EAZ is formed from the remainder of existing district EXI. Electors continue to vote at Clepington Primary.
- 5.6 New polling district EBG formed from part of existing district EBI (Bingham Terrace northwards). Electors will vote at Seventh Day Adventist Church, Rennell Road having previously voted at Glebelands Primary.
- 5.7 New polling district EBD formed by combining southern remainder of former district EBI (Bingham Terrace and Southwards) with former district EBF (north of railway line only). Electors will continue to vote at Glebelands Primary.
- 5.8 New polling district EBC formed by combining former district EBF (south of railway line) with part of former district EBG (Dock area to North Marketgait). Electors will vote at Dundee Sea Cadets, Camperdown Street having previously been allocated to Glebelands Primary and Wellgate Sheltered Lounge respectively.
- 5.9 New polling district EBE formed from remainder of existing EBG. Electors will continue to vote at Wellgate Sheltered Housing Lounge.
- 5.10 New polling district EWJ formed from remainder of former district EBM (Clepington Road to Tannadice Street). Electors will vote at Fleming Gardens Communal Lounge as Dundee College, Melrose Terrace is no longer available.

Ward 6 - North East

- 6.1 New polling district WEB formed by combining former districts WBS and WBX. Electors will continue to vote at Mill of Mains Primary.
- 6.2 Southern boundary of polling district WEC realigned to follow southern ward boundary. Technical adjustment only - no electors affected.
- 6.3 New polling district EAB formed by combining existing districts EAB and EBU. Electors will continue to vote at Fintry Primary.
- 6.4 New polling district EAA formed by combining existing districts EAA and EAH. Electors will continue to vote at Longhaugh Nursery.
- 6.5 New polling district EAC formed by realigning boundaries of former districts EAC, EAG and EAF. This primarily involves the relocation of Haddington Gardens etc, properties to EAF. Existing realigned district EAC is to be combined with existing district EAG to form a new polling district of EAC. Electors will vote at Angus Housing Association.
- 6.6 New polling district EAE formed following changes at 6.5 above and combination of existing districts EAE, EAF and EAS. Electors will vote at the new Ballumbie Primary School. Note - should the school not be finished by May 2012, electors will vote at Newfields Primary.

Ward 7 - East End

- 7.1 New polling district EAH formed by combining existing district EAJ and EAM. Electors continue to vote at Happyhillock Sheltered Lounge.
- 7.2 New polling district EAL formed by realigning boundaries of existing districts EAO, EAP and EBA resulting in an enlarged EBA incorporating electors south of Balunie Avenue and the west end of Balbeggie Street. All these electors will vote at St Pius Primary.
- 7.3 New polling district EAG will be formed by combining existing polling districts EAN, EBT and the remainder of EAP. Electors will continue to vote at Douglas Community Centre.
- 7.4 New polling district EAM formed by combining the realigned EBS and the remainder of EAO. Electors will continue to vote at Claypotts Castle Primary.
- 7.5 New polling district EAK formed by combining existing districts EBE and EBV. Electors continue to vote at Cullen Place Sheltered Lounge.

Ward 8 - The Ferry

- 8.1 New polling district EAN formed by combining existing districts EAZ and EAX. Electors will continue to vote at Eastern Primary (formerly Centenary Hall).
- 8.2 New polling district EAS formed by combining former districts EAU and EBB. Electors will continue to vote at Forthill Primary.
- 8.3 New polling district EAQ formed by combining existing districts EXS and EXT. Electors will continue to vote at Panmurefield Village Church.
- 8.4 New polling district EAV formed by realigning boundaries of existing districts EBZ and EAV resulting in electors in Castleroy Road etc area being reallocated to Barnhill Community Centre with the electors in existing EBZ.
- 8.5 New polling district EAT formed from the remainder of existing district EAV. Electors will vote at Broughty Ferry New Kirk, Queen Street due to the closure of the former Eastern Primary building.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environmental assessment, anti poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management. There are no major issues.

6.2 An equality impact assessment has been carried out and this will be available on the Council Website : www.dundee.gov.uk/supportservs/eqiasservs.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance, political parties represented on the Council, all Elected Members, and various disabled groups have been consulted.

As part of the consultation exercise access audits were carried out on all the polling places. These were published on the City Council's website.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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DATE: 3 October 2011

APPENDIX**POLLING PLACES BY WARD****WARD 1 - STRATHMARTINE**

WAM	St. Andrews Primary School, 45 St. Leonard Place
WAN	Craigowl Primary School, 112 Laird Street
WAO	Ardler Complex, Turnberry Avenue
WAP	Downfield Primary School, 20 Haldane Crescent
WAQ	Strathmartine Church Hall, 509 Strathmartine Road
WAR	Baldragon Academy, Burn Street
WAS	Sidlawview Primary School, Helmsdale Place
WAT	Kirkton Community Centre, Derwent Avenue
WAV	Downfield Primary School, 20 Haldane Crescent
WAW	Downfield Primary School, 20 Haldane Crescent
WEA	Sidlawview Primary School, Helmsdale Place

WARD 2 - LOCHEE

WAA	Gowriehill Primary School, Etive Gardens
WAB	Clyde Place Sheltered Lounge, 52 Tummel Place
WAC	Lynch Sports Centre, South Road
WAD	Charleston Community Centre, Craigowan Road
WAG	Hillside Primary School, Dalrymple Street
WAH	St. Ninians Primary School, Dochart Terrace
WAI	Dryburgh Resource Centre, Napier Drive
WAK	Kirk Street Sheltered Lounge, Adamson Court
WAY	West District Housing Community Lounge, 3 Sinclair Street
WAZ	Burnside Court Sheltered Lounge, Burnside Court

WARD 3 - WESTEND

WAE	Tullideph Sheltered Lounge, 40 Tullideph Place
WAF	Morven Terrace Sheltered Lounge, 1B Morven Terrace
WAJ	Al Makhtoum Institute, 124 Blackness Road
WAL	Harris Academy, Perth Road
WBD	Park Place Primary, Park Place
WBE	Dundee West Church Hall, 132 Perth Road
WBF	Logie and St. John Cross Church Hall, Shaftesbury Terrace
WBG	Logie/Scott Street Sheltered Lounge, 33 Lime Street
WBJ	Mitchell Street Continuing Education Centre, Mitchell Street
WBK	St. Peters Free Church Hall, 4 St. Peter Street

WARD 4 - COLDSIDE

WAU	Mitchell Street Continuing Education Centre, Mitchell Street
WAX	Lawton Road Sheltered Lounge, 11 Lawton Road
WBA	Cobden Street Sheltered Lounge, Cobden Street
WBB	Alva Square Sheltered Lounge, 10 Alva Square
WBH	Hill Street Sheltered Lounge, 51 Hill Street
WBI	Law Nursery School, Campbell Street
WBL	Rosebank Primary School, McDonald Street
EWA	Our Lady's Primary School, Nelson Street
EWB	Maxwelltown Information Centre, Carnegie Street
EWC	Moncur Crescent Sheltered Lounge, 14 Hastings Place
EWD	Frances Wright Pre School, Caird Avenue
EWE	Fleming Gardens Lounge, Hindmarsh Avenue

WARD 5 - MARYFIELD

EAY	DISC, Mains Loan
EAZ	Cleington Primary School, Eliza Street
EBC	Dundee Sea Cadets Hall, Camperdown Street
EBD	Glebelands Primary School, Baffin Street
EBE	Wellgate Sheltered Lounge, King Street
EBF	Arthurstone Terrace Library, Arthurstone Terrace
EBG	Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall, Rennell Road
EWF	DISC, Mains Loan
EWG	Cleington Primary School, Eliza Street
EWH	Dykehead Communal Lounge, 57 Dykehead Place
EWI	Arthurstone Terrace Library, Arthurstone Terrace
EWJ	Fleming Gardens Lounge, Hindmarsh Avenue
WBC	Marryat Hall, City Square
WED	Central Library, Wellgate

WARD 6 - NORTH EAST

EAA	Longhaugh Nursery School, Longhaugh Road
EAB	Fintry Primary School, 10 Findcastle Terrace
EAC	Angus Housing Association, Ormiston Crescent
EAD	Whitfield Community Centre, 106 Whitfield Drive
EAE	Ballumbie Primary School, 70 Lothian Crescent
EAF	Longhaugh Primary School, Longhaugh Road
WEB	Mill O'Mains Primary School, Barns of Claverhouse Road
WEC	Foula Terrace Communal Lounge, Foula Terrace

WARD 7 - EAST END

EAG	Douglas Community Centre, Balmoral Avenue
EAH	Happyhillock Sheltered Lounge, 54A Happyhillock Road
EAI	Rowantree Primary School, Birks Terrace
EAJ	Brooksbank Centre, Pitairlie Road
EAK	Cullen Place Communal Lounge, 26/30 Huntly Road
EAL	St. Pius Primary School, Banchory Road
EAM	Claypotts Castle Primary School, 9 Balloch Place
EBA	Craigiebank Church Hall, Carlochie Place
EBB	Craigiebarns Primary School, Brington Road

WARD 8 - THE FERRY

EAN	Eastern Primary School, Claypotts Road
EAO	St. Margarets Church Hall, Guthrie Terrace
EAP	Barnhill Primary School, Falkland Crescent
EAQ	Panmurefield Church Hall, Lawers Drive
EAR	Broughty Ferry Lawn Tennis Club, Elcho Drive
EAS	Forthill Primary School, Fintry Place
EAT	Broughty Ferry East Church, Queen Street
EAU	Castle Green Leisure Centre, St. Vincent Street
EAV	Barnhill Community Centre, Campfield Square
EAW	Craigiebarns Primary School, Brington Road
EAX	Forthill Sheltered Lounge, 3A Forthill Drive