



Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – 2018

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR FYLDE BOROUGH COUNCIL 2018

Background

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.

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 2018.

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 2018.

The last full review in the Borough was undertaken in 2013 but the polling places have been kept under review in subsequent years.

Definition of terms

- **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 districts under review.
- **A Polling Place** is the building or area in which polling station(s) will be selected by the (Acting) Returning Officer. A polling place within a polling district must be designated so that polling stations are within easy reach of all electors from across the polling district.
- **A Polling Station** is the room or area within the polling place where the process of voting takes place, and must be located in the polling place designated for the particular polling district. Unlike polling districts and polling places which are fixed by the local authority, polling stations are chosen by the relevant Returning Officer for the election.

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.

In drawing up proposals consideration should also be given to:-

- Ideally the polling place should be within its own polling district
- Ideally there should be 2000-2500 electors per polling district.
- Where possible 'natural' boundaries should be used
- Polling places should be 'logical'; that is, electors should not have to pass another polling place to get to their own.

Review Process

The council is required to publish notice of the holding of a review and publish details of their proposals for each polling district and polling places.

The notice has been posted on the Council's website – www.fylde.gov.uk which includes details of the current polling places, location of polling stations, street lists and polling district maps. Copies have been sent to the following for representations:

- All Fylde Borough Councillors
- Parish Clerks
- Libraries
- Mark Menzies MP
- Society for the Blind (Nvision)
- Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Society for the Deaf
- Disability First
- Age UK

In addition, as part of the review process at the elections in May 2017 a feedback form on the suitability for each of the existing polling places was completed by Polling Station Inspectors and Presiding Officers.

Final Proposals

In preparing the review, officers have scrutinised areas and where necessary identified alternative polling district areas and polling places located within the ward.

In considering the suitability of polling places the following factors have been taken into account – the availability of suitable premises, accessibility, public safety and location in relation to the centres of population within the area.

A scheduled breakdown is attached. Officers have proposed no change to the current polling districts and little change to the current polling places. Changes since the last review in 2013, such as the removal of the “temporary polling stations” has also been detailed.

The Returning Officer will publish any representations throughout the review and proposed changes in November. Final recommendations will be submitted for adoption to the Council on 10 December 2018.

Tracy Manning
Returning Officer

A Recommended Polling District	B Recommended Polling Place as column C or within the following parish(es) (C) : combined polling place	C Proposed Polling Station	D Polling Station Electorate at September 2018	E Returning Officers Comments and Recommendations	Disabled Access	F Changes since last review in 2013
A Ansdell	Ansdell	Ansdell County Primary School, Lansdowne Road, Lytham St Annes	2085 2 stations	No change necessary. <i>It is conveniently situated within the polling district and is well known to electors.</i>	Yes	
AA Ansdell	Ansdell and Clifton (C)	Lytham Hall Park Primary School, South Park, Lytham St Annes	545	No change necessary. <i>It is situated just inside the adjoining polling district in Clifton ward and is well known to electors. It has not been possible to locate an alternative suitable building within the polling district.</i>	Yes	
B Ashton	Ashton	St Annes United Reformed Church Hall, St Georges Road, Lytham St Annes	1584	No change necessary. <i>Good parking facilities.</i>	Yes	
BA Ashton	Ashton and Central	Parish Rooms, Headroomgate Road, Lytham St Annes	1324	No change necessary. <i>It is situated just inside the adjoining polling district in Central ward and is well known to electors. Temporary ramp available for disabled access.</i>	Yes	
<p>B & BA Ashton Feedback Ward Councillor - <i>The boundary needs to be changed and aligned with St Annes Road east - having parts of Oxford Road & Grange in Central ward isn't logical.</i></p> <p>Returning Officer Response <i>The proposed change would be done through a Local Government Boundary Review.</i></p>						
C Central	Central	The Drive Methodist School Room, East Bank Road, Lytham St Annes	1252	No change necessary.	Yes	
CA Central	Central	Church Road Methodist Hall,	1488	No change should be made to the polling district and polling place. The RO will keep the polling station	Yes	Polling Station has or is soon to

		Church Road, Lytham St Annes		under review. The room used at Church Road Methodist Hall has now been demolished, a suitable new room maybe available early 2019. The Pensioners hall has been identified as an alternative.		be demolished.
D Clifton	Clifton (C)	Lytham Hall Park Primary School, School Park, Lytham St Annes	958	No change necessary. <i>Combined polling station with Ansdell. Although polling is within the same hall, it is felt that a suitable divide is actioned to separate the polls.</i>	Yes	
DA Clifton	Clifton	Lytham Methodist Church, Wesley Hall, Park Street, Lytham St Annes	1564 <i>2 stations</i>	No change necessary.	Yes	
EEL Elswick	Elswick	Elswick Village Hall, Roseacre Road, Elswick	722	No change necessary.		
ELE Little Eccleston with Larbreck	Little Eccleston with Larbreck	Merlewood Country Park, Cartford Lane, Little Eccleston	314	No change necessary. <i>Having used the new polling station twice in 2017, it is thought that the new location is centrally located for electors within Little Eccleston, away from the busy road with car parking.</i>	Yes	New polling station since 2017. Previously Temporary Station.
<p><i>ELE Little Eccleston with Larbreck</i> <i>Feedback</i> <i>Little Eccleston with Larbreck parish council discussed the matter at the meeting held on 13th September 2018, and have no comments on the current arrangements.</i></p>						
F Fairhaven	Fairhaven (C)	St Paul's Church Hall, Lake Road North, Fairhaven, Lytham St Annes	918	No change necessary. <i>Hall is large enough to house 3 polling stations (F and FP). Staff will ensure a necessary divide between the stations is made when setting up.</i>	Yes	
FP Fairhaven	Fairhaven (C)	St Paul's Church Hall, Lake Road North, Fairhaven, Lytham St Annes	1734 <i>2 stations</i>	No change necessary.	Yes	
GFE Freckleton East	Freckleton (C)	Freckleton Community Centre,	2025	No change necessary.	Yes	

		School Lane, Freckleton	2 stations			
HFW Freckleton West	Freckleton (C)	Freckleton Community Centre, School Lane, Freckleton	1768 2 stations	No change necessary. <i>Although it is located within the adjacent polling district GFE, Freckleton East ward, it is easily accessible and well known to electors. No suitable alternatives within the Polling District have been identified.</i>	Yes	
J Heyhouses	Heyhouses	The Hope Street Park Community Pavilion, Hope Street, Lytham St Annes	1789	No change necessary. <i>Since 2016 we have had 4 polls back at the original location of Hope Street Park. Electors find this location more central and accessible.</i>	Yes	Moved back 2016. <i>Temporary located at Fylde District Scout Headquarters.</i>
JA Heyhouses	Heyhouses	St Thomas CE Primary School, St Thomas Road, Lytham St Annes	1140	No change necessary. <i>The school have raised issues around safeguarding. After looking at a number of alternative venues, no suitable alternative has been found that meets requirements. It has been recommended that the school to plan inset days for future scheduled elections.</i>	Yes	
K Kilnhouse	Kilnhouse	St Albans Church Hall, 64 Kilnhouse Lane, Lytham St Annes	1330	No change necessary.	Yes	
KA Kilnhouse	Kilnhouse and Central	Heyhouses CE Junior School, Clarendon Road, Lytham St Annes	1228	No change necessary. <i>Although the school is located within the adjacent polling district, it is accessible and well known to electors. The school have also agreed for us to use the "Eco Pod" located at the front of the school from 2019.</i>	Yes	
LKN Kirkham North	Kirkham	St Michael's Primary School, School Lane, Kirkham	2509 2 stations	No change necessary. <i>Temporary ramp available for disabled access.</i>	Yes	
MKS Kirkham South	Kirkham	Kirkham Community Centre, Mill Street, Kirkham	1776	No change necessary. <i>Although situated just inside the adjoining polling district LKN in Kirkham North ward, it has car parking</i>	Yes	

			2 stations	<i>facilities, is easily accessible and well known to electors.</i>		
NMW Medlar with Wesham	Medlar with Wesham	Wesham Community Centre, Church Road, Wesham	2571 2 stations	No change necessary.	Yes	
PCW Clifton	Clifton	Lund Church Hall, Church Lane, Clifton, Preston	620	No change necessary.	Yes	
PNW Newton	Newton	Newton Bluecoat School, School Lane, Newton, Preston	992	No change necessary.	Yes	
PTR Treales, Roseacre and Wharles	Treales	Treales CE School, Church Road, Treales	326	No change necessary.	Yes	
PCW, PNW, PTR Clifton, Newton and Treales						
Feedback						
<i>Clerk for Newton-with Clifton - At a meeting held on Thursday 4th October 2018 the council resolved that the proposed arrangements, within the review of polling districts/places, should be adopted by Fylde Borough Council.</i>						
Q Park	Park (C)	Clifton Primary School, Clitheroe Road, Lytham St Annes	2039 2 stations	No change necessary. <i>The entrance has a small step. An alternative entrance is available with disabled access and the school is usually closed on polling day.</i>	Yes	
QP Park	Park (C)	Clifton Primary School, Clitheroe Road, Lytham St Annes	1139	No change necessary.	Yes	
RRW Ribby with Wrea	Ribby with Wrea	St Nicholas Church Community Centre, St Nicholas Church, Wrea Green, Preston	1036	No change necessary. <i>The community centre is centrally located and well known to electors.</i>	Yes	New polling station since 2016
SG Greenhalgh	Greenhalgh	The Villa Express, Fleetwood Road, Greenhalgh	271	No change necessary. <i>Feedback from the two polls in 2017 was positive. The station has good parking and disabled access.</i>	Yes	New polling station since 2017. Previously Temporary

						Station.
SS Singleton	Singleton	Singleton Village Hall, The Village, Singleton	567	No change necessary.	Yes	
SG Greenhalgh Feedback <i>On behalf of the Parish Council, could I request that Greenhalgh retain a polling station at the Villa (Adjacent to junc 3 of M55) - there were 'rumours' of Singleton being the local site in the future for Greenhalgh parish and, being a location with several elderly residents and limited bus service, the PC feel it imperative the station be retained.</i>						
T St Johns	St Johns	Lytham Christian Centre, Preston Road, Lytham St Annes	1555 2 stations	Change required. <i>Move Talbot Road to TA polling district.</i>	Yes	
TA St Johns	St Johns and Clifton	Lytham CE Primary School, Park View Road, Lytham St Annes	1314	Change required. <i>Talbot Road added to polling district.</i>	Yes	
T, TA St Johns Feedback & Returning Officers Response <i>Since publishing the review, the Returning Officer has noted that Talbot Road currently falls within the T polling district. It is recommended that Talbot Road be moved to the TA polling district therefore electors will vote at Lytham CE Primary School which is closer and more convenient.</i>						
U St Leonards	St Leonards and Squire's Gate	The Boardroom, Princess Alexandra House, Bosworth Place, Blackpool	475	No change should be made to the polling district and polling place. The RO will keep the polling station under review. <i>Feedback from the two polls in 2017 was positive with regard to parking and disabled access. Lancashire Energy HQ has been identified as an alternative, however the location of Princess Alexandra House is closer to the electorate and the preferred option.</i>	Yes	New polling station since 2017. Previously Temporary Station.
UA St Leonards	St Leonards	St Annes Cricket Club, Vernon Road, Lytham St Annes	2266 2 stations	No change necessary.	Yes	
U St Leonards Feedback						

<p><i>St Annes Town Councillor raised the following - Could the polling station be located at the Blackpool Football Training Ground? This is within the parish of St. Anne's.</i></p> <p>Returning Officers Response</p> <p><i>Blackpool Football Training Ground was investigated in 2017, the venue does not have suitable facilities for polling.</i></p>						
VS Staining	Staining	Staining Village Hall, Chain Lane, Staining	1497	No change necessary. <i>Modern new build with excellent facilities.</i>	Yes	
<p>VS Staining Feedback</p> <p><i>Parish Clerk Staining - The church has been used previously but has limited access for disabled, therefore, the Village Hall would be preferable.</i></p>						
VW Weeton	Weeton	Weeton Village Hall, Knowsley Crescent, Weeton	443	No change necessary. <i>Modern new build with excellent facilities.</i>	Yes	
WWA Bryning with Warton	Bryning with Warton	Bryning with Warton Village Hall, Church Road, Warton	2546 <i>2 stations</i>	No change necessary. <i>Well known within the area.</i>	Yes	
WWE Westby with Plumpton	Westby with Plumpton	Former Ballam School (St Matthew's Church), West Moss Lane, Ballam	944	No change necessary. <i>Temporary ramp available for disabled access.</i>	Yes	

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