

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING	Council	
MEETING DATE:	15 th January 2015	
TITLE:	Review of polling districts and Places	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1- Guidance booklet Appendix 2-Proposed polling districts and places (to follow)		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Council needs to review the current arrangements for polling places and districts and decide whether any changes are desirable.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council approves the polling districts and places as set out in Appendix 2

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 There are none

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 It is a legal requirement to review polling places and districts by 31st January 2015.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The review started on the 1st December 2014 and concluded on the 2nd January 2015. The process followed is described in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The majority of comments received have related to the suitability of premises for use as polling stations. By law, the allocation of electors to polling stations and which premises are selected for such use is a matter for the Electoral Registration

Officer rather than the Council; nevertheless the comments received have been considered and where appropriate adopted.

5.3 The recommended arrangements are set out in Appendix 2.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The review is a legal requirement.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 All town and parish Councils; Bath and North east Somerset Councillors; members of Parliament; organisations representing those with disabilities; political parties.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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