

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	10 DECEMBER 2018	7
<b>REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2018</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY

To consider the Returning Officers proposals arising from the review of polling districts and polling places within the Borough of Fylde.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To authorise the Returning Officer recommendations.
2. To authorise the Returning Officer to make amendments to polling places, where required, prior to the next statutory review.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The last full review of polling districts and polling places in the Borough was undertaken in 2013. The Returning Officer recommendations were approved.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services ( <b>Value for Money</b> )	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council ( <b>Clean and Green</b> )	√
Working with all partners ( <b>Vibrant Economy</b> )	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live ( <b>A Great Place to Live</b> )	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit ( <b>A Great Place to Visit</b> )	√

### REPORT

#### Background

1. Under the Representation of the People Act 1983 and section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, the Council has a duty to divide the borough into polling districts and to designate polling places for each district. It also has to keep these arrangements under review.
2. Section 17 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires each local authority to carry out a review of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places in its area within a 16 month period commencing from 1 October 2013.

3. The Council may undertake reviews of all or some of the polling districts or polling places at any time but subsequent compulsory reviews must be started and completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every fifth year after 1 October 2013.
4. The Council has powers to change polling places and polling district boundaries but not Ward or Parish boundaries. These are defined as follows:

A **Polling District** is the geographical sub division of an electoral ward. The Council is responsible for dividing its area into polling districts for UK Parliamentary elections and for keeping polling districts under review.

When designating polling districts, the Council must:

- Seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
- Seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who have disabilities.

A **polling place** is the building in which a polling station is located.

A polling station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located in the polling place designated for the particular polling district.

5. From time to time, due to building works being carried out, or for other reasons, designated polling places become unavailable for a particular election. In these circumstances, it is recommended that the Returning Officer be authorised, following consultation with ward members and the respective Town and Parish Council, to make any changes necessary, therefore, to use alternative locations prior to the next statutory review.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising from this report
Legal	None
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2018	1 November 2018	<a href="http://new.fylde.gov.uk/polling-district-review-2018/">http://new.fylde.gov.uk/polling-district-review-2018/</a>

Attached documents

Review of polling districts and polling places Returning officer report.