

RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Local Authorities must comply with a number of legislative requirements regarding the location and accessibility of Polling Districts and Polling Places. The mandatory review process comprises a number of specified steps set out in Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983, which include a public consultation.

The last review for Plymouth City Council was conducted in 2013. A full polling place and polling district review will now be conducted over the next 16 months.

The review will consider any representations from local residents and stakeholders in the city, including any issues regarding access to premises or facilities for persons with disabilities. Any elector can make their views known and the process for doing so will be publicised. In addition, the review will consider the impact of the next four years' worth of planned residential developments on existing electoral arrangements.

In encouraging views, it is of course the case that the availability of suitable polling places is the key determining factor in the makeup of polling districts. Therefore, in asking for comments, we will request that alternative proposals should include suggestions for polling station locations.

It is the Returning Officer's role to select the polling stations. It will be Full Council which will make the decisions on any proposed changes to polling districts or polling places. The final scheme for polling arrangements will be adopted by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Council's constitution.

The polling districts, polling places and polling stations finally decided on will be used for the May 2020 local and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

Scope of the review

Plymouth is divided into 116 polling districts each associated with one of 114 polling stations (two of those polling stations are double). Polling districts, geographic subdivisions of each ward, as well as polling stations for each of those districts are within the scope of this review. The review is considering the continued suitability of the existing arrangements and, when necessary, will make proposals for:

- The creation or removal of districts,
- "Change" or "no change" to the boundaries between districts,
- "Change" or "no change" to the referencing of those districts,
- "Change" or "no change" to the polling stations within those districts.

Not in scope

City ward boundaries and parliamentary constituency boundaries are not in scope of this review. The legislation requires that ward boundaries are reviewed by the Electoral Commission, not by Local

Authorities themselves. We do not have a mandate to suggest alterations to the boundaries between the wards.

The review will not be able to consider comments regarding local authority boundaries, neighbouring parliamentary constituencies, the names of local authorities or other electoral areas within or bordering Plymouth City.

Glossary of terms

Polling District - A polling district is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area.

Polling Place - A polling place is the area in which the Returning Officer selects the polling station. In Plymouth, polling places represent the same area as the polling district to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located.

Polling Station - The polling station is the room or building where the poll takes place.

Accessing information

The report presents information for each ward of the city. These are presented in alphabetical order and are listed in a contents table on page 3.

In order to illustrate those recommendations for each ward, maps of the existing arrangements as well as maps of our proposed arrangements are available on our polling station page:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/votingandelections/pollingdistrictreview2018>

In the polling district information tables provided for each ward, the word “Electorate” refers to the total number of registered voters in the district, as of August 2018.

In the polling station information tables provided for each ward, the expression “Polling Station Electorate” refers to the total number of registered voters in the district who have opted to attend a polling station to vote, as of August 2018. This figure excludes electors from the district who may have opted to vote by other means. This figure informs us of the maximum number of electors who may attend the polling station on polling day.

MOOR VIEW WARD

Existing Polling Districts

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
GA	Leigham Community Hall	2,233	No change
GB	Mainstone Sports & Social Club	1,206	No change
GC	Elm Community Centre	2,061	Creation of a new district
GD	Thornbury Primary School	2,573	Creation of a new district
GE	St. Annes Church Hall - Glenholt	1,823	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
GA	Leigham Community Hall	1,857	Yes	No change
GB	Mainstone Sports & Social Club	978	Yes	No change
GC	Elm Community Centre	1,641	Yes	No change
GD	Thornbury Primary School	2,083	Yes	No change
GE	St. Annes Church Hall - Glenholt	1,412	Yes	No change
GF	A new Polling Station is still to be identified in the proposed new district			

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations

The number of electors in the ward is large. In district GD and GC the number of electors is slightly higher than the recommended 2,000 electors by district. The number of electors in the district could grow beyond this limit in the next five years as the ward is anticipated to welcome 1000 new electors by 2020 due to developments.

The creation of a new District GF is proposed in the western side of the ward. This new district would reduce the size of district GD and GC. A new polling station, located within the Plymouth Business Park still needs to be identified and secured, although a range of options are being investigated.

The proposed boundary for this new district would follow a near vertical line across the ward. It would run along Runway Road to the north, down to its junction with Plymbridge lane, then along Derriford Road, down Blunts Lane all the way down to its junction with Forder Valley Road.

Residents in the south west of this new boundary would join the new district GF. This new district would comprise Derriford Hospital and the Plymouth Science Park.

In the north of the ward, residents of the following streets would join the new district GF:

- Runway Road
- Radar Road,

- Albacore Drive,
- Lysander Lane,
- Canberra Road,
- Piper Street,
- Brymon Way,
- Airborne Drive and
- the South East of Plymbridge Lane.

Residents of the new Palmerston Heights and Bircham Combe estates, south of William Prance Road would join the new district GF. This includes:

- Buttercup Road,
- Bluebell Street,
- Sandpiper Road,
- Cornflower Walk,
- Pintail Way and
- Jackdaw Road.

Residents in the north east of the new boundary would continue to be part of district GD and vote at Thornbury Primary School. All estates to the east of Blunts Lane, and adjacent to Miller Way would remain in Ward District GD.

Residents in the south east of the new boundary would continue to be part of district GC and vote at the Elm Community Centre.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate ¹	Estimated Polling station electorate ²
GA	Leigham Community Hall	Thurlestone Walk, PL6 8QG	2,233	1,857
GB	Mainstone Sports & Social Club	Pattinson Drive, PL6 8RU	1,206	978
GC	Elm Community Centre	Leypark Walk, PL6 8UE	1,846	1,447
GD	Thornbury Primary School	Miller Way, PL6 8UL	2,142	1,732
GE	St. Annes Church Hall - Glenholt	Glenholt Road, PL6 7JA	1,823	1,412
GF	Potential Polling Stations are being investigated for this new district		637*	530*

*The electorate numbers in this district will increase with the new developments at Palmerston Heights and Bircham Combe.

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² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.