

Polling District and Places Review 2018 – Outcome

APPENDIX 1

Background

Within each Local Authority area, legislation requires Councils to carry out reviews of Polling Districts and Polling Places in that area.

The Electoral Registration & Administration Act 2013 changed the timing of these reviews and the first review was held between 1 October and 31 January 2015 with subsequent reviews to be held within a 16 month period starting on 1 October every fifth year after 1 October 2013.

The Council's last review was held in 2014 when a number of changes were made.

A Council's area is divided into polling districts with one or more districts making up a ward, with a polling place being the area or building within a polling district in which a polling station is situated. Consequently, it is inevitable that polling stations are also considered as part of these reviews.

In line with the guidance issued by the Electoral Commission the review has considered:

- The boundaries of polling districts – for example, are they well defined? Do they follow natural boundaries? Are there suitable transport links? Are there any obstacles to crossing polling district boundaries?
- Polling Places – the location, size and accessibility of the polling place and its availability now and in the future
- Polling Stations – the suitability and accessibility of the room or area for use as a polling station

In addition the Presiding Officers who worked on the elections in 2017 were asked to complete the Electoral Commission's evaluation templates in order to assess the suitability/ accessibility of the polling place/ station.

Tees Valley Combined Authority has also provided electorate projections for the current polling district boundaries in each year and up to 2023. This take into account new housing and demolitions.

The following tables summarise the existing arrangements, key issues identified from the recent Tees Valley Mayoral and Parliamentary Elections and any notable projected changes in electorate. There were a number of more detailed comments from the Elections in relation to individual polling stations in relation to improving accessibility/ privacy of voting. These detailed observations are not included within the schedule but will be taken into account in the planning for future electoral events. Mobile polling stations continue to be used where no alternative venues can be found. Mobiles stations are expensive and unpopular with voters and suggestions for alternative venues are always welcomed. The use of some schools as polling stations continues to be a problem when the safeguarding of children cannot in the view of the schools be assured, and in these circumstances alternative venues have been identified. The Returning Officer's proposals/ comments are included below in relation to the polling districts and places within each ward. The proposals take into account Electoral Commission Guidance that the number of electors allocated to a particular polling station should not exceed 2,500 and also the planned introduction of Voter Identification which would be more resource intensive on polling day.

It is usual for the Polling Place to be within the Polling District however the Returning Officer reserves the right to designate a Polling place within an adjoining Polling District should circumstances dictate.

District Ward:	Billingham Central			
Electorate:	5342			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
BC1	BC1	1276	Billingham Baptist Church, Cheviot Crescent	No change necessary
BC2	BC2	952	The Medway Centre, Sidlaw Road	No change necessary
BC3	BC3	1199	St. Aidan's Church, Hall Entrance, Tintern Avenue	No change necessary
BC4	BC4	839	Billingham Library & Customer Services Centre, Billingham Town Centre	No change necessary

District Ward:	Billingham East			
Electorate:	5045			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
BE1	BE1	1790	New Life Family Centre, Low Grange Avenue	No change necessary
BE2	BE2	904	Synthonia Scout Group, Scout Hut, Greenwood Road	No change necessary
BE3/BE4	BE3/BE4	1392	Low Grange Community Hall, Low Grange Avenue	No change necessary

District Ward:	Billingham North			
Electorate:	7013			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
BN1	BN1	1841	High Grange Community Centre, Casson Way	No change necessary
BN2	BN2	1119	Mobile Polling Station Low Grange, Low Grange Avenue, Grass Verge between Springwell Close and Elvington Close	No viable alternative to using Mobile Polling Station. Keep under review
BN3	BN3	1176	Mobile Polling Station, Junction Tunstall Avenue	No viable alternative to using Mobile Polling Station. Keep under review
BN4	BN4	1288	North Billingham Methodist Church, Marsh House Avenue	No change necessary

District Ward:	Billingham South			
Electorate:	4925			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
BS1	BS1	1061	St. John's RC Church, Central Avenue	No change necessary
BS2	BS2	418	High Clarence Primary School, Tiny Tots Entrance, Port Clarence Road	No change necessary. Although polling district BS2 has a small electorate, it is not recommended that this is combined with another district owing to the rural nature of the district and the distance that voters would have to travel to another polling place.
BS3	BS3	1165	St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, Church Road	No change necessary
BS4	BS4	1186	Old Billingham Community Centre, East Avenue	No change necessary

District Ward:	Billingham West			
Electorate:	4533			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
BW1	BW1	1522	Monkseaton Community Hall, Matlock Gardens	No change necessary
BW2	BW2	1217	Wolviston Court Community Centre, Clifton Avenue	<p>1. Combine polling districts BW2 and BW3 into one polling district and continue to use Wolviston Court Community Centre as the polling station. In view of the small electorate in BW2</p> <p>2. For ease of voters move the following properties into BW2 from BW1:- Cambrian Road Grosmont Drive Lammermuir Road Porlock Road 5 to 33 Roseberry Road 1 to 69 and 2 to 76 Sidlaw Road Flat The Swan, 53 to 99 Wolviston Road</p> <p>The electorate at the polling station would be within Electoral Commissions guidelines.</p>
BW3	BW2	579	Wolviston Court Community Centre, Clifton Avenue	

District Ward:	Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree			
Electorate:	5032			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
BET1	BET1	1207	Rosedale Centre, 122 Marske Lane, Bishopsgarth	No change necessary
BET2	BET2	614	Medina House, Medina Close	No change necessary.
BET3	BET3	1813	Elm Tree Community Centre, The Oak Room	No change necessary

District Ward:	Eaglescliffe			
Electorate:	8254			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
EG1(E&E Parish)	EG1(E&E Parish)	1523	Parkmore Hotel, Yarm Suite, Yarm Road	No change necessary
EG2 (E&E Parish) EG5 EG6	EG2 (E&E Parish) EG5 EG6	EG2 1362 EG5 64 EG6 35	Eaglescliffe Community Centre	Can accommodate two stations. No change necessary.
EG3(E&E Parish)	EG3(E&E Parish)	1268	Eaglescliffe Community Centre	Use Eaglescliffe Community Centre which can accommodate two polling stations to avoid using a mobile polling station for Polling District EG3. The Community Centre is on the border of both polling districts and has more than one room available which would allow for two distinct polling stations
EG4(Preston Parish) EG8	EG4(Preston Parish) EG8	EG4 1023 EG85	All Saints Centre	No change necessary
EG7 (E&E Parish)	EG7 (E&E Parish)	699	Egglescliffe Parish Hall, Small Hall	No change necessary

District Ward:	Fairfield			
Electorate:	4605			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
FF1	FF1	1870	Fairfield Centre (Old Boys Club), 45 Limbrick Avenue	No change necessary
FF2	FF2	1331	Mobile Polling Station Tyrone Road/Maria Drive	No viable alternative to using Mobile Polling Station. Keep under review

District Ward:	Grangefield			
Electorate:	5194			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
GF1	GF1	964	Stockton Town Football Club	No change necessary
GF2	GF2	808	Grange Estate Institute, Main Door 9-11 Grays Road	No change necessary
GF3	GF3	1273	Mobile Polling Station on Oxbridge Lane prior to Phoenix Gardens	In view of the poor lighting along the driveway to Grangefield Youth & Community Centre use a Mobile Polling Station on Oxbridge Lane prior to Phoenix Gardens
GF4	GF4	700	Hartburn Sea Scouts Huts, Main Entrance, Greens Grove	No change necessary

District Ward:	Hardwick and Salters Lane			
Electorate:	5164			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
HD1	HD1	1769	Hardwick Community Centre, Whessoe Road	No change necessary
HD2	HD2	633	Salters Lane Community Centre, Hunwick Walk	No change necessary
HD3 HD4	HD3	810 941	Hardwick Baptist Church, Piper Knowle Road	Combine polling districts HD3 and HD4 into one polling district in view of the low electorate in these districts and continue to use Hardwick Baptist Church as a polling place as it is currently a combined station for both polling districts

District Ward:	Hartburn			
Electorate:	5260			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
HB1	HB1	1829	Elmwood Community Centre, Conference Room, Darlington Road	No change necessary
HB2	HB2	1667	Mobile Polling Station near to Holy Trinity School	An alternative venue needed for HB2 due to the safeguarding concerns expressed from Holy Trinity School. Use a mobile polling station sited near to Holy Trinity to school to maintain consistency of location for voters

District Ward:	Ingleby Barwick East			
Electorate:	7867			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
IBE1	IBE1	1961	Whinstone Primary School, Nursery Unit, Lowfields Avenue	No change necessary
IBE2	IBE2	1403	Whinstone Primary School, Nursery Unit, Lowfields Avenue	No change necessary
IBE3	IBE3	787	Community Centre, Haresfield Way	No change necessary
IBE4	IBE4	1339	Community Centre, Haresfield Way	No change necessary
IBE5	IBE5	278	Maltby Village Hall, High Lane	No change necessary
IBE6	IBE6	218	Hilton Village Hall, Seamer Road	No change necessary

District Ward:	Ingleby Barwick West			
Electorate:	9109			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
IBW1	IBW1	1340	Mobile Polling Station, Roundhill Avenue	No viable alternative to using Mobile Polling Station. Keep under review
IBW2	IBW2	1226	Mobile Polling Station, Opposite Windmill, Penyghent Way	No viable alternative to using Mobile Polling Station. Keep under review
IBW3	IBW3	1094	St. Francis of Assisi, Church Centre, Barwick Way	No change necessary
IBW4	IBW4	1437	Ingleby Barwick Library, Front Entrance, Blair Avenue	No change necessary at present, Will become new leisure centre after 2019 elections will need to revisit
IBW5	IBW5	1718	Mobile Polling Station, Condercum Green, Off Lullingstone Crescent	No viable alternative to using Mobile Polling Station. Keep under review

District Ward:	Mandale and Victoria			
Electorate:	7287			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
MV1	MV1	368	Rochester Court Sheltered Housing, Stanford Close	No change necessary
MV2	MV2	1439	Old People's Welfare Hall, Peel Street	No change necessary
MV3	MV3	1267	St. Patricks RC Church Hall, Cranworth Street	No change necessary
MV4	MV4	1202	Robert Atkinson Centre, Thorntree Road	An alternative polling station is needed for polling district MV4 as Thornaby Academy are no longer able to accommodate the polling station. Use Robert Atkinson Centre as there are two separate rooms available to use
MV5	MV5	1602	Robert Atkinson Centre, Thorntree Road	No change necessary

District Ward:	Newtown			
Electorate:	4994			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
NT1	NT1	1449	St. John's Church, Durham Road	No change necessary
NT2	NT2	1800	Newtown Resource Centre, Durham Road	For ease of voters move the following properties into NT4 from NT2:- Bilsdale Road 1 to 53 Bishopton Avenue 130 to 202 Bishopton Road Commondale Avenue Bransdale Close Del Strother Avenue Elmwood Grove Farndale Green Glaisdale Avenue Kirkdale Close Lingdale Close Marshall Grove Newham Grange Avenue Patterdale Avenue Staindale Gardens Westerdale Avenue
NT3	NT3	464	Ragworth Neighbourhood Centre, Training Room 7, St. Johns Way	No change necessary although ensure that adequate security is provided on election day to help address the anti-social behaviour.
NT4	NT4	236	St. Pauls Church Hall, Bishopton Road	See NT2

District Ward:	Northern Parishes			
Electorate:	2880			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
NP1	NP1	1235	Wynyard Golf Club, Duke Suite, Wellington Drive	No change necessary
NP2 NP3	NP2 NP3	30 535	Wolviston Village Community Centre (Village Hall), West Hartlepool Road	No change necessary
NP4	NP4	470	Parish Hall, Durham Road, Thorpe Thewles	No change necessary

District Ward:	Norton North			
Electorate:	4842			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
NN1	NN1	1037	St. Mary's Parish Hall, The Green, Norton	No change necessary
NN2	NN2	756	Norton Methodist Church Hall, Norton Road	No change necessary. Do not combine with NN3 for ease of voters
NN3	NN3	814	Mobile Polling Station, Somerset Road/Argyl Court	No change necessary. Do not combine with NN2 and use a Mobile Polling Station to facilitate voting
NN4	NN3	1141	Norton Christian Spiritualist Church, Darlington Road	No change necessary

District Ward:	Norton South			
Electorate:	4737			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
NS1	NS1	765	Malleable Club, Concert Room, Norton Road	No change necessary. Do not combine with NS2 for ease of voters
NS2	NS2	1085	St. Michael and all Angels Church, Imperial Avenue	No change necessary. Do not combine with NS1 for ease of voters
NS3	NS3	1232	Albany Community Resource Centre, Surrey Road	No change necessary
NS4	NS4	749	Norton TA Centre, Norton Road	No change necessary

District Ward:	Norton West			
Electorate:	5089			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
NW1	NW1	1164	Glebe Community Centre, Opp Centenary Public House, Hanover Parade	No change necessary
NW2	NW2	1336	Glebe Community Centre, Opp Centenary Public House, Hanover Parade	No change necessary
NW3	NW3	1105	<p>Mobile polling station within the Polling District</p> <p>The following locations have been identified as locations for a mobile: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass verge on Petrel Crescent • Grass Verge on Rook Lane at its junction with Shearwater Lane • Grass Verge on Kestrel Close 	An alternative venue needed for NW3 due to the safeguarding concerns expressed. Use a mobile polling station sited as there are no other alternative venues within the polling district

District Ward:	Parkfield and Oxbridge			
Electorate:	5173			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
PO1	PO1	1892	Yarm Road Methodist Church, Yarm Road	No change necessary
PO2	PO2	1235	Mobile polling station in the Lower Hartburn/Queensgate area	Use mobile polling station sited in the Lower Hartburn/Queensgate area to facilitate voting
PO3	PO3	1520	Oxbridge Christian Fellowship, The Apostolic Church, Oxbridge Lane	No change necessary

District Ward:	Roseworth			
Electorate:	5033			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
RW1	RW1	969	Mobile polling station, Junction of Darlington Lane and Daventry Avenue	An alternative venue needed for RW1 due to the safeguarding concerns expressed. Use a mobile polling station as there are no other alternative venues within the polling district
RW2	RW2	637	Elim Pentecostal Church, 3 Ragpath Lane, Roseworth	Combine polling districts RW2 and RW4 into one polling district in view of the small electorates in each polling district. Use Elim Pentecostal Church as the polling station as it is more central in the new polling district. The new district be known as RW2. The electorate at the polling station would be within Electoral Commissions guidelines
RW3	RW3	1701	Kiora Hall Youth and Community Centre, Ragpath Lane	No change necessary
RW4	RW2	703	St. Peters and Paul RC Church, Redhill Road	Combine polling districts RW2 and RW4 into one polling district in view of the small electorates in each polling district and continue to use St Peters and Paul RC Church as the polling station. The new district be known as RW2. The electorate at the polling station would be within Electoral Commissions guidelines

District Ward:	Stainsby Hill			
Electorate:	4725			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
SH1	SH1	870	Eltham Crescent Community Centre, Eltham Crescent	No change necessary
SH2	SH2	1384	South Thornaby Community Centre, Off Haviland Road	No change necessary
SH3	SH3	1062	Thornaby Central Library Main Library, Pavilion Shopping Centre	Combine polling districts SH3 and SH4 into one polling district in view of the small electorates in SH4 and continue to use Thornaby Central Library as a polling station in view of accessibility issues at the Roundel Public House. The new district be known as SH3 The electorate at the polling station would be within Electoral Commissions guidelines
SH4		402		

District Ward:	Stockton Town Centre			
Electorate:	4230			
Constituency:	Stockton North			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
STC1	STC1	394	Register Office, Nightingale House	No change necessary
STC2	STC2	415	Frank E Wiseman Communal Hall, 28 Stewart Road	No change necessary
STC3	STC3	898	The Willows Centre – Main Hall Tilery Primary School, Northport Road	No change necessary
STC4	STC4	1048	St. Andrew & St. George Church Hall, Webster Street	No change necessary. Do not combine with STC5 for ease of voters
STC5	STC5	644	Stockton Unitarian Church, Wellington Street	No change necessary. Do not combine with STC4 for ease of voters

District Ward:	Village			
Electorate:	5193			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
VL1	VL1	824	Stafford Place Cricket Club, Bassleton Lane	No change necessary
VL2	VL2	1381	Meadowfield House Function Room, 103 Thorntree Road	No change necessary
VL3	VL3	890	Christ the King RC Church, Trenchard Avenue	No change necessary
VL4	VL4	784	The Griffin, Bader Avenue	No change necessary

District Ward:	Western Parishes			
Electorate:	2692			
Constituency:	Stockton South			
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal
WP1 Carlton WP3 Redmarshall	WP1 Carlton WP3 Redmarshall	431 216	Carlton Methodist Church School Room, Letch Lane	No change necessary
WP2 Stillington & Whitton	WP2 Stillington & Whitton	695	Stillington Youth and Community Centre, Lowson Street	No change necessary
WP4 Long Newton WP5 Elton	WP4 Long Newton WP5 Elton	477 196	Wilson Centre, Long Newton	No change necessary

District Ward:	Yarm				
Electorate:	7880				
Constituency:	Stockton South				
Recommended Polling District	Recommended Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate as at July 2018	Polling Station For Information	Returning Officer's Final Proposal	
YM1	YM1	1158	Mobile Polling Station, Mount Leven Road	No viable alternative to using Mobile Polling Station. Keep under review	
YM2	YM2	1158	Challoner House, Challoner Road	No change necessary	
YM3	YM3	1096	Yarm Primary School, Fiction Library, Spitalfields	No change necessary	
YM4	YM4	431	Yarm Community Centre, High Church Wynd	No change necessary	
YM5	YM5	781	Layfield Primary School, The Hall, Everingham Drive	No change necessary	
YM6, YM7	YM6, YM7	807 23	Kirklevington & Castlelevington Memorial Hall, Pump Lane, Kirklevington	No change necessary	