

To: Council

On: 5 December 2019

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 27 February 2014, for use in all elections thereafter in the period to the next review. However, the Boundary Commission's Fifth Electoral Review resulted in the creation of an additional Council Ward and consequent significant changes to the Council's Ward boundaries. A revised Polling Plan was therefore adopted by the Council on 15 December 2016.
- 1.4 In conducting the review, authorities must:
- (a) seek to ensure that all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
- (b) seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practical, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities.

- 1.5 In that regard, a notice was published on 1 March 2019 giving details of the timetable for and scope of the review, and the consultation process and inviting comments on the current arrangements. In addition, notice was given to key groups, including councillors, Council departments, community councils, Renfrewshire Valuation Board, the local Disability Liaison Group and Capability Scotland for their interest.
- 1.6 A note of the comments received from the first phase of the consultation and the consideration which was given to them are attached as Appendix 6 to this report. Appendix 6 also set out alternative arrangements for two polling places that had become unavailable since the last review in 2015. These comments, together with the Returning Officer's response thereto, were considered at the meeting of Renfrewshire Council held on 26 September 2019. Council agreed the terms of a draft Polling Plan for further public consultation. A copy of that draft Plan is attached as appendix 7.
- 1.7 The draft Polling Plan was issued for consultation on 10 October 2019. A note of the comments received during this phase of the consultation process, and the consideration which has been given to them in preparing the new draft Polling Plan, are attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.8 Appendix 2 identifies local housing developments that might impact on polling arrangements over the five year period of the Plan.
- 1.9 Following the Scottish Local Government Boundary Review in 2015 there were a number of changes made to the previous polling plan to reflect new ward boundaries. This resulted in the creation of a number of new polling districts. As part of this review Council agreed at its meeting held on 26 September 2019 to rationalise the number of polling districts and to renumber as appropriate certain polling districts to make the numbering more consistent across the wards in which they fall. Appendix 3 sets out the details of these revisals.
- 1.10 The draft Polling Plan is attached as appendix 4, and maps of the Polling Districts are attached as appendix 5, for final approval.
- 1.11 It is a requirement that the Returning Officer shall comment on the proposals. The draft polling scheme presented here has been the subject of consultation with the Returning Officer who has endorsed the proposals.
- 1.12 At the meeting of Council held on 27 June 2019 a revised timetable for the review process was agreed and this is set out in paragraph 3.5 of this report.

#### Recommendations

#### 2.1 Council is recommended:

(a) to note the consideration given to the comments set out in Appendix 1 received as part of the second phase of the public consultation; and

(b) to approve the polling districts, polling places and polling stations as set out in the Appendices to this report for use in all elections and referenda from 31 January 2020 until the next review.

#### 2. 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 Here in Renfrewshire, the polling districts and polling places were last reviewed and approved by Council in December 2016.
- 3.3 Although the review is conducted on the basis of UK Parliamentary constituencies the proposed polling district boundaries and polling places shown in the appendices to this report also align with the Scottish Parliamentary constituency boundaries and accommodate council ward boundaries, thus avoiding the necessity for differing polling schemes for different types of election.
- 3.4 It should be noted that the 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.
- 3.5 As a result of the European Election being held in May 2019, the timetable for the conduct of the review in Renfrewshire was revised as follows:

1	Notice Published	1 March 2019
2	Representations by interested parties were sought by	1 May 2019
3	Council will consider a report on the initial proposals on	26 September 2019
4	The Council will consider all representations received and will produce draft proposals for public consultation by	10 October 2019
5	Further comments/suggestions on these proposals must be received by	15 November 2019
6	Final proposals, having regard to any comments/suggestions received will be considered by Council on	5 December 2019

- 3.6 In accordance with the timetable, public notice was given in the week commencing 1 March of the Council's intention to undertake the review and inviting preliminary comments on the existing polling arrangements.
- 3.7 Public notice was given by advertisement in local libraries, the Council's website, and Council offices, and maps and documents showing the current polling arrangements were made available for public inspection.

- 3.8 In addition, individual notice was given to councillors, community councils, the local Disability Liaison Group and Capability Scotland, for their interest.
- 3.9 An inspection of polling places is carried out by officers during each election with regard to location, suitability of access and availability.
- 3.10 All polling places were found to be fully accessible by persons with disabilities either through existing permanent arrangements in place or enhanced by temporary ramping or additional signage where possible.
- 3.11 Arising from the preliminary consultation exercise, various comments were received. These comments, and the consideration which had been given to them, was reported to the meeting of Renfrewshire Council held on 26 September 2019. In addition, two polling places used under the previous Polling Plan were no longer available for use as polling places, namely the Church of the New Jerusalem (SP07) and the 7th Paisley Scout Hall (SP12). This is detailed in Appendix 6 to the report.
- 3.12 A second phase of consultation commenced on 10 October 2019 and concluded on 15 November 2019. Further comments were received and these are attached as Appendix 1 to this report together with the Returning Officer's response.
- 3.13 Appendix 1 to the report suggests one change to a polling place, Lylesland Church replacing Lochfield Primary School as the polling place for SP16. At its meeting held on 26 September 2019 Council noted a number of proposals for alternative polling places to Bridge of Weir, St Fillan's, Wallace and Barsail Primary Schools. Accordingly, agreeing the polling districts, polling places and polling stations as set out in the Appendices to this report would mean that five local primary schools would no longer be used as polling places.
- 3.14 Following the Scottish Local Government Boundary Review in 2015 an interim review of the polling plan was carried out. This resulted in a number of changes to the previous polling plan to reflect new ward boundaries involving the creation of a number of new polling districts. Council agreed at its meeting held on 26 September 2019 to rationalise the number of polling districts and to renumber as appropriate certain polling districts to make the numbering more consistent across the wards in which they fall. As an example, Ward 1 contains six polling districts; NN01 to NN05 and NN24. It is suggested that NN24 be renumbered as "NN06". This will then require renumbering of later polling districts. Polling districts SP02 and SP03 both lie in Ward 3 and were subdivided by the change in ward boundaries leaving both considerably smaller than previously. The voters in both polling districts fall in the same Westminster and Scottish Parliamentary constituencies and vote in the same polling place. Accordingly, both have been combined in to one larger polling district. Appendix 3 sets out the details of the proposed renumbering and rationalisation. It also details the changes recommended as a result of the final public consultation on the proposed Polling Plan.
- 3.15 As part of the interim review in 2016 a decision was taken to restrict the number of changes to voter arrangements to the minimum possible i.e. the vast majority of voters remained allocated to the same the polling places as previously even where they were now allocated to new wards. However, this did result in a small number of

anomalous voting arrangements. In particular, in Ward 5 voters in SP28 (the residents of Finglass Avenue, Glenshiel Avenue, Glenshira Avenue, Glengavin Way, Glenarklet Drive, Glencora Drive and Strathcarron Road) were allocated to vote at Lochfield Primary School which lies in Ward 6. These voters have now been allocated to Todholm Primary School. Accordingly, SP28 has been amalgamated with polling district SP17.

- 3.16 Since the last statutory review, there has been significant housing development in the Renfrewshire Council Area. Appendix 2 identifies local housing developments that might impact on polling arrangements. It is anticipated that most of these potential increases in the number of voters can be accommodated within existing polling arrangements. However, the development at Dargavel Village has resulted in a significant increase in the number of voters in polling district NN18, with significant further development of the site due to continue throughout the five year period of this Polling Plan. At the meeting of Renfrewshire Council held on 26 September, it was agreed that a new polling district "NN17" be created thereby removing the residents of Dargavel Village from NN18. It is suggested that the voters in the new polling district be allocated to Bishopton Community Centre until such time as the new primary school is built in Dargavel Village, at which time this will become the polling place.
- 3.17 In terms of the statutory review, the Returning Officer is required to comment on the proposals. Although the location of the proposed polling districts and polling places are the responsibility of the local authority, the number and location of the polling stations within the polling places is the responsibility of the Returning Officer. It is recommended by the Electoral Commission that the review process be undertaken in a joint manner in recognition of the fact that the Returning Officer is a distinct role independent from the local authority while the responsibility for conducting the review rests with the local authority. Accordingly, the proposals presented here represent the joint view of the officers and the Returning Officer.
- 3.18 Following approval of the proposals, further public notice will be given of the conclusion of the review and the final proposals adopted.
- 3.19 In conclusion therefore it is recommended that the polling districts, polling places and polling stations included in Appendices 4 and 5 to this report be approved for adoption and the comments received to date, and their disposal, be noted.
- 3.20 It should also be noted that, in seeking final approval of the polling arrangements it is proposed that the approval extends to the adoption of these arrangements for any election or referendum called from 31 January 2020 until the next review and, in accordance with normal practice, the Chief Executive has delegated to alter or amend any polling place if an approved place becomes unavailable or unviable, e.g. through fire or flood or otherwise.

#### Implications of the Report

1. Financial - None

- 2. HR & Organisational Development None.
- 3. Community/Council Planning None
- 4. **Legal** As detailed in the report.
- 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** 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 because it is for noting only. 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.
- 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. **Risk** *N/A*
- 10. Privacy Impact None
- 11. Cosla Policy Position None
- 12. Climate Risk None

**List of Background Papers - None** 

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#### **CONSULTATION SECOND PHASE**

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Fordbank Parent	Fordbank	The Parent Council recognises that the
Council	Primary School (SS05)	school is the only polling place for the residents of Corseford. However, the school has been used as a polling place a number of times in recent years while neighbouring denominational schools have been kept open. This also causes financial hardship for local families particularly those on low incomes. Fordbank is also a behavioural support base, accommodating children with Additional Support Needs (ASN). The Parent Council suggests that the school closure has a particular detrimental on these pupils and contradicts Scottish Government commitments to improving mental health.
		The Parent Council intimates that the school closure will also impact on the wellbeing of their children in terms of 'Getting it Right for Every Child' (GIRFEC). Local children who live in poverty often rely on free school meals to remain healthy and some will lose an element of their statutory Physical Education hours, impacting on their ability to be active.
		The Parent Council has suggested (a) that Spateston Bowling Club instead be used as the polling place for SS05 or (b) as an alternative, St Anthony's Primary School be used on an alternating basis with Fordbank Primary School.

#### **Evaluation**

Fordbank Primary School accommodates one polling station.

The use of a temporary building such as a portacabin, other alternative venues in the West Johnstone area and the possibility of keeping the school open during polling were all addressed in the report to Council on 26 September 2019 following the first phase of consultation. Spateston Bowling Club was not included in previous considerations.

In terms of the Representation of the People Act 1983 a polling place for any polling district shall be an area in that district, except where special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the polling district.

Taking this into account, whilst the single polling station could be accommodated within the Spateston Bowling Club, such a relocation would result in increased travelling distance for the majority of the voters who use it, namely those who reside in the Corseford area of Johnstone and would not be within a reasonable walking distance. Accordingly, and while sympathising with the Parent Council's concerns, this does not meet the test that special circumstances exist.

With regards to the suggestion that the Polling Place be alternated between St Anthony's Primary School and Fordbank Primary School, St Anthony's Primary School lies within another polling district and is further away from the majority of voters than Spateston Bowling Club. In any event, such an arrangement would be likely to create voter confusion.

#### **Recommendation**

That Fordbank Primary School continue to be used as a polling place for Polling District SS05.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Councillor James MacLaren	New Polling District - Dargavel	Councillor James MacLaren initially conveyed the views of Bishopton Community Council which had expressed concern about the new Dargavel Primary School being used as a polling place. The Community Council agreed that the Bishopton Community Centre was a far more suitable venue for this. Community Council members felt that the two buildings were quite close to each other and the closure of the school at election times put unnecessary pressure on working parents.  Taking into account existing capacity issues at Bishopton Community Centre, Councillor MacLaren has further suggested the use of the Cornerstone Centre as an alternative polling place to the new primary school.

#### **Evaluation**

The development at Dargavel Village has resulted in a significant increase in the number of voters in polling district NN18. At the meeting of Renfrewshire Council held on 26 September 2019 it was therefore agreed that a new polling district "NN17" be created thereby removing the residents of Dargavel Village from NN18.

While it is suggested that the voters in the new polling district (NN17) be allocated to Bishopton Community Centre this will only be until such time as the new primary school is built in Dargavel Village.

Given the number of properties to be built in Dargavel Village in the period to the next statutory review, the voters in the new NN17 and existing NN18 will not be capable of being accommodated at Bishopton Community Centre. The number of polling stations located at the Community Centre has increased from six to seven for the forthcoming UK Parliamentary General Election and all seven of these stations are either close to, or exceed, the recommended maximum of 800 voters to a ballot box.

Accordingly, even excluding further development at Dargavel, Bishopton Community Centre is already at capacity and will exceed it when conducting any election at which 16 & 17 year olds can vote (such as the Scottish Parliament elections in 2021).

Information provided from Communities, Housing and Planning indicates that that the total number of homes completed and occupied at Dargavel Village, as at 12 August 2019, was 1,190. The total number of anticipated homes to be built at the site over the entire period of its development is 4,000.

The Cornerstone Centre is a converted building, located within Polling District NN18, with lower and upper halls, either of which could accommodate at least two polling stations. The upper hall is accessed by a lift. Given its location, using the Centre as a polling station would require both Bishopton Village and Dargavel Village to be split between the Cornerstone Centre and the Community Centre.

To assist the Returning Officer in delivering a successful election it is important that as many barriers as possible to voting have been removed. Distance from home to a polling station is one such barrier. Furthermore, in terms of the Representation of the People Act 1983 a polling place for any polling district shall be an area in that district, except where special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the polling district. The relocation of NN17 this does not meet the test that special circumstances exist.

The new Dargavel Primary School will be the one public building within the emerging community at Dargavel and will be within walking distance of all areas of the new development.

The ability of the school to remain open during polling is a matter which will be considered once construction of that building has been completed.

#### **Recommendation**

That the decision of Council at its meeting held on 26 September 2019 to create a new polling district "NN17" at Dargavel Village be noted, and that voters in that district be allocated to Dargavel Primary School once it is available for use.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
(a) Derek Osborne (b) Gillian Dowds, Chair of Williamsburgh Primary School Parent Council (c) Margaret Lickrish (d) Mariane Brownlee (e) Graham Wells	Williamsburgh Primary School (NP01, SP02 SP03, SP26 and SP27)	All comments relate to the detrimental impact on the Williamsburgh pupils' education compared to pupils in neighbouring schools.  School trip St. John Ogilvie Primary School Shortening a school holiday by one day Utilise a nearby secondary school such as St Andrew's Academy or Paisley Grammar School Utilise the Lagoon Leisure Centre

#### **Evaluation**

Issues relating to the use of Williamsburgh Primary School were included in the report considered by Council on 26 September 2019.

Williamsburgh Primary School accommodates eight polling stations, more than any other polling place in Renfrewshire and with a combined population of voters and attainers of 6,675 as of May 2019.

The largest single non-educational establishment in the polling area is the Lagoon Leisure Centre. While the Lagoon Leisure Centre would meet the requirements for use as a Polling Place, it is used extensively on polling days for elections. The main sports arena accommodates the counting of ballot papers, unused ballot papers are counted in the sports hall and postal votes are dealt with in one of the fitness suites. Accordingly, it is not recommended for use as a polling place.

St Andrew's Academy is not within easy walking distance of Williamsburgh Primary School. Given that electoral events are traditionally held in May and to avoid disruption during exam times, the P.E. area in the Academy is effectively isolated from the rest of the school and two polling stations are located in the small P.E. classroom. There is no facility to accommodate an additional eight additional polling stations without closing the school on polling days. This could lead to significant disruption during examination periods.

Similarly, there would be no facility within Paisley Grammar School to accommodate eight polling stations without disruption to the wider school, particularly during examination periods.

Both Williamsburgh and St John Ogilvie Primary Schools were used as polling places for the area until a fire closed St John Ogilvy Primary School on the eve of the 2009 European Election. At that time the school accommodated 2,000 voters. The voters at that time were diverted to Williamsburgh Primary School and it became apparent that Williamsburgh Primary School could accommodate all eight polling stations, thereby removing the need for both primary schools to close during polling.

The suggestions to arrange school trips and other activities when the school is being used for electoral purposes or for school holidays to be shortened by one day when elections have taken place that year are educational matters and outwith the remit of the Returning Officer.

#### **Recommendation**

That Williamsburgh Primary School continues to be used as polling place.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Joanne McDougall	Lochfield Primary School (SP16 and SP28)	Ms McDougall has suggested using local community centres such as Hunterhill or local churches such as Lylesland or St Charles' instead of closing the school.

#### **Evaluation**

Lochfield Primary School currently accommodates four polling stations and the school requires to be closed when used as a polling place. In terms of the revised polling district numbers agreed by Council at its meeting held on 26 September 2019, polling district SP28 will be allocated to Todholm Primary School thereby reducing the number of voters allocated to Lochfield Primary.

Hunterhill Community Centre is not within an acceptable walking distance of the SP16 Polling District. However, Lylesland Church is within easy walking distance of the current polling place at Lochfield Primary School.

The church has been inspected and found to have sufficient space to accommodate four polling stations. The church hall has adequate disabled access, ample parking provision and good kitchen facilities for staff. The response from Ms McDougall was received at the very conclusion of the consultation process. While the church has agreed in principle to accommodate future elections, this needs to be ratified by a full session meeting of church members.

#### **Recommendation**

That, Lylesland Church be used as a polling place for current Polling District SP16 subject to the agreement of the next church session meeting, failing which, Lochfield Primary School should remain as the polling place.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
David Macdonald National Parents	All – general comments	Mr Macdonald acknowledged the work carried out by Renfrewshire Council
Forum of Scotland –	regarding the	Democratic Services to alleviate the
Renfrewshire	use of schools as polling places.	impact on school pupils, their parents and carers whose schools are utilised for local and national elections as polling stations.
		orations.

He recognised that a balance required to be struck between the democratic process and the availability of local buildings for polling places, as well as the significant impact of parents/carers requiring to establish childcare arrangements on polling days coupled with the disruption to school life both from parental and educational perspectives.

Mr Macdonald has requested that Renfrewshire Council consider a policy of amending school 'in service' days to reflect the established calendar of polling days (i.e. the first Thursday in May) which routinely are always used for local and national elections.

Mr Macdonald suggests that arrangements to align 'in service' days with polling days has been established by Glasgow City Council. He advises that this has made a difference in limiting the impact on children's education and the impact on child care for families and carers across our communities, whilst ensuring that polling places remain accessible and local for democratic processes.

#### **Evaluation**

Mr Macdonald's recognition of the Council's efforts to reduce the number of schools used as polling stations is welcomed.

The suggestion that school in service days be aligned with polling days is well made but falls outwith the remit of the Returning Officer.

#### Recommendation

That Mr Macdonald's comments be noted.

Communities, Housing & Planning Services were consulted to identify planned developments which might impact on polling arrangements.

New dwellings may not necessarily result in a significant increase in electors as the majority of new dwelling sales go to people already resident in Renfrewshire. These changes should also be viewed in the context of the National Records of Scotland population projections which suggest an overall population growth for Renfrewshire of 2.1% over the next ten years.

Against this backdrop, 11 wards have been identified which may experience high levels of new house building over the five year period of this review.

These wards, the number of new dwellings, and the estimated increases in electors are as follows:

Ward	New dwellings	New population*	Additional Electorate**
1. Renfrew North & Braehead	241	496	372
2. Renfrew South & Gallowhill	79	163	122
3. Paisley Northeast & Ralston	0	0	0
4. Paisley Northwest	510	1051	788
5. Paisley East & Central	553	1139	854
6. Paisley Southeast	474	976	732
7. Paisley Southwest	80	165	124
8. Johnstone South & Elderslie	542	1117	837
9. Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood & Lochwinnoch	104	214	161
10. Houston, Crosslee & Linwood	441	908	681
11. Bishopton, Bridge of Weir & Langbank	1097	2260	1695
12. Erskine & Inchinnan	245	505	379
Grand Total	4366	8994	6745

Note \* Based on average number of persons per household of 2.06 as per 2017 estimate.

Note \*\* Based on 75% of estimated population.

These increases should be able to be accommodated within the existing arrangements.

# Appendix 3

# **Proposed Revisals and Renumbering of Polling District References and Polling Places**

Existing Polling District Reference	Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling District Reference	Proposed Polling Place	Comments			
	Ward 1 - (Renfrew North and Braehead)						
NN01	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum Renfrew Cross Renfrew PA4 8PF	NN01	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum Renfrew Cross Renfrew PA4 8PF	No change			
NN02	Kirklandneuk Community Centre Ness Road Renfrew PA4 9DE	NN02	Kirklandneuk Community Centre Ness Road Renfrew PA4 9DE	No change			
NN03	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum Renfrew Cross Renfrew PA4 8PF	NN03	Renfrew Town Hall & Museum Renfrew Cross Renfrew PA4 8PF	No change			
NN04	McMaster Centre Robertson Park Donaldson Drive Renfrew PA4 8LX	NN04	McMaster Centre Robertson Park Donaldson Drive Renfrew PA4 8LX	No change			
NN05	King George V Sports Pavilion Dean Park Road Renfrew PA4 0AN	NN05	King George V Sports Pavilion Dean Park Road Renfrew PA4 0AN	No change			
NN24	St. James' Primary School Brown Street Renfrew Renfrewshire PA4 8HL	NN06	St. James' Primary School Brown Street Renfrew Renfrewshire PA4 8HL	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/for voters			
		Ward 2 - Renfrew South	and Gallowhill				
NN06	St Catherine's Primary School 28a Brabloch Crescent Paisley PA3 4RG	NN12	St Catherine's Primary School 28a Brabloch Crescent Paisley PA3 4RG	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/for voters			
NN07	Gallowhill Community Centre 210 Netherhill Road Paisley PA3 4SF	NN07	Gallowhill Community Centre 210 Netherhill Road Paisley PA3 4SF	No change			
NN08	Glynhill Hotel 169 Paisley Road Renfrew PA4 8XB	NN08	Glynhill Hotel 169 Paisley Road Renfrew PA4 8XB	No change			
NN09	Arkleston Primary School 125 Cockels Loan Renfrew PA4 0EL	NN09	Arkleston Primary School 125 Cockels Loan Renfrew PA4 0EL	No change			
NN10	Newmains Primary School 8a Lang Avenue Renfrew PA4 0DA	NN10	Newmains Primary School 8a Lang Avenue Renfrew PA4 0DA	No change			
NN11	St James' Primary School 10 Brown Street Renfrew PA4 8HL	NN11	St James' Primary School 10 Brown Street Renfrew PA4 8HL	No change			
		Ward 3 - Paisley Northe	east and Ralston				
NP01	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy Street Paisley PA1 1QF		Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy Street Paisley PA1 1QF	No change			
		NP01					

Existing Polling District Reference	Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling District Reference	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
NP02	Ralston Community Sports Centre Penilee Road Ralston Paisley PA1 3AX		Ralston Community Sports Centre Penilee Road Ralston Paisley PA1 3AX	No change
		NP02		
NP03	Ralston Community Centre 6 Allanton Avenue Paisley PA1 3BL		Ralston Community Centre 6 Allanton Avenue Paisley PA1 3BL	No change
		NP03		
SP02	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy Street Paisley PA1 1QF	SP01	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy	Amalgamate SP02 and SP03 and Renumbered as SP01. No
	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy	3501	Street Paisley PA1 1QF Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy	change to polling place/ for voters
SP03	Street Paisley PA1 1QF	SP01	Street Paisley PA1 1QF	Amalgamate SP02 and SP03 and Renumbered as SP01. No change to polling place/ for voters
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		Ward 4 - Paisley N	lorthwest	
NN12	Beechwood Community Centre 26 Shortroods Road Paisley PA3 2NT	NN13	Beechwood Community Centre 26 Shortroods Road Paisley PA3 2NT	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/for voters
NP04	Beechwood Community Centre 26 Shortroods Road Paisley PA3 2NT	NP04	Beechwood Community Centre 26 Shortroods Road Paisley PA3 2NT	No change
NP05	Disability Resource Centre Love Street Paisley Renfrewshire PA3 2EA	NP05	Disability Resource Centre Love Street Paisley Renfrewshire PA3 2EA	No change
NP06	St Ninian's Church (St Ninian's Centre) 85 Blackstoun Road Paisley PA3 1NR	NP06	St Ninian's Church (St Ninian's Centre) 85 Blackstoun Road Paisley PA3 1NR	No change
SP06	Martyrs Church Hall 5 King Street Paisley PA1 2LS	SP02	Martyrs Church Hall 5 King Street Paisley PA1 2LS	Amalgamate SP06, SP07 and SP12 and Renumbered as SP02. Church of the New Jerusalem and 7th Paisley Scout Hall no longer available so all voters allocated to Martyrs Church Hall
SP07	The Church of the New Jerusalem, George Street, Paisley	SP02	Martyrs Church Hall 5 King Street Paisley PA1 2LS	Amalgamate SP06, SP07 and SP12 and Renumbered as SP02. Church of the New Jerusalem and 7th Paisley Scout Hall no longer available so all voters allocated to Martyrs Church Hall
SP12	7th Paisley Scout Hall The Bield 40 Broomlands Street Paisley PA1 2NP	SPO2	Martyrs Church Hall 5 King Street Paisley PA1 2LS	Amalgamate SP06, SP07 and SP12 and Renumbered as SP02. Church of the New Jerusalem and 7th Paisley Scout Hall no longer available so all voters allocated to Martyrs Church Hall
	St Mary's Primary School 4	3407	St Mary's Primary School 4 Maxwellton	
SP08	Maxwellton Road Paisley PA1 2RJ	SP03	Road Paisley PA1 2RJ	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/ for voters
SP09	St Charles Church Hall 5 Union Street Paisley PA2 6DU	SP04	St Charles Church Hall 5 Union Street Paisley PA2 6DU	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/ for voters
SP10	St Ninian's Church (St Ninian's Centre) 85 Blackstoun Road Paisley PA3 1NR	SP05	St Ninian's Church (St Ninian's Centre) 85 Blackstoun Road Paisley PA3 1NR	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/ for voters
SP11	West End Community Centre 5A Underwood Lane Paisley PA1 2SL	SP06	West End Community Centre 5A Underwood Lane Paisley PA1 2SL	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/ for voters

Existing Polling District Reference	Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling District Reference	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
		Ward 5 - Paisley East	t and Control	
		Walu 5 - Paisiey Eas	t and Central	
SP01	St Andrew's Academy 125 Barrhead Road Paisley PA2 7LG	SP07	St Andrew's Academy 125 Barrhead Road Paisley PA2 7LG	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/ fo voters
SP04	Hunterhill Community Centre Blackford Road Paisley PA2 7EP	SP08	Hunterhill Community Centre Blackford Road Paisley PA2 7EP	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/ fo voters
SP05	Paisley Marriage Suite Renfrewshire House Cotton Street Paisley PA1 1BU	SP09	Paisley Marriage Suite Renfrewshire House Cotton Street Paisley PA1 1BU	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/ fo voters
SP17	Todholm Primary School 260 Lochfield Road Paisley PA2 7JE	SP10	Todholm Primary School 260 Lochfield Road Paisley PA2 7JE	Amalgamate SP17 and SP28 and Renumbered as SP10. No change for voters in SP17. Voters in SP28 change in polling place from Lochfield Primary to Todholm Primary.
SP28	Lochfield Primary School Quarry Road Paisley Renfrewshire PA2 7RD	SP10	Todholm Primary School 260 Lochfield Road Paisley PA2 7JE	Amalgamate SP17 and SP28 and Renumbered as SP10. No change for voters in SP17. Voters in SP28 change in polling place from Lochfield Primary to Todholm Primary.
SP18	South End Action Centre Stock Street Paisley PA2 6NL	SP11	South End Action Centre Stock Street Paisley PA2 6NL	Amalgamate SP18 and SP30 and Renumbered as SP11. No change to polling place/for voters
SP30	South End Action Centre Stock Street Paisley PA2 6NL	SP11	South End Action Centre Stock Street Paisley PA2 6NL	Amalgamate SP18 and SP30 and Renumbered as SP11. No change to polling place/for voters
SP26	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy Street Paisley Renfrewshire PA1 1QF	SP12	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy Street Paisley Renfrewshire PA1 1QF	Amalgamate SP26 and SP27 and Renumbered as SP12. No change to polling place/for voters
SP27	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy Street Paisley Renfrewshire PA1 1QF	SP12	Williamsburgh Primary School Lacy Street Paisley Renfrewshire PA1 1QF	Amalgamate SP26 and SP27 and Renumbered as SP12. No change to polling place/for voters
		Ward 6 - Paisley S	Southeast	
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SP13	Glenburn Community Centre 30 Fairway Avenue Paisley PA2 8DX		Glenburn Community Centre 30 Fairway Avenue Paisley PA2 8DX	No change
		SP13		
SP14	Glenburn Resource Centre 19 Donaldswood Road Paisley PA2 8EA	SP14	Glenburn Resource Centre 19 Donaldswood Road Paisley PA2 8EA	No change
SP15	Bushes Primary School Grampian Avenue Paisley PA2 8DW		Bushes Primary School Grampian Avenue Paisley PA2 8DW	No change
SP16	Lochfield Primary School Quarry Road Paisley PA2 7RD	SP15 SP16	Lylesland Church, 123 Rowan Street, Paisley, PA2 6RZ	Amalgamate SP29 into SP16. Change to polling place/ for voters.
SP29	Lochfield Primary School Quarry Road Paisley PA2 7RD	SP16	Lylesland Church, 123 Rowan Street, Paisley, PA2 6RZ	Amalgamate SP29 into SP16. Change to polling place/ for voters.
SP19	St Charles Church Hall 5 Union Street Paisley PA2 6DU	SP17	St Charles Church Hall 5 Union Street Paisley PA2 6DU	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place/for voters

Existing Polling District Reference	Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling District Reference	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
		Ward 7 - Paisley S	Southwest	
SP20	Brediland Community Centre 30 Cardell Road Paisley PA2 9AF	SP18	Brediland Community Centre 30 Cardell Road Paisley PA2 9AF	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place for voters
SP21	Brediland Primary School 9 Achray Drive Paisley PA2 9DJ	SP19	Brediland Primary School 9 Achray Drive Paisley PA2 9DJ	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place for voters
SP22	Foxbar Rivers Community Building Spey Avenue Paisley PA2 0PA	SP20	Foxbar Rivers Community Building Spey Avenue Paisley PA2 0PA	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place for voters
SP23	Heriot Primary School 10 Heriot Avenue Paisley PA2 0DS	SP21	Heriot Primary School 10 Heriot Avenue Paisley PA2 0DS	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place for voters
SP24	Foxbar Community Centre 30 Amochrie Road Paisley PA2 0LB Langcraigs Primary School 245	SP22	Foxbar Community Centre 30 Amochrie Road Paisley PA2 0LB Langcraigs Primary School 245	Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place for voters  Renumbered Polling District. No change to polling place for
SP25	Glenfield Road Paisley PA2 8QE	SP23	Glenfield Road Paisley PA2 8QE	voters
		Ward 8 - Johnstone Sou	ith and Elderslie	
SS01	Wallace Primary School Greenhill Crescent Elderslie PA5 9AW	SS01	Elderslie Village Hall.	Change to polling place.
SS02	Johnstone Castle Community Centre Pine Crescent Johnstone PA5 0BX	SS02	Johnstone Castle Community Centre Pine Crescent Johnstone PA5 0BX	No change
SS03	St David's Primary School West Johnstone Shared Campus Beith Road Johnstone PA5 0BB	SS03	St David's Primary School West Johnstone Shared Campus Beith Road Johnstone PA5 0BB	No change
SS04	Cochrane Castle Community Centre 1 Burns Drive Johnstone PA5 0HJ	SS04	Cochrane Castle Community Centre 1 Burns Drive Johnstone PA5 0HJ	No change
SS05	Fordbank Primary School, 23B Teviot Terrace, Johnstone, PA5 ONP	SS05	Fordbank Primary School, 23B Teviot Terrace, Johnstone, PA5 0NP	No change
SS06	Spateston Bowling Club Spateston Road Johnstone PA5 0SX	SS06	Spateston Bowling Club Spateston Road Johnstone PA5 OSX	Amalgamate SS19 into SS06. No change to polling place/ for voters
SS19	Spateston Bowling Club Spateston Road Johnstone PA5 OSX	SS06	Spateston Bowling Club Spateston Road Johnstone PA5 0SX	Amalgamate SS19 into SS06. No change to polling place/ for voters
SS07	Thorn Primary School 4A Thorn Brae Johnstone PA5 8HE	SS07	Thorn Primary School 4A Thorn Brae Johnstone PA5 8HE	No change
NP07	Wallace Primary School Greenhill Crescent Elderslie PA5 9AW	NP07	Elderslie Village Hall.	Change to polling place.
NP08	St Ninian's Church (St Ninian's Centre) 85 Blackstoun Road Paisley PA3 1NR	NP08	St Ninian's Church (St Ninian's Centre) 85 Blackstoun Road Paisley PA3 1NR	No change

Existing Polling District Reference	Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling District Reference	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
	Ward 9 - Joh	nnstone North, Kilbarchan	, Howwood and Lochwinnoch	
SS08	Howwood Village Hall 10 Station Road Howwood PA9 1BB	SS08	Howwood Village Hall 10 Station Road Howwood PA9 1BB	Amalgamate SS18 into SS08. No change to polling place /for voters
SS18	Howwood Village Hall 10 Station Road Howwood Johnstone PA9 1BB	SS08	Howwood Village Hall 10 Station Road Howwood PA9 1BB	Amalgamate SS18 into SS08. No change to polling place /for voters
SS09	St Margaret's Church Hall 49 Graham Street Johnstone PA5 8RA	SS09	St Margaret's Church Hall 49 Graham Street Johnstone PA5 8RA	No change
SS10	Johnstone High Parish Church Hall Quarry Street Johnstone PA5 8DZ	SS10	Johnstone Town Hall	Change to polling place
SS11	Thorn Primary School 4A Thorn Brae Johnstone PA5 8HE	SS11	Thorn Primary School 4A Thorn Brae Johnstone PA5 8HE	No change
SS12	McKillop Institute 2 Main Street Lochwinnoch PA12 4AJ	SS12	McKillop Institute 2 Main Street Lochwinnoch PA12 4AJ	No change
SS13	Kilbarchan Scout Hall Barn Green Kilbarchan PA10 2HG	SS13	Kilbarchan Scout Hall Barn Green Kilbarchan PA10 2HG	No change
		Ward 10 - Houston, Cross	slee and Linwood	
NN13	St Fillans Primary School 1a Main Street Houston PA6 7EL	NN14	Houston and Killellan Kirk Halls.	Amalgamate NN13 into NN14. Polling Place chaged.
NN14	St Fillans Primary School 1a Main Street Houston PA6 7EL	NN14	Houston and Killellan Kirk Halls	Amalgamate NN13 into NN14. Polling Place chaged.
NS01	Tweedie Hall Ardlamont Square Linwood Paisley Renfrewshire PA3 3DE	NS01	Tweedie Hall Ardlamont Square Linwood Paisley Renfrewshire PA3 3DE	Amalgamate NS02 into NS01. No change to polling place/for voters
NS02	Tweedie Hall Ardlamont Square Linwood Paisley Renfrewshire PA3 3DE	NS01	Tweedie Hall Ardlamont Square Linwood Paisley Renfrewshire PA3 3DE	Amalgamate NS02 into NS01. No change to polling place/for voters
NS03	Linwood Parish Church Blackwood Avenue Linwood PA3 3JX	NS02	Linwood Parish Church Blackwood Avenue Linwood PA3 3JX	Renumbered polling district
NS04	Brookfield Village Hall 45 Woodside Road Brookfield PA5 8UB	NS03	Brookfield Village Hall 45 Woodside Road Brookfield PA5 8UB	Renumbered polling district
NS05	St Fillans Primary School 1a Main Street Houston PA6 7EL	NS04	Houston and Killellan Kirk Halls	Renumbered polling district
SS14	Linwood Parish Church, Blackwood Avenue Linwood PA3 3PY	SS14	Linwood Parish Church, Blackwood Avenue Linwood PA3 3PY	Amalgamate SS15 into SS14. No change to polling place /for voters
SS15	Linwood Parish Church, Blackwood Avenue Linwood PA3 3PY	SS14	Linwood Parish Church, Blackwood Avenue Linwood PA3 3PY	Amalgamate SS15 into SS14. No change to polling place /for voters
SS16	Brookfield Village Hall 45 Woodside Road Brookfield PA5 8UB	SS15	Brookfield Village Hall 45 Woodside Road Brookfield PA5 8UB	Renumbered polling district

Existing Polling District Reference	Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling District Reference	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
SS17	Brookfield Village Hall 45 Woodside Road Brookfield PA5 8UB	SS16	Brookfield Village Hall 45 Woodside Road Brookfield PA5 8UB	Renumbered polling district
	War	rd 11 - Bishopton, Bridge	of Weir and Langbank	
NN15	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir, Pa11 3LJ	NN15	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir, Pa11 3LJ	Amalgamate NN16 into NN15. Change of polling place for NN16.
NN16	Bridge of Weir Primary School 7 Warlock Road Bridge of Weir PA11 3QB	NN15	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir, Pa11 3LJ	Amalgamate NN16 into NN15. Change of polling place for NN16.
NN17	Langbank Village Centre 51 Middlepenny Road Langbank PA14 6XB	NW 6	Langbank Village Centre 51 Middlepenny Road Langbank PA14 6XB	Renumbered polling district
New polling district for Dargavel Village.	New polling district	NN16 NN17	Initially Bishopton Community Centre 25 Gledstane Road Bishopton PA7 5AU, moving to Dargavel Primary School when open.	This is the creation of a new polling district for Dargavel Village. Initially there will be no change for voters who will continue to vote at Bishopton Community Centre. However all voters in this district will relocate to Dargavel Primary School once opened.
NN18	Bishopton Community Centre 25 Gledstane Road Bishopton PA7 5AU	NN18	Bishopton Community Centre 25 Gledstane Road Bishopton PA7 5AU	No change to voters.
NN19	Bishopton Community Centre 25 Gledstane Road Bishopton PA7 5AU	NN19	Bishopton Community Centre 25 Gledstane Road Bishopton PA7 5AU	No change to voters.
SN01	Cargill Hall Lintwhite Crescent Bridge of Weir PA11 3LJ	SN01	Cargill Hall Lintwhite Crescent Bridge of Weir PA11 3LJ	No change.
		Ward 12 - Erskine ar		
NN20	Inchinnan Primary School 96 Old Greenock Road Inchinnan PA4 9PH	NN20	Inchinnan Primary School 96 Old Greenock Road Inchinnan PA4 9PH	Voters from Niamh Court to be relocated to this polling place.
NN21	Barsail Primary School 716 Park Moor Erskine PA8 7HL	NN21	Erskine Baptist Church.	Change of polling place.
NN22	St Anne's Primary School 97 Park Drive Erskine PA8 7AL	NN22	St Anne's Primary School 97 Park Drive Erskine PA8 7AL	No change
NN23	Bargarran Primary School 4 Barrhill Road Erskine PA8 6BX	NN23	Bargarran Primary School 4 Barrhill Road Erskine PA8 6BX	No change

# **FINAL DRAFT 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
NS04	Houston and Killellan Church Halls, Main Street, Houston	3	10

		Estimated	
		Stations for	Council Ward
District	Place name	this district	Number

# PAISLEY AND RENFREWSHIRE SOUTH

	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
SS08	Howwood Village Hall, 10 Station Road, Howwood PA9 1BB	3	9

District	Place name	Estimated Stations for this district	Council Ward Number
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

# Comments arising from the first phase of consultation and which were noted by Council at its meeting held on 26 September 2019

Respondent	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Councillor Nicolson	Barsail Primary School (NN21) Inchinnan Primary School (NN20)	The small number of houses located at Naimh Court, Inchinnan should have their polling station changed from Barsail Primary School to Inchinnan Primary School.
		The current situation is an anomaly due to house building. Their closest polling station is Inchinnan which is the community they are associated with, it is the only access to drive past to and from their homes.

#### **Evaluation**

Naimh Court is located off the Old Greenock Road, sitting between Erskine and Inchinnan. The development consists of seven properties and includes 15 voters. The development is closer to Inchinnan Primary School and the Old Greenock Road is a logical direct link to that polling place.

#### Recommendation

That the seven properties located at Naimh Court, Inchinnan be included in polling district NN20 – Inchinnan Primary School.

Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Bridge of Weir Primary School (NN16)	Councillor MacLaren has intimated that he believes it is best to avoid closing schools for elections. In relation to Bridge of Weir Primary School, Councillor MacLaren had previously suggested that the British Legion Hall be used. As that has now closed he has proposed that having all voting at the Cargill Hall (NN15) would be better than closing the school. He has suggested that the services of My Bus could be provided for the area for those unable to walk or drive the distance.  The other respondents suggest that there is no need for the primary school to be used in Bridge of Weir as a polling station when there is adequate
	Bridge of Weir Primary School

alternative provision in terms of church	ch
and community halls.	

#### **Evaluation**

Bridge of Weir Primary School normally has one polling station and has never had more than two for any electoral event. The school is closed on election days.

Cargill Hall currently accommodates three polling stations.

In terms of available space, the Cargill Hall could easily accommodate at least one additional polling station and further polling stations by utilising the Lesser Hall. In terms of location, moving all voters to the Cargill Hall will mean that voters in the North of the village who currently vote at the Primary School will have further to travel.

#### **Recommendation**

That Bridge of Weir Primary School be no longer used as a polling place and that, instead, a fourth polling station (NN16) be located at the Cargill Hall.

Respondent	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Councillor Audrey	St Fillan's	That either Houston and Killellan Kirk
Doig	rimary School	Halls or the Carrick Centre be used
_	(NN13), (NN14)	rather than St Fillan's Primary School.
	and (NS05)	•

#### **Evaluation**

St Fillan's Primary School is one of the largest polling places in Renfrewshire area, accommodating six polling stations and requiring the use of the gym and four classrooms. The school is closed to accommodate electoral events.

Both the Carrick Centre and Houston and Killellan Kirk Halls have been inspected and assessed. Both venues could potentially accommodate the required number of polling stations and both had suitable disabled access, parking facilities and adequate space for signage.

While the Carrick Centre would be able to accommodate six polling stations, this would involve utilising at least three rooms in the centre and could create issues for some voters in respect of understanding the layout and where to vote. The Houston and Killellan Kirk Halls could easily accommodate the six stations between the two main spaces in the building.

#### **Recommendation**

That the six polling stations located at St Fillan's Primary School be relocated to the Houston and Killellan Kirk Halls.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Respondent(s)  (a) Councillor Jacqueline Cameron (b) Mrs Deborah Whyte (c) Ms Sarah Cooper (d) Lynsey Conroy (e) Krista Russell (f) Michelle Black (g) Gary Malcolm (h) Alexis Holmes (i) Susan McKie (j) Kirsten Stobo (k) Lesley Woodhouse (l) Louise Rossi (m) Allison Connelly (n) Tara Gibson (o) Linda F (p) Kenny McGuire (q) Lianne Grieves (r) Claire Brown (s) Charris Malcolm (t) Alan Mitchell (u) Sheila Davies (v) Andrea Ennis (w) Catherine Denholm (x) Lesley Dawson (y) Susan McKie (z) Alexis Holmes (aa) Antonio Aitken (bb) Lesley McGuire (cc) Michelle Black (dd) Gary Malcolm (ee) Scott Mitchell	Polling Place Wallace Primary School (SS01)	Respondents (a) – (dd) suggested that the polling place be changed from Wallace Primary School to Elderslie Village Hall.  Respondent (ee) requested that Wallace Primary School continue to be used as a polling place.

## **Evaluation**

Wallace Primary School accommodates five polling stations, four in the gym hall and one in a classroom. The school is closed for elections.

Elderslie Village Hall is managed by Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. The Hall has been inspected and assessed. It is suitable in terms of accommodation size, disabled access and car parking.

A similar proposal to change the polling place from Wallace Primary School to Elderslie Village Hall was considered by Council as part of the last review in 2014. At that time the view of the Council was that Wallace Primary School had been used for a number of years as a polling place and was more centrally located within the Polling District and accordingly no change was made.

#### **Recommendation**

That Polling Districts NP07 and SS01 be relocated from Wallace Primary School to Elderslie Community Centre.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment	
Vikki Aitkenhead	Barsail Primary	The respondent advises that Barsail	
Chairperson -	School (NN21)	Primary School has been used as a	
Barsail Parent		polling station for many years and	
Council		concerns regarding the school closures	
		have been discussed regularly at Parent Council meetings and also at the wider	
		Renfrewshire Parent Council liaison	
		meetings.	
		,	
		The Parent Council asked the wider	
		parent body to suggest potential	
		alternative venues in Erksine, resulting	
		the in the following list:	
		Erskine Baptist Church	
		The Farmhouse Community Centre	
		Erskine Library	
		Erskine Sport Centre	
		Park Mains High School Sports Hall	
		St Bernadette's Church	
		Salvation Army Hall	
		Bargarran Community Centre	
		Masonic Hall, Inchinnan	
		Erskine Bowling Club	
		Inchinnan Bowling Club	

#### **Evaluation**

Barsail Primary School accommodates three polling stations. The school closes for elections.

A number of the locations suggested by the Parent Council have been considered and are not suitable for use as a polling place for NN21 as they are located outwith the Polling District. They are not within easy walking or travelling distance for voters reliant on public transport. These are: Erskine Library, Erskine Sport Centre, Park Mains High School Sports Hall, Salvation Army Hall, Bargarran Community

Centre, Masonic Hall, Inchinnan, Erskine Bowling Club and the Old Farmhouse Community Centre and Innchinan Bowling Club.

While St Bernadette's Church Hall is also located outwith NN21, it has been inspected and assessed as it lies close to the edge of the Polling District and could be considered to be within reasonable travelling distance. However, is not large enough to accommodate the three stations located at Barsail Primary School. Further, the Church Hall is located next to St Anne's Primary School which is the polling place for NN22. Two polling places in such close proximity could cause voter confusion.

Erskine Baptist Church has been inspected and assessed. The Baptist Church has adequate space to accommodate three polling stations, has suitable disabled access and has a number of parking spaces. While the Church is not central to the NN21 Polling District, it is within walking distance of Barsail Primary School, the current polling place.

#### Recommendation

That Polling District NN21 be relocated from Barsail Primary School to Erskine Baptist Church.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment	
Returning Officer	Bargarran	That the Bargarran and St. John Bosco	
	Primary School   collocated campus be used as the		
	(NN23)	Polling Place for NN23 and that the	
		schools remain open on election days.	

#### **Evaluation**

Bargarran Primary School has been used as a polling place for a number of years. The Primary School accommodated five polling stations and was closed on election days. More recently, the school has been rebuilt and now forms part of a collocated campus that it shares with St John Bosco Primary School.

Prior to the 2019 European Election the new Bargarran Primary School was inspected and assessed to confirm if the premises remained suitable for use as a polling place and in particular whether it provided the required disabled access and was large enough to accommodate the required five polling stations. Having done so it was confirmed that the school remained a suitable location.

Consideration was then given as to whether both schools would require to close in order that the building could be used as a polling place. Children's Services position is that, where a school is used as a polling place, consideration should be given as to whether a school can be used in such a way as to allow the school in question to remain open and cause the least possible disruption to the pupils and their parents. Accordingly, other schools in Renfrewshire are used as polling places while remaining open to pupils. These arrangements have operated successfully for a number of years.

Having assessed the school, it was noted that strict segregation could be maintained between the voting area located in the school dining hall and the rest of the school. This allowed the possibility of keeping the school open to pupils on polling day.

The matter was discussed with Children's Services. Having consulted the Acting Director of Children's Services and the Head of Schools, they wished to follow the model adopted at other schools and keep both Bargarran and St John Bosco open to pupils.

Accordingly, both schools were kept open to pupils on 23 May.

An inspection and assessment has been made of Bargarran Community Centre to assess its possible use as an alternative polling place. While the Community Centre is located in close proximity to the current polling place at Bargarran Primary School, the main hall would not accommodate the required five polling stations. At least one of the five polling stations would require to be located elsewhere in the building. A further issue is that the central access to the main hall is shared with the GP surgery and given that Polling Agents and tellers are allowed in the polling place, they would be in that area. As there is no way to segregate the communal entrance through the use of screens patients attending the surgery would have to pass these campaigners. Accordingly, it is not recommended that the Community Centre be used as a polling place.

#### **Recommendation**

That Bargarran Primary School continues to be used as a polling place and in such a way that the both primary schools remain open to pupils during polling.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
Gillian Dowds, Vice Chair of the Williamsburgh Parent Council	Williamsburgh Primary School (NP01, SP02 SP03, SP26 and SP27)	Ms Dowds asked why other schools in the area could not be used - or why other premises could not be sourced which were less disruptive to the local community. For example, the Sherwood Greenlaw Church, or the Lagoon Sports
		centre.

#### **Evaluation**

Williamsburgh Primary School accommodates eight polling stations, more than any other polling place in Renfrewshire and with a combined population of voters and attainers of 6,675 as of May 2019.

The largest single non-educational establishment in the polling area is the Lagoon Leisure Centre. While the Lagoon Leisure Centre would meet the requirements for use as a Polling Place, it is used extensively on polling days for elections. The

main sports arena accommodates the counting of ballot papers, unused ballot papers are counted in the sports hall and postal votes are dealt with in one of the fitness suites. Accordingly, it could not be used as a polling place.

While there are a number of smaller halls in the area covered by the Williamsburgh Primary School, other than the Lagoon or one of the other schools in the area, there is no other location which could accommodate the eight polling stations currently located there. For example, while Sherwood Greenlaw Church could be used as a polling place, this venue would only accommodate two polling stations. Other premises would require to be identified and evaluated. This would however mean that the eight polling stations at Williamsburgh would be divided between various locations in the area. This is likely to lead to voter confusion.

Ms Dowds asked why other schools in the area could not be used. St. John Ogilvie Primary School was used as a polling place in the past in addition to Williamsburgh. Whilst there is no reason why St. John Ogilvie Primary School could not be used as an alternative in terms of infrastructure requirements, the ongoing use of Williamsburgh Primary School provides continuity and reduces the risk of voter confusion.

#### Recommendation

That Williamsburgh Primary School continue to be used as polling place.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
lain McMillan, on	Johnstone High	That Johnstone Town Hall be used
behalf of Johnstone	Parish Church	instead as it was very much at the heart
Community Council	(SS10)	of the town and gave election day a bit
	,	more importance.

#### **Evaluation**

Johnstone High Parish Church accommodates two polling stations. The Church Hall was agreed as a polling place when the former Johnstone Town Hall was demolished and the current Town Hall building was constructed.

Having been inspected and evaluated, three different areas were identified within the new Town Hall which could accommodate the two polling stations:- the marriage suite; the main hall; and the combined meeting rooms 1 and 2. All these locations are on the ground floor of the new Town Hall building. While car parking tends to be very much in demand in the Town Hall area, additional spaces could be marked off for blue badge holders at the front of the Town Hall.

#### **Recommendation**

That the two polling stations currently accommodated within Johnstone High Parish Church be relocated to Johnstone Town Hall.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment
lain McMillan, on behalf of Johnstone Community Council	Fordbank Primary School (SS05)	The respondent advised that some concern had been raised with regard to Fordbank Primary School being closed for elections but recognised this was the only building that could be used in Corseford. The use of a portacabin was suggested as an alternative.

#### **Evaluation**

Fordbank Primary School accommodates one polling station.

A temporary building such as a portacabin is not generally recommended for use as a polling place. It creates substantial risks as to electoral process; it may not be possible to source a temporary structure at short notice for snap elections, and it would require the use of portable generators to provide adequate heat and light for voters and staff.

In terms of alternative venues, the Johnstone Community Sports Hub building is within reasonable walking distance of Fordbank School but is outwith the Corseford area. Whilst the polling station could be accommodated easily within the sports hub, such a relocation would result in increased travelling distance for the majority of the voters who use it.

Having been inspected, the layout of the school is such that it was not considered possible to allow the school to remain open during voting.

#### Recommendation

That Fordbank Primary School continue to be used as a polling place for Polling District SS05.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment	
7th Paisley The 7th Paisley Scouts group has		The 7th Paisley Scouts group has	
	Scout Hall advised the hall will no longer available		
	(SP12)	to be used as a polling place.	

#### **Evaluation**

The 7th Paisley Scouts group has advised that the hall will no longer be available to be used as a polling place. The hall accommodates one polling station. While the hall has been used as a polling place for some time, comments had been received previously that its location at the top of an incline was not suitable for voters with mobility issues.

Martyrs Church Hall, King Street, Paisley, accommodates one polling station (SP06). The Hall is large enough to accommodate at least two additional polling stations and is within easy walking distance of the 7th Paisley Scout Hall (SP12). The Hall satisfies all the other requirements associated with a polling place.

St Mary's Primary School (SP08) is also within easy walking distance of the 7th Paisley Scout Hall. The School closes for voting and accommodates two polling stations.

#### **Recommendation**

That Polling District SP12 be relocated to Martyrs Church Hall.

Respondent(s)	Polling Place	Suggestion/Comment	
Church of the The Church of New Jerusalem has		The Church of New Jerusalem has been	
	New Jerusalem   sold and is no longer available to be		
	(SP07)	used as a polling place.	

#### **Evaluation**

In March 2019 the Local Returning Officer received notification from The Paisley Society of the Church of the New Jerusalem intimating that the church building had been sold and would no longer be available for election purposes,

Martyrs Church Hall, King Street, Paisley, accommodates one polling station (SP06). The Hall is large enough to accommodate at least two additional stations and is within easy walking distance of the Church of the New Jerusalem (SP07). The Hall satisfies all the other requirements associated with a polling place.

St Mary's Primary School (SP08) is also within easy walking distance of the Church of the New Jerusalem Hall. The school closes for voting and accommodates two polling stations.

#### **Recommendation**

That Polling District SP 12 be relocated to Martyrs Church Hall.

# DRAFT POLLING PLAN FOR CONSULTATION APPROVED ON 26/9/2019

#### 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	2	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	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
NS04	Houston and Killellan Church Halls, Main Street, Houston	3	10

		Estimated	
		Stations for	Council Ward
District	Place name	this district	Number

## 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, 5 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	Lochfield Primary School, Quarry Road, Paisley, PA2 7RD	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