

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	16 th December 2015
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Changes to Polling Places for the 2016 Scottish Parliament Elections
REPORT NUMBER	OCE/15/050
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to gain the approval of Council for a proposed change to the polling places to be used at the 2016 Scottish Parliament Elections.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That subject to any changes, the Council agrees the recommended change to polling places as outlined.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Polling District	DN0108 (Bucksburn)
Previous Polling Place	Brimmond School (the old Bucksburn Primary)
Recommended Change	Bucksburn and Stoneywood Parish Church
Timescale for Change	All future elections.
Explanation	Bucksburn Primary has now closed. Bucksburn and Stoneywood Parish Church is conveniently located within the polling district and has all necessary facilities. Districts DN0104 (Newhills) and DG0107 (Bankhead) would remain at the Beacon Centre, where they have been

	for the past few years, as per the attached 2016 Polling Scheme.
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6. IMPACT

Improving Customer Experience –

By moving the polling place to Bucksburn Stoneywood Parish Church, voters will be able to vote at a convenient location - the church is central to the district and is well used and well known within the local area – with appropriate access and amenities as required for a polling place.

Improving Staff Experience –

Polling staff will be able to fulfil their duties in a pleasant environment with all the amenities required to conduct the poll for the duration of polling day.

Improving our use of Resources –

The fee for use of Bucksburn Stoneywood Parish Church is in line with what we pay other similar facilities for use as a polling place.

Corporate -

None.

Public –

This polling place is fully wheelchair accessible and meets all statutory criteria regarding access for voters with disabilities.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

It is important that the designated polling places are determined in time for the planning and execution of the 2016 Scottish Parliament Elections and that they are fit for purpose.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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