

To: Council

On: 22 June 2023

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Statutory Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts

1. Summary

- 1.1 In terms of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended, local authorities are required to divide their area into polling districts for the purposes of parliamentary and other elections and to designate polling places for these polling districts and keep them under review.
 - 1.2 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 further amended the Representation of the People Act 1983 by introducing a statutory duty for all polling districts and polling places to be reviewed by the end of January 2015 and at least every 5 years thereafter.
 - 1.3 The current polling arrangements following the previous statutory review were approved by Council on 5 December 2019, for use in all elections thereafter in the period to the next review.
 - 1.4 This report sets out the process for conducting the next statutory review. Although this review does not require to be concluded until December 2024, all Council polling places will be assessed over the summer 2023 to ensure they are suitable in terms of the provisions of the Election Act 2022 and it would therefore follow that the review of polling places coincide with these assessments.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council note the content of this report.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, introduced a duty for all polling districts and polling places to be reviewed by the end of January 2015 and at least five yearly thereafter.
- 3.2 In Renfrewshire the current polling arrangements were approved by Council on 5 December 2019, for use in all elections thereafter in the period to the next review. A copy of that approved Polling Plan is attached as Appendix 1 hereto.
- 3.3 Members should note that contingency polling arrangements were put in place for the last two elections which took place during the COVID pandemic. For these elections polling places were assessed to ensure that they could accommodate one-way systems, social distancing and other COVID-related risk mitigations. In these circumstances a number of polling places were temporarily replaced for more suitable venues on the polling plans for those elections only. The Polling Plan approved in 2019 remains the Council's Polling Plan until the conclusion of this Review and the approval of a new Polling Plan.
- 3.4 Although the review is conducted on the basis of UK Parliamentary constituencies it is intended that the revised Polling Plan will align with the Scottish Parliamentary constituency boundaries and Council Ward boundaries, thus avoiding the necessity for differing polling plans for different types of election.
- 3.5 It should be noted that the existing Scottish Parliamentary constituency boundaries for Paisley, Renfrewshire North and West, and Renfrewshire South include parts of East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Councils' areas. These Councils will review the polling districts and polling places for these areas as part of their own authorities' statutory reviews.
- 3.6 It should also be noted that, as set out in the report on the 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies by The Boundary Commission for Scotland submitted to the meeting of Council held on 15 December 2022, it has been proposed that significant areas in Wards 10 and 11 be included in a new Inverclyde and Bridge of Weir UK Parliamentary constituency; that part of Glasgow City Council's Ward 4 in Cardonald be included within the boundaries of a proposed new Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency and that a new Paisley and Renfrewshire South constituency be created. Regardless of the outcome of the 2023 Review, this Council will only review the polling districts and polling places which already fall within the

Renfrewshire area. It should be noted that some of the Boundary Commission’s proposals may result in the creation of a small number of new polling districts and will result in the renaming of a number of existing polling districts.

3.7 The timetable for the conduct of the review here in Renfrewshire will be as follows:

1	Notice Published	1 June 2023
2	Representations by interested parties sought by	1 August 2023
3	Council will consider a report on the initial proposals on	28 September 2023
4	The Council, having considered all representations received, will produce draft proposals for public consultation by	2 October 2023
5	Further comments/suggestions on these proposals must be received by	1 December 2023
6	Final proposals, having regard to any comments/suggestions received will be considered by Council on	14 December 2023

3.8 In accordance with the timetable, public notice was given on 1 June 2023 of the Council’s intention to undertake the review and inviting preliminary comments on the existing polling arrangements.

3.9 The public notice has been given by advertisement on the Council’s Website, at Renfrewshire House, in local libraries, and at Renfrew and Johnstone Town Halls, and maps and documents showing the current polling arrangements will be available for public inspection.

3.10 In addition, individual notices have been given to Councillors, community councils, Renfrewshire Access Panel and Capability Scotland, for their interest.

3.11 A report will be brought to Council on 28 September 2023 setting out the comments received during this initial period of consultation. Recommendations will be made for the content of a draft Polling Plan for further consultation as set in the table above.

3.12 A copy of the current number of electors in each existing polling district as at April 2023 is attached at Appendix 2 hereto.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - *none*.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – *none*

3. **Community/Council Planning** – *none*
 4. **Legal** – *none*
 5. **Property/Assets** - *the current Polling Plan involves the use of various council properties and consultation will take place with the appropriate officers as part of review.*
 6. **Information Technology** - *none*
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** -
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website. (Report author to arrange this).
 8. **Health & Safety** - *the premises currently used as polling places have been inspected and appropriate arrangements and/or adaptations have been made as necessary to obviate risk to staff and voters.*
 9. **Procurement** - *none*
 10. **Risk** – *n/a*
 11. **Privacy Impact** - *none*
 12. **Cosla Policy Position** – *none*
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List of Background Papers

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FINAL POLLING PLAN

PAISLEY AND RENFREWSHIRE NORTH

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number
NN01	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum, Renfrew Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8PF	2	1
NN02	Kirklandneuk Community Centre, Ness Road, Renfrew, PA4 9DE	2	1
NN03	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum, Renfrew Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8PF	4	1
NN04	McMaster Centre, Robertson Park, Donaldson Drive, Renfrew, PA4 8LX	3	1
NN05	King George V Sports Pavilion, Dean Park Road, Renfrew, PA4 0AN	4	1
NN06	St James' Primary School, 10 Brown Street, Renfrew, PA4 8HL	2	1
NN07	Gallowhill Community Centre, 210 Netherhill Road, Paisley, PA3 4SF	2	2
NN08	Glynhill Hotel, 169 Paisley Road, Renfrew, PA4 8XB	2	2
NN09	Arkleston Primary School, 125 Cockels Loan, Renfrew, PA4 0EL	2	2
NN10	Newmains Primary School, 8a Lang Avenue, Renfrew, PA4 0DA	2	2
NN11	St James' Primary School, 10 Brown Street, Renfrew, PA4 8HL	1	2
NN12	St Catherine's Primary School, 28a Brabloch Crescent, Paisley, PA3 4RG	2	2
NN13	Beechwood Community Centre, 26 Shortroods Road, Paisley, PA3 2NT	1	4
NN14	Houston and Killellan Church Halls, Main Street, Houston	4	10
NN15	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir PA11 3LJ	4	11
NN16	Langbank Village Centre, 51 Middlepenny Road, Langbank, PA14 6XB	1	11
NN17	New polling district initially at Bishopton Community Centre and then at Dargavel Primary School, Bishopton	To be assessed - between 3 and 8 polling stations	11
NN18	Bishopton Community Centre, Gledstane Rd, Bishopton PA7 5AU	6	11
NN19	Bishopton Community Centre, Gledstane Rd, Bishopton PA7 5AU	1	11
NN20	Inchinnan Primary School, 96 Old Greenock Road, Inchinnan PA4 9PH	2	12
NN21	Erskine Baptist Church, Park Hill, Erskine PA8 7HE	3	12
NN22	St Anne's Primary School, 97 Park Drive, Erskine PA8 7AL	5	12
NN23	Bargarran Primary School, 4 Barrhill Road, Erskine PA8 6BX	5	12
NP01	Williamsburgh Primary School, Lacy Street, Paisley, PA1 1QF	3	3
NP02	Ralston Community Sports Centre, Penilee Road, Paisley PA1 1AX	2	3
NP03	Ralston Community Centre, 6 Allanton Avenue, Paisley PA1 3BL	2	3
NP04	Beechwood Community Centre, 26 Shortroods Road, Paisley, PA3 2NT	3	4
NP05	Disability Resource Centre, Love Street, Paisley, PA3 2EA	1	4
NP06	St Ninian's Church, 85 Blackstoun Road, Paisley PA3 1NR	3	4
NP07	Elderslie Village Hall, Stoddard Square, Elderslie, PA5 9AS	1	8
NP08	St Ninian's Church, 85 Blackstoun Road, Paisley PA3 1NR	1	8
NS01	Tweedie Hall, Ardlamont Square, Linwood PA3 3DE	4	10
NS02	Linwood Parish Church, Blackwood Avenue, Linwood PA3 3PY	4	10
NS03	Brookfield Village Hall, 45 Woodside Road, Brookfield PA5 8UB (Registers SS16 & SS17 allocated to this station)	1	10

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number
NS04	Houston and Killellan Church Halls, Main Street, Houston	3	10

PAISLEY AND RENFREWSHIRE SOUTH

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number
SN01	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir, PA11 3LJ	1	11
SP01	Williamsburgh Primary School, Lacy Street, Paisley, PA1 1QF	3	3
SP02	Martyrs Church Hall, King Street, Paisley, PA1 2LS	3	4
SP03	St Mary's Primary School, 4 Maxwellton Road, Paisley, PA1 2RJ	2	4
SP04	St Charles Church Hall, 5 Union Street, Paisley, PA2 6DU	2	4
SP05	St Ninian's Church, 85 Blackstoun Road, Paisley PA3 1NR	1	4
SP06	West End Community Centre, 5A Underwood Lane, Paisley, PA1 2SL	1	4
SP07	St Andrew's Academy, 125 Barrhead Road, Paisley, PA2 7LG	2	5
SP08	Hunterhill Community Centre, Blackford Road, Paisley, PA2 7EN	1	5
SP09	Paisley Marriage Suite, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1BU	2	5
SP10	Todholm Primary School, 260 Lochfield Road, Paisley, PA2 7JE	3	5
SP11	South End Action Centre, Stock Street, Paisley PA2 6NL	1	5
SP12	Williamsburgh Primary School, Lacy Street, Paisley, PA1 1QF	3	5
SP13	Glenburn Community Centre, 30 Fairway Avenue, Paisley, PA2 8DX	2	6
SP14	Glenburn Resource Centre, 19 Donaldswood Road, Paisley, PA2 8EA	2	6
SP15	Bushes Primary School, , Grampian Avenue, Paisley PA2 8DW	3	6
SP16	Lylesland Church, 123 Rowan Street, Paisley, PA2 6RZ	4	6
SP17	St Charles Church Hall, 5 Union Street, Paisley, PA2 6DU	2	6
SP18	Brediland Community Centre, 30 Cardell Road, Paisley, PA2 9AF	2	7
SP19	Brediland Primary School, Achray Drive, Paisley PA2 9DJ	2	7
SP20	Foxbar Rivers Community Building, Spey Avenue, Paisley, PA2 0PA	2	7
SP21	Heriot Primary School, 10 Heriot Avenue, Paisley PA2 0DS	2	7
SP22	Foxbar Community Centre, 30 Amochrie Road, Paisley PA2 0LB	2	7
SP23	Langcraigs Primary School, 245 Glenfield Road, Paisley PA2 8QE	2	7
SS01	Elderslie Village Hall, Stoddard Square, Elderslie, PA5 9AS	5	8
SS02	Johnstone Castle Community Centre, Pine Crescent, Johnstone PA5 0BX	3	8
SS03	St David's Primary School, West Johnstone Shared Campus, Beith Road, Johnstone, PA5 0BB	2	8
SS04	Cochrane Castle Community Centre, 1 Burns Drive, Johnstone PA5 0HJ	1	8
SS05	Fordbank Primary School, 23B Teviot Terrace, Johnstone PA5 0NP	1	8
SS06	Spateston Bowling Club, Spateston Road, Johnstone PA5 0SX	3	8
SS07	Thorn Primary School, 4A Thorn Brae, Johnstone PA5 8HE	1	8

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number
SS08	Howwood Village Hall, 10 Station Road, Howwood PA9 1BB	3	9
SS09	St Margaret's Church Hall, 49 Graham Street, Johnstone PA5 8RA	2	9
SS10	Johnstone Town Hall, 25 Church St, Johnstone PA5 8EG	2	9
SS11	Thorn Primary School, 4A Thorn Brae, Johnstone PA5 8HE	2	9
SS12	McKillop Institute, 2 Main Street, Lochwinnoch PA12 4AJ	3	9
SS13	Kilbarchan Scout Hall, Barn Green, Kilbarchan PA10 2HG	3	9
SS14	Linwood Parish Church (nb currently no electors)	1	10
SS15	Brookfield Village Hall, 43 Woodside Rd, Brookfield, Johnstone PA5 8UB	1	10
SS16	Brookfield Village Hall, 43 Woodside Rd, Brookfield, Johnstone PA5 8UB	1	10

ELECTORATE PER POLLING DISTRICT AS AT 1 APRIL 2023

Appendix 2

PAISLEY AND RENFREWSHIRE NORTH

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number	Scottish Parliamentary Constituency	Electorate
NN01	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum, Renfrew Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8PF	2	1	Renfrewshire North & West	1548
NN02	Kirklandneuk Community Centre, Ness Road, Renfrew, PA4 9DE	2	1	Renfrewshire North & West	972
NN03	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum, Renfrew Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8PF	4	1	Renfrewshire North & West	3696
NN04	McMaster Centre, Robertson Park, Donaldson Drive, Renfrew, PA4 8LX	3	1	Renfrewshire North & West	2130
NN05	King George V Sports Pavilion, Dean Park Road, Renfrew, PA4 0AN	4	1	Renfrewshire North & West	3112
NN06	St James' Primary School, 10 Brown Street, Renfrew, PA4 8HL	2	1	Renfrewshire North & West	1487
NN07	Gallowhill Community Centre, 210 Netherhill Road, Paisley, PA3 4SF	2	2	Renfrewshire North & West	1781
NN08	Glynhill Hotel, 169 Paisley Road, Renfrew, PA4 8XB	2	2	Renfrewshire North & West	1534
NN09	Arkleston Primary School, 125 Cockels Loan, Renfrew, PA4 0EL	2	2	Renfrewshire North & West	1236
NN10	Newmains Primary School, 8a Lang Avenue, Renfrew, PA4 0DA	2	2	Renfrewshire North & West	1470
NN11	St James' Primary School, 10 Brown Street, Renfrew, PA4 8HL	1	2	Renfrewshire North & West	932
NN12	St Catherine's Primary School, 28a Brabloch Crescent, Paisley, PA3 4RG	2	2	Renfrewshire North & West	1879
NN13	Beechwood Community Centre, 26 Shortroods Road, Paisley, PA3 2NT	1	4	Renfrewshire North & West	2452
NN14	Houston and Killellan Church Halls, Main Street, Houston	4	10	Renfrewshire North & West	2681
NN15	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir PA11 3LJ	4	11	Renfrewshire North & West	3921
NN16	Langbank Village Centre, 51 Middlepenny Road, Langbank, PA14 6XB	1	11	Renfrewshire North & West	877
NN17	New polling district initially at Bishopton Community Centre and then at Dargavel Primary School, Bishopton	5	11	Renfrewshire North & West	3961

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number	Scottish Parliamentary Constituency	Electorate
NN18	Bishopton Community Centre, Gledstane Rd, Bishopton PA7 5AU	6	11	Renfrewshire North & West	3816
NN19	Bishopton Community Centre, Gledstane Rd, Bishopton PA7 5AU	1	11	Renfrewshire North & West	285
NN20	Inchinnan Primary School, 96 Old Greenock Road, Inchinnan PA4 9PH	2	12	Renfrewshire North & West	1609
NN21	Erskine Baptist Church, Park Hill, Erskine PA8 7HE	3	12	Renfrewshire North & West	2215
NN22	St Anne's Primary School, 97 Park Drive, Erskine PA8 7AL	5	12	Renfrewshire North & West	4346
NN23	Bargarran Primary School, 4 Barrhill Road, Erskine PA8 6BX	5	12	Renfrewshire North & West	4488
NP01	Williamsburgh Primary School, Lacy Street, Paisley, PA1 1QF	3	3	Paisley	2421
NP02	Ralston Community Sports Centre, Penilee Road, Paisley PA1 1AX	2	3	Paisley	1808
NP03	Ralston Community Centre, 6 Allanton Avenue, Paisley PA1 3BL	2	3	Paisley	1679
NP04	Beechwood Community Centre, 26 Shortroods Road, Paisley, PA3 2NT	3	4	Paisley	2452
NP05	Disability Resource Centre, Love Street, Paisley, PA3 2EA	1	4	Paisley	997
NP06	St Ninian's Church, 85 Blackstoun Road, Paisley PA3 1NR	3	4	Paisley	2312
NP07	Elderslie Village Hall, Stoddard Square, Elderslie, PA5 9AS	1	8	Paisley	473
NP08	St Ninian's Church, 85 Blackstoun Road, Paisley PA3 1NR	1	8	Paisley	538
NS01	Tweedie Hall, Ardlamont Square, Linwood PA3 3DE	4	10	Renfrewshire South	3027
NS02	Linwood Parish Church, Blackwood Avenue, Linwood PA3 3PY	4	10	Renfrewshire South	3267
NS03	Brookfield Village Hall, 45 Woodside Road, Brookfield PA5 8UB (Registers SS16 & SS17 allocated to this station)	1	10	Renfrewshire South	1039
NS04	Houston and Killellan Church Halls, Main Street, Houston	3	10	Renfrewshire South	2347

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<u>PAISLEY AND RENFREWSHIRE SOUTH</u>					
District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number	Scottish Parliamentary Constituency	Electorate
SN01	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir, PA11 3LJ	1	11	Renfrewshire North & West	8
SP01	Williamsburgh Primary School, Lacy Street, Paisley, PA1 1QF	3	3	Paisley	2691
SP02	Paisley West Church (formerly Martyrs Church Hall), King Street, Paisley, PA1 2LS	3	4	Paisley	2029
SP03	St Mary's Primary School, 4 Maxwellton Road, Paisley, PA1 2RJ	2	4	Paisley	2082
SP04	St Charles Church Hall, 5 Union Street, Paisley, PA2 6DU	2	4	Paisley	1828
SP05	St Ninian's Church, 85 Blackstoun Road, Paisley PA3 1NR	1	4	Paisley	295
SP06	West End Community Centre, 5A Underwood Lane, Paisley, PA1 2SL	1	4	Paisley	712
SP07	St Andrew's Academy, 125 Barrhead Road, Paisley, PA2 7LG	2	5	Paisley	1126
SP08	Hunterhill Community Centre, Blackford Road, Paisley, PA2 7EN	1	5	Paisley	1062
SP09	Paisley Marriage Suite, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1BU	2	5	Paisley	1140
SP10	Todholm Primary School, 260 Lochfield Road, Paisley, PA2 7JE	3	5	Paisley	3007
SP11	South End Action Centre, Stock Street, Paisley PA2 6NL	1	5	Paisley	1492
SP12	Williamsburgh Primary School, Lacy Street, Paisley, PA1 1QF	3	5	Paisley	1713
SP13	Glenburn Community Centre, 30 Fairway Avenue, Paisley, PA2 8DX	2	6	Paisley	1303
SP14	Glenburn Resource Centre, 19 Donaldswood Road, Paisley, PA2 8EA	2	6	Paisley	1467

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number	Scottish Parliamentary Constituency	Electorate
SP15	Bushes Primary School, , Grampian Avenue, Paisley PA2 8DW	3	6	Paisley	2780
SP16	South Church (formerly Martyrs Church), 123 Rowan Street, Paisley, PA2 6RZ	4	6	Paisley	2270
SP17	St Charles Church Hall, 5 Union Street, Paisley, PA2 6DU	2	6	Paisley	1312
SP18	Brediland Community Centre, 30 Cardell Road, Paisley, PA2 9AF	2	7	Paisley	1317
SP19	Brediland Primary School, Achray Drive, Paisley PA2 9DJ	2	7	Paisley	3425
SP20	Foxbar Rivers Community Building, Spey Avenue, Paisley, PA2 0PA	2	7	Paisley	1101
SP21	Heriot Primary School, 10 Heriot Avenue, Paisley PA2 0DS	2	7	Paisley	1826
SP22	Foxbar Community Centre, 30 Amochrie Road, Paisley PA2 0LB	2	7	Paisley	1877
SP23	Langcraigs Primary School, 245 Glenfield Road, Paisley PA2 8QE	2	7	Paisley	1934
SS01	Elderslie Village Hall, Stoddard Square, Elderslie, PA5 9AS	5	8	Renfrewshire South	2925
SS02	Johnstone Castle Community Centre, Pine Crescent, Johnstone PA5 0BX	3	8	Renfrewshire South	2434
SS03	St David's Primary School, West Johnstone Shared Campus, Beith Road, Johnstone, PA5 0BB	2	8	Renfrewshire South	1211
SS04	Cochrane Castle Community Centre, 1 Burns Drive, Johnstone PA5 0HJ	1	8	Renfrewshire South	760
SS05	Fordbank Primary School, 23B Teviot Terrace, Johnstone PA5 0NP	1	8	Renfrewshire South	915
SS06	Spateston Bowling Club, Spateston Road, Johnstone PA5 0SX	3	8	Renfrewshire South	1785
SS07	Thorn Primary School, 4A Thorn Brae, Johnstone PA5 8HE	1	8	Renfrewshire South	609
SS08	Howwood Village Hall, 10 Station Road, Howwood PA9 1BB	3	9	Renfrewshire South	1620

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SS09	St Margaret's Church Hall, 49 Graham Street, Johnstone PA5 8RA	2	9	Renfrewshire South	1609
SS10	Johnstone Town Hall, 25 Church St, Johnstone PA5 8EG	2	9	Renfrewshire South	1618
SS11	Thorn Primary School, 4A Thorn Brae, Johnstone PA5 8HE	2	9	Renfrewshire South	1212
SS12	McKillop Institute, 2 Main Street, Lochwinnoch PA12 4AJ	3	9	Renfrewshire South	2543
SS13	Kilbarchan Scout Hall, Barn Green, Kilbarchan PA10 2HG	3	9	Renfrewshire South	2908
SS14	Linwood Parish Church (nb currently no electors)	1	10	Renfrewshire South	
SS15	Brookfield Village Hall, 43 Woodside Rd, Brookfield, Johnstone PA5 8UB	1	10	Renfrewshire South	
SS16	Brookfield Village Hall, 43 Woodside Rd, Brookfield, Johnstone PA5 8UB	1	10	Renfrewshire South	