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Polling consultation and review

A six-week consultation to review the Kingdom's polling districts and places is underway.

Fife Council is looking to hear from interested people and groups as part of the statutory review.

This review makes sure that everyone has access to reasonable facilities for voting, including those who are disabled and, when a new polling place is considered, that it meets the accessibility needs of disabled people. The constituency boundaries are not covered by this review, only the polling district boundaries and polling places which lie within the constituencies.

As Linda Bissett, Head of Democratic Services, explained: "The Council has always aimed to locate polling places within a convenient distance from the majority of electors' homes, with the premises being easy to find and accessible to all. This review will help to ensure that we continue in this way and gives us the opportunity to hear the views of the voting public. However, it does not always prove easy to find suitable premises in every area, so any suggestions for alternative premises are welcomed."

"Accessibility is another important issue for us and we would welcome anyone with expertise in access for disabled people to comment on the proposals."

You can find information and maps of the current polling districts and places online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/elections . Printed copies are available on request.

You can send your comments to the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations consultation by post or email (see below) or online via <http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/elections> .

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Notes to editors

1. Timetable of review

- Representations by interested parties must be received no later than 27 October 2017. Responses will be analysed and a report considered by the Council's Policy & Co-ordination Committee on 23 November.

2. Definitions

- **Parliamentary constituencies:** these cannot be changed by the review. The division of these constituencies into polling districts and places is the subject of the review.
- **Polling district:** the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.
- **Polling place:** the building or area in which polling stations will be located by the Returning Officer.
- **Polling station:** the room or area where the poll takes place.

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