

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FROM 31 JANUARY 2024 COUNCIL MEETING FROM CABINET ON 15 JANUARY 2024

CAB88 POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

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Cabinet received a report which set out the Council's duty to undertake a review of the polling districts and polling places in respect of Parliamentary electoral areas that fell within the boundaries of the Borough. The review must take place every five years. It was noted that it was the (ARO) Acting Returning Officer's responsibility to keep polling stations under review.

The previous Review took place in October/November 2018.

Views had been sought from all stakeholders including County Councillors, Borough Councillors, and political groups. In addition, Parish Councils had been consulted together with local disability groups.

Representations closed on 24 November 2023 and were published accordingly (on the BCKLWN website). The ARO had made further comments to the representations received.

The following table shows the proposed amendments to the Schedule

Polling District (area)	Proposed change
PD2 (Fairstead)	To be re-integrated into the wider PD1 (Fairstead) polling district.
PJ4 (St Margaret's with St Nicholas)	To be re-integrated into the wider PJ1 (St Margaret's with St Nicholas) polling district
WT7 (Denver)	To be re-integrated into the wider WM1 (Denver) polling district

It was noted that the Corporate Performance Panel had supported the recommendations in the report.

RECOMMENDED: That the Appendix attached to the report on the Polling District and Polling Place Review Schedule be adopted.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Council meets its statutory obligations. (A Polling District Review has to be carried out once every five years).