

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 27 March 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Policy & Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Resources

**SUBJECT:** Polling Districts/Polling Stations Review

**WARDS:** All Wards

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To inform Members of the results of the formal Polling District, Places and Stations Review, highlight any recommended changes to the polling scheme and put forward a polling scheme for approval.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Council be recommended to adopt the scheme detailed in the appendix to the report for the period 2014-2019.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires the Council to carry out a review of all its polling stations every four years. The main purpose of the review is to ensure that all residents have reasonable facilities for voting.

3.2 As part of the review process we have to consult electors, councillors and other interested parties. Details of all polling districts and polling stations have been published on the Council's website. Comments were required by 10 March. No comments have been received.

3.3 The Polling Station Review Working Party has considered the scheme detailed in the Appendix and recommend it for approval for the period 2014–2019.

## **4.0 POLICY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no specific policy implications although it is important to ensure that all electors have equal access to polling stations and places in line with the Council's priority on accessibility of services.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

5.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** – If polling stations are situated in the right places it could encourage voter turnout for electors in this age group.

- 5.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** – There are no implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 **A Healthy Halton** – The provision of polling stations in suitable locations could encourage engagement with the democratic process and in turn promote a healthy living environment.
- 5.4 **A Safer Halton** – The location of polling stations in a safe environment for all electors could encourage voter turnout.
- 5.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** - There are no implications arising from this report.

## **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 6.1 There are no risk assessment implications.

## **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 7.1 Historically every effort has been made to make sure that all polling buildings are accessible for electors with disabilities. It is important to ensure that all electors have equal access to polling stations and places in line with the Council's priority on accessibility of services.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.

**APPENDIX****POLLING PLACES AND ELECTORATE****APPLETON WARD**

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
BA	Ice Cream Parlour, Victoria Park, (Lockett Road entrance), Widnes	1406	None
BB	St Bedes Catholic Junior School, Appleton Village, Widnes	1172	None
BC	Fairfield Primary School, Peelhouse Lane, Widnes	1599	None
BD	Mobile Polling Station, Frederick Street/Dickson Street, Widnes	247	None
BE	St Maries Church & Parish Hall, Lugsdale Road, Widnes  (Shared with Riverside Ward – polling district EA)	536	None

**BEECHWOOD WARD**

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
PA	Beechwood Community Centre, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1359	None
PB	Hillview Primary School, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1679	None

## **BIRCHFIELD WARD**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Suggested Changes</b>
XA	Mobile Polling Station, Upton Tavern Car Park, Upton Lane, Widnes	3502	None
XB	Mobile Polling Station, Queensbury Way, Widnes	1870	None

## **BROADHEATH WARD**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Suggested Changes</b>
FA	Our Lady's Church Hall, Mayfield Avenue, Widnes  (Shared with Ditton Ward – polling district GD)	731	None
FB	Mobile Polling Station, Delamere Avenue (rear of Quarry Court), Widnes	851	None
FC	Mobile Polling Station, The Bankfield School, Liverpool Road, Widnes	889	None
FD	Mobile Polling Station, Blundell Road/Hanley Road, Widnes	1255	None
FE	Widnes Rugby Union Football Club, Heath Road, Widnes	1243	None

## DARESBURY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
TK	Milner Institute, Runcorn Road, Moore, Runcorn	663	None
TL	The Lewis Carroll Centre, All Saints Parish Church, Daresbury Lane	223	None
TM	Preston Brook Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Runcorn	638	None
TT	Sandymoor Community Centre, Pitts Heath Lane, Sandymoor, Runcorn	1992	None

## DITTON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
GA	Nursery Unit, Oakfield Community Primary School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes	839	None
GB	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, Clinton View, Widnes	1114	None
GC	Halebank Youth Club, Baguley Avenue, Widnes	1450	None
GD	Mobile Polling Station, Ditchfield Road, Widnes	1021	None
GE	Our Lady's Church Hall, Mayfield Avenue, Widnes  (Shared with Broadheath Ward – polling district FA)	665	None
GF	Scout Hut, Hall Avenue, Widnes	571	None

## FARNWORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
AA	Lunts Heath Primary School, Wedgewood Drive, Widnes	2801	None
AB	Farnworth CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Pit Lane, Widnes	1652	None
AC	Moorfield Primary School, Moorfield Road, Widnes (shared with Halton View Ward)	929	None
AD	Farnworth Methodist Church Hall, Derby Road, Widnes	678	None

## GRANGE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
NA	Bertha's Room, St Edwards Parish Centre, Ivy Street, Runcorn	1376	None
NB	Grangeway Community Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	1545	None
NC	Halton Lodge Childrens Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	2076	None

## HALE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
JA	Hale Village Hall, High Street, Hale	1551	None

## HALTON BROOK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
MA	Wicksten Drive Christian Centre, Wicksten Drive, Runcorn	1975	None
MB	Brook Chapel, Boston Avenue, Runcorn	1407	None
MC	Castle View Primary School, Meadway, Runcorn	1546	None

## HALTON CASTLE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
OA	St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Nigel Walk, Runcorn	1448	None
OB	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	860	None
OC	St Mary's Halton CE Aided Primary School, Castlefields Avenue South, Runcorn	1247	None
OD	The Brow Community Primary School, The Clough, Runcorn	1051	None

## HALTON LEA WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
QA	Palacefields Community Centre, The Uplands, Runcorn	2008	None
QB	The Lapwing Centre, Lapwing Grove, Runcorn	1149	None
QC	Hallwood Park Primary School, Hallwood Park Avenue, Runcorn	957	None
QD	Halton Lodge Community Centre, Whitchurch Way, Runcorn	598	None

## HALTON VIEW WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
CA	Mobile Polling Station, Weates Close, Widnes	1569	None
CB	Mobile Polling Station, Bancroft Road, Widnes	1865	None
CC	St Ambrose Church Hall, Warrington Road, Widnes	1334	None
CD	Moorfield Primary School, Moorfield Road, Widnes (Shared with Farnworth Ward)	548	None



## HEATH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
LA	Christ Church Hall, Sandy Lane, Runcorn	752	None
LB	St Clements Catholic Primary School, Oxford Road, Runcorn	1433	None
LC	St John's CE Church Hall, Heath Road South, Weston Village, Runcorn	903	None
LD	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clifton Road, Runcorn	1624	None

## HOUGH GREEN WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
HA	All Saints Upton CE Controlled Primary School, Hough Green Road, Widnes	2208	None
HB	Upton Community Centre, Hough Green Road, Widnes	890	None
HC	Mobile Polling Station, Arley Drive, Widnes	1192	None
HD	St Basil's Catholic Primary School, Hough Green Road, Widnes	1052	None

## KINGSWAY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
DA	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Building, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic College, Highfield Road, Widnes	1089	None
DB	Ditton Primary School, Liverpool Road, Widnes	538	None
DC	Creche - Fitness Suite – Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	2329	None
DD	Simms Cross Primary School, Kingsway, Widnes (Entrance on Kingsway, near Sharp Street)	656	None
DE	Creche - Fitness Suite – Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	393	None

## MERSEY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
KA	Runcorn Spiritualist Church, Ashridge Street, Runcorn	1668	None
KB	The Partnership Centre, Old Police Station, Bridge Street, Runcorn	823	None
KC	Victoria Road Primary School, Victoria Road, Runcorn	796	None
KD	West Runcorn Youth Club, Russell Road, Runcorn	949	None
KE	Westfield Primary School, Clayton Crescent, Runcorn	1128	None

## NORTON NORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
RA	St Bertelines CE Primary School, Norton Lane, Runcorn	2673	None
RB	Gorsewood Primary School, Gorsewood Road, Runcorn	2386	None

## NORTON SOUTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
ZX	Brookvale Community Centre (Higher House), Old Northwich Road, Runcorn	1082	None
ZY	Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn	1540	None
ZZ	Brookvale Community Centre (Higher House), Old Northwich Road, Runcorn	2146	None

## RIVERSIDE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
EA	St Maries Church & Parish Hall, Lugsdale Road, Widnes  (Shared with Appleton Ward – polling district BE)	528	None
EB	West Bank Primary School, Cholmondeley Street, Widnes	1011	None
EC	Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road, Widnes	838	None
ED	St Michael's Parish Centre, St Michaels Road, Widnes	1355	None

## WINDMILL HILL WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
SA	Priory View Community House, 231-233 Lockgate West, Runcorn	872	None
SB	Windmill Hill Primary School, Windmill Hill, Runcorn	824	None