

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

**Subject:** Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places  
**Committee:** City Council  
**Date:** 10 October 2011  
**Cabinet Member:** N/A  
**CMT Member:** Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance  
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**Ref:** E3/Review/2011  
**Key Decision:** No  
**Part:** I

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### **Executive Summary:**

In accordance with the Electoral Administration Act 2006 a full review of polling districts and polling places has been undertaken in consultation with a wide circle of interested parties including Members and the general public.

Following the review, this report seeks approval of the Plymouth City Council Polling Arrangements Schedule 2011, a copy of which is annexed to this report.

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### **Corporate Plan 2011-2014:**

No specific implications

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### **Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land**

There are no additional implications arising from this report.

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### **Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:**

None

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### **Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

That:- The Plymouth City Council Polling Arrangements Schedule 2011 (copy at Appendix A) is implemented with effect from 1 December 2011.

Reasons for recommendations:

- a) Provide voting arrangements for the electors of Plymouth;
- b) Comply with the statutory requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006

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**Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

N/A

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**Background papers:**

None

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**Sign off:**

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Originating SMT Member: Tim Howes

## **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the City Council has a duty to divide the local authority area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district. The City Council must also keep these arrangements under review.
- 1.2 Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a number of changes to the way that reviews must be undertaken. The most important change was that the City Council must conduct a full review of its polling districts and polling places and to formally approve a 'final polling scheme' every four years or when a material changes to polling areas is proposed.
- 1.3 This report seeks approval of the Plymouth City Council Polling Arrangements Schedule 2011, which is annexed to this report. The Schedule, once approved, will be published on the City Council's website.

## **2.0 Review Definitions**

Polling District – A polling district is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area (constituency or ward).

Polling Place – A polling place is the area in which the Returning Officer selects the polling station. In Plymouth polling places represent the same area as the polling district to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located.

Polling Station – The polling station is the room or building where the poll takes place.

Only the full Council meeting can decide polling district boundaries or polling place areas. It is the Returning Officer's role to select the polling stations.

## **3.0 Review Approach**

- 3.1 In undertaking this review the following rules are required by law and must be observed: -

- The Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling station is accessible to electors who are disabled.

Other guidelines used in this review are that: -

- Ideally the polling station should be situated within its own polling district;
- No polling place or station should be shared by two wards, unless no other buildings are available;
- Where practicable 'natural' features should be used as the boundaries, e.g. main roads, rivers, railways etc;
- Schools should be avoided unless it is the only appropriate location
- Where practicable the use of mobile units should be avoided
- Changes should be kept to a minimum and alterations sought only where necessary

- 3.2 The Review was divided into two parts: Part 1: Election Review 2011 and Part 2: Formal Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

## Part 1

At the 2011 elections Polling Station Inspectors and Polling Staff completed 'Polling Station Review and Assessment' forms.

Following the election comment was invited from Elected Representatives, Political Parties, Candidates and Election Agents and staff at all levels of the process. This included inviting comments regarding polling district boundaries and polling stations. The closing date for comment was 10 June 2011.

## Part 2

Part 2 was the formal part of the review and comments were invited from a wide a circle of interested organisations and individuals. This included:

- The Returning Officer
- Plymouth Age Concern
- Plymouth Area Disability Action Network
- Plymouth and District Disabled Fellowship
- The Hearing and Sight Centre
- Elected Representatives
- Candidates and Election Agents
- Polling staff
- Customers through internet and notice

### Timetable for the Part 2 Review: -

Notice giving start of review:	25 July 2011
Publication of Returning Officer's proposal:	27 July 2011
Consultation period:	25 July – 19 August 2011
Report to CMT:	6 September 2011
Report to Council:	10 October 2011
Publication of Report	17 October 2011
Arrangements to come into force on:	1 December 2011

## **4.0 Comments received and alterations proposed in relation to Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations**

4.1 During Part 1 of the review a number of comments were received: -

- General questions in relation to altering ward boundaries;
- For the internal transfer of voters from one polling district to a new polling district in the St Peter and the Waterfront ward

During Part 2 of the review the only comment received was also in relation to ward boundaries.

The questions on ward boundaries are not within the scope of this review and would be subject to review by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

At the closing date of the review no firm proposals have been made in relation to alterations in the St Peter and the Waterfront ward.

However, due to changing circumstances it will be necessary to alter one polling station: to use Beechwood Primary School for Polling District FD, replacing the Southway Training Centre (premises to be vacated soon). This is a proposal from the Electoral Service.

- 4.2 It should be noted that polling stations are always subject to circumstances changing at short notice e.g. new building works at a school or community centre or a church hall closing down. If this happens and time permits the Returning Officer will always consult before making any necessary alterations.

## **5.0 The City of Plymouth Polling Arrangements Schedule 2011**

- 5.1 The Plymouth City Council Polling Arrangements Schedule 2011 is attached at Appendix A.
- 5.2 This schedule represents the position with regard to polling districts, polling places and polling stations as at the date of this Council meeting.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

- 6.1 That: -

The Plymouth City Council Polling Arrangements Schedule 2011 (copy at Appendix A) is implemented with effect from 1 December 2011.

Reasons for recommendations:

1. Provide voting arrangements for the electors of Plymouth;
2. Comply with the statutory requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006

# **Plymouth City Council Polling Arrangements Schedule 2011 (Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations)**

1. Plymouth City Council has carried out a review of Polling Arrangements in accordance with section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006. In discharge of its functions under sections 18 and 31 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 the City Council gives public NOTICE of revised Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations within the Plymouth City Council area.
2. The new arrangements will come into force on the 1 December 2011, dividing the city into 121 polling districts each bearing distinguishing polling district letters. Maps can be viewed in the Electoral Services Offices indicating the extent of the polling district boundary and the designated polling place area.

**Parliamentary Constituency: Plymouth, Moor View**  
**European Parliamentary Constituency: South West Region**

<b>Polling Station Number</b>	<b>Polling Station</b>	<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Ward</b>
1	St.Philips Church Hall, Bridwell Road	BA	Ham
2	Weston Mill Oak Villa, Ferndale Road	BB	Ham
3	Halcyon Methodist Church Hall, Dingle Road	BC	Ham
4	Mobile at Tewkesbury Close, Lower Ham	BD	Ham
5	North Prospect Branch Library, Greatlands Place	BE	Ham
6	Morice Baptist Church, Ham Drive	BF	Ham
7	Pennycross Primary School, Arden Grove	BG	Ham
8	Mobile at Polzeath Gardens, Pennycross	BH	Ham
9	Tamar View Community & Resource Centre	CA	St Budeaux
10	The Barn, Kit Hill Crescent	CAB	St Budeaux
11	St Budeaux Baptist Church Hall, Fletemoor Road	CB	St Budeaux
12	St Boniface Church Hall, Percy Street	CC	St Budeaux
13	Plaistow Hill Infants School, Roman Way	CD	St Budeaux
14	Kings Tamerton Community Centre, Newton Avenue	CE	St Budeaux
15	St Pauls Church Hall, Off Pemros Road	CF	St Budeaux
16	West Park Library, Crownhill Road	DA	Honicknowle
17	Honicknowle Youth & Community Centre, Honicknowle Green	DB	Honicknowle
18	Mobile at Chaucer Way (located in car park area, after Masefield Gardens)	DC	Honicknowle
19	Mobile at Sedley Way/Ruskin Crescent	DD	Honicknowle
20	Ernesettle Community School, Biggin Hill	DE	Honicknowle
21	St Aidan's Church Hall, Ernesettle Green	DF	Honicknowle
22	Knowle Primary School, Ringmore Way	DG	Honicknowle
23	Mobile Budshead Road/Canterbury Drive	EA	Budshead
24	St Peters RC Primary School, Brentford Avenue	EB	Budshead
25	Bethany Evangelical Church, Budshead Road	EC	Budshead
26	The Salvation Army Community Hall, Lancaster Gardens	ED	Budshead
27	St John's Ambulance Training Centre, Crownhill Fort Rd	EE	Budshead
28	Crownhill Methodist Church Hall, Morshead Road	EF	Budshead
29	Mobile at Thirlmere Gardens, Looseleigh	EG	Budshead
30	Derriford United Reform Church Hall, Powisland Drive	EH	Budshead
31	Mary Dean's CE Primary School, Tamerton Foliot	FA	Southway
32	Hilltop Community Centre, Cunningham Road	FAB	Southway
33	Mobile Polling Station at Lower Dunnet Road	FB	Southway
34	Southway Youth & Community Centre, Hendwell Close	FC	Southway
35	Beechwood Primary School, Rockfield Avenue	FD	Southway
36	Widewell Primary School, Lulworth Drive	FE	Southway
37	Church of the Holy Spirit, Clittaford Road	FF	Southway
38	Mobile Unit at Hessary Drive, Belliver	FG	Southway

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39	Leigham Community Hall, Bampton Road	GA	Moor View
40	Mainstone Community Centre, Off Pattinson Drive	GB	Moor View
41	Elm Community Centre, Leypark Drive	GC	Moor View
42	Thornbury Primary School, Miller Way	GD	Moor View
43	St Anne's Hall, Glenholt Road	GE	Moor View
44	Manadon Vale Primary School, St Peters Road	HA	Eggbuckland
45	Brake Farm Community Resource Centre, St. Peters Rd	HB	Eggbuckland
46	Courtlands Special School, Widey Lane	HC	Eggbuckland
47	The Village Hall, Miles Mitchell Avenue	HD	Eggbuckland
48	Austin Farm Primary School, Delamere Road	HE	Eggbuckland
49	St Edwards Primary School, Fort Austin Avenue	HF	Eggbuckland



**Parliamentary Constituency: Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport**  
**European Parliamentary Constituency: South West Region**

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50	Marlborough Primary School, Morice Square	AA	Devonport
51	Salvation Army Hall, Balfour Terrace	AB	Devonport
52	Keyham Green Places Community Centre, Renown St.	AC	Devonport
53	Keyham Methodist Church, Admiralty Street	AD	Devonport
54	Mount Wise Neighbourhood Centre, Clowance St	AE	Devonport
55	Stuart Road Primary School, Palmerston Street	JA	Stoke
56	Stoke Damerel Primary School, South Hill	JB	Stoke
57	Stoke Methodist Church, Belmont Place	JC	Stoke
58	Pilgrim Church Hall, St Levan Road	JD	Stoke
59	St Mark's Church, Cambridge Road	JE	Stoke
60	Peverell Methodist Church Hall, Westbourne Rd	KA	Peverell
61	St Edwards Church Hall, Home Park Avenue	KB	Peverell
62	Montpelier Infants School, Parker Road	KC	Peverell
63	Pennycross Methodist Church Hall, Pridham Lane	KD	Peverell
64	Trinity United Reformed Church Hall, Tor Lane	KE	Peverell
65	Mobile at Kneele Gardens, Hartley	LA	Compton
66	Compton CE Primary School, Higher Compton	LB	Compton
67	Compton Methodist Church Hall, Egguckland Road	LC	Compton
68	Emmanuel Parish Hall, Compton Avenue	LD	Compton
69	Swarthmore Centre, Mutley Plain	LE	Compton
70	Mobile at Royal Eye Infirmary, Dale Road	MA	Drake
71	Sherwell United Reformed Church Hall, North Hill	MB	Drake
72	Charles-w-St Matthias Church, Clifton Place/Bedford Park	MC	Drake
73	Mount Street Primary School, Mount Street, Greenbank	MD	Drake
74	St Judes Church Hall, Beaumont Road	NA	St Peter and the Waterfront
75	The Burgess Hall, Unitarian Church, Princess Street	NB	St Peter and the Waterfront
76	St Andrew CE Primary School, Citadel Road	NC	St Peter and the Waterfront
77	St Paul's Church, Durnford Street	ND	St Peter and the Waterfront
78	High Street Primary School	NE	St Peter and the Waterfront
79	Howesons in St Peters Church (south entrance), Wyndham Square	NF	St Peter and the Waterfront
80	Frederick Street Centre	NG	St Peter and the Waterfront
81	Pilgrim Primary School, Oxford Street	NH	St Peter and the Waterfront

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82	Mount Gould Methodist Church Hall, Faringdon Road	OA	Sutton and Mount Gould
83	Salisbury Road Primary School	OB	Sutton and Mount Gould
84	Salisbury Road Baptist Church Hall	OC	Sutton and Mount Gould
85	Tothill Community Centre, Knighton Road	OD	Sutton and Mount Gould
86	Table Tennis League HQ, Desborough Lane	OE	Sutton and Mount Gould
87	Prince Rock Primary School, Embankment Road	OF	Sutton and Mount Gould
88	Tresillian Street Centre (Former Cattedown Church)	OG	Sutton and Mount Gould
89	The Acorn Project Building, Artillery Place	OH	Sutton and Mount Gould
90	Mobile at Kensington Road/Southern Terrace	PA	Efford and Lipson
91	Lipson Vale Primary School, Bernice Terrace	PB	Efford and Lipson
92	Laira Green Primary School, Brockley Road	PC	Efford and Lipson
93	Laira Library, Old Laira Road	PD	Efford and Lipson
94	Church of our lady of Mount Carmel, Stott Close	PE	Efford and Lipson
95	Mobile adjacent to Humber Close, Off Deer Park Drive	PF	Efford and Lipson
96	St Pauls Community Church, Efford Lane	PG	Efford and Lipson
97	Efford Youth Centre, Blandford Road	PH	Efford and Lipson

**Parliamentary Constituency: South West Devon**  
**European Parliamentary Constituency: South West Region**

<b>Polling Station Number</b>	<b>Polling Station</b>	<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Ward</b>
98	Chaddlewood Primary School, Westfield	QA	Plympton Chaddlewood
99	Glen Park Primary School, Glen Road	QB	Plympton Chaddlewood
100	Chaddlewood Farm Community Centre, Glen Road	QC	Plympton Chaddlewood
101	Woodford Methodist Community Church, Greenway Avenue	RA	Plympton St Mary
102	St Peters Lutheran Church, Larkham Lane	RB	Plympton St Mary
103	Boringdon Primary School, Courtland Crescent	RC	Plympton St Mary
104	Colebrook Community Centre, Newnham Road	RD	Plympton St Mary
105	Plympton Fire Station, Conference Room, Service Training Centre	RE	Plympton St Mary
106	Mobile at Valley Road, Plympton	SA	Plympton Erle
107	Mobile at Merafield Road, Plympton	SB	Plympton Erle
108	The Rees Youth & Community Centre, Mudge Way	SC	Plympton Erle
109	Longcause Community Special School, Plympton	SD	Plympton Erle
110	Yealmpstone Farm Primary School, Meadowfield Place	SE	Plympton Erle
111	Oreston Primary School, Oreston Road	TA	Plymstock Radford
112	Hooe Baptist Church, Hooe Road – Station 1	TB	Plymstock Radford
112	Hooe Baptist Church, Hooe Road – Station 2	TB	Plymstock Radford
113	Goosewell Primary School (Infants Classroom), Goosewell Road	TC	Plymstock Radford
114	Plymstock Sports Pavilion, Dean Cross Road	TD	Plymstock Radford
115	Pomphlett Methodist Church Hall, Pomphlett Road	TE	Plymstock Radford

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**European Parliamentary Constituency: South West Region**

<b>Polling Station Number</b>	<b>Polling Station</b>	<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Ward</b>
116	Mobile at Holmwood Avenue	UA	Plymstock Dunstone
117	The Function Room, Staddiscombe Club	UB	Plymstock Dunstone
118	Goosewell Primary School (Drama Hall), Goosewell Road	UC	Plymstock Dunstone
119	Coombe Dean School, Charnhill Way	UD	Plymstock Dunstone
120	Morley Youth Centre, Broadlands Gardens	UE	Plymstock Dunstone
121	Elburton Primary School, Haye Road South	UF	Plymstock Dunstone

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