

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD**

### **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – K.JONES**

**15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**

#### **SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL**

#### **PERIODIC REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

##### **Purpose of Report**

The Council is required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006, to conduct periodic reviews of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations within the County Borough, and covering the Parliamentary Constituencies of Aberavon and Neath. The first of these reviews was completed in 2007, with a subsequent review in 2011 and under legislation the Council is required to undertake a further review by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

##### **Background**

A wide consultation process has been conducted as part of the review, and this has particularly involved Members of this Council, the various Town/Community Councils, Members of Parliament, Assembly Members, Members of the European Parliament and Disabled Access Groups. An online consultation was also open to all residents to submit their views in relation to their local Polling Station. The details of the review were also made available via public notices and through the Council's internet website. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening process took place prior to the consultation period. The outcome indicated that it was low priority and a full report was not required (see Appendix 1).

Submissions were received from a number of Members, Town/Community Councils and community groups particularly with regard to the location of certain Polling Stations. These representations and suggestions have been evaluated and where possible recommended as alternative Polling Station venues (see Appendix 2).

Inevitably a small number of Polling Station alterations suggested during the consultation period have not been taken forward due to a variety of practical, financial and logistic reasons which are outlined below:

- A suggestion was made to move electors currently allocated to Blaenhonddan Primary School to Bryncoch Community Centre in the Bryncoch North ward. It was decided not to take forward this particular proposal due to the distance that electors would have to travel to Bryncoch Community Centre from Blaenhonddan Primary School which is located in an uphill position and could prove difficult for electors with mobility issues. Blaenhonddan Primary School remains in a highly visible and easily reachable location on Main Road both by foot and by car with ample parking facilities also available for electors.
- Suggestions were put forward by Neath Town Council to consider using the Neath Community Centre (next to the Gwyn Hall) and Neath Town Hall. While the venues itself are potentially viable as polling station locations, concerns exist over the limited parking available for both polling station staff and electors in both locations (with Morrisons Car Park being a pay and display). In addition, the current polling station for the polling districts (Neath Civic Centre) remains in a highly visible and easily reachable location in the Town Centre both by foot and by car with parking facilities also available for Polling Station Staff.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended as follows:-

- (a) that there be no changes to any of the Polling Districts within the County Borough;
- (b) that the proposed changes in locations of Polling Stations be approved as indicated.

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

The decisions provide for the effective management of the electoral process within the County Borough.

### **List of Background Papers**

Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form  
List of Responses

Details of Polling Districts and Polling Stations.  
Returning Officer Observations

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## COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

### TITLE OF REPORT

### PERIODIC REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

#### (a) Implementation of Decision

The decision will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

#### (b) Sustainability Appraisal

##### Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	..	No Impact
Education & Lifelong Learning	..	No Impact
Better Health & Wellbeing	..	No Impact
Environment & Transport	..	No Impact
Crime & Disorder	..	No Impact

##### Other Impacts

Welsh Language	..	No Impact
Sustainable Development	..	No Impact
Equalities	..	Positive
Social Inclusion	..	No Impact

#### (c) Consultation

This item has been subject to external consultation.

### Appendix 1

## Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form

**Please ensure that you refer to the Draft Screening Form Guidance while completing this form. If you would like further guidance please contact Corporate Strategy or your directorate Heads of Service Equality Group Champion.**

### Section 1

What service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: Electoral Services

Directorate: Chief Executive's

### Q1(a) What are you screening for relevance?

Service/ Function	Policy/ Procedure	Project	Strategy	Plan	Proposal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### (b) Please name and describe below

Neath Port Talbot Electoral Services team are currently undertaking a County wide polling station review. Legislation stipulates that this exercise must be undertaken every 5 years. As part of the exercise local residents had an opportunity to put forward representations and recommendations to move or change their local polling stations. Local residents did not put forward any proposals but following a review by the Returning Officer it was determined that the following changes needed to be made to 14 of the current polling stations. In some instances it was necessary to make changes due to the current building used as a polling station closing or no longer being fit for purpose for staff or electors. In other instances changes have been implemented to help where possible to improve access for disabled electors and minimise disruption to schools (although this has not always been possible in all situations). The following changes have been put forward:

- Relocating the polling station currently situated in St. Joseph's Comprehensive School to the Aberavon Community Centre. This change has been proposed as it will prevent electors accessing the school while pupils are present and led to less disruption during school hours and over better disabled access than is currently available at the school. Furthermore, Aberavon Community Centre is only 0.3 miles from the current polling station location resulting in minimal change for electors in terms of distance to their polling station.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated in Booth at Windsor Village to the Booth at Westlands. This change has been proposed as currently we have two mobile polling stations which are extremely costly less than 0.4 miles apart from each other with relatively small electorates. By combining the two stations into one will result in a cost saving of approximately £975 with little inconvenience to the electors. While it is acknowledged that mobile polling stations are poor with regards to disabled access (not possible for a wheelchair to access the station) and where possible we look for alternative permanent stations within the polling district area, it has not been possible to find an alternative for this area. We have contacted the Port Talbot Resource

Centre as a possible alternative but there is no-where within the building that the poll could be carried out in secrecy and was therefore deemed unsatisfactory.

- Relocating the polling station currently situated in Baglan Primary School to Baglan Community Centre. This change has been proposed to prevent the school from having to close to pupils which leads to disruption for both parents and pupils. Furthermore, Baglan Community Centre is only 0.3 miles from the current polling station location resulting in minimal change for electors in terms of distance to their polling station. While we acknowledge that Baglan Community Centre has recently formed part of the Council's Community Centre consultation regarding the transfer of ownership, we do not foresee any issues in utilising the community centre should there be a change from Council ownership.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated in Booth adjacent to Flats 13-18 Cae Lynch to Caewathan Community Centre. This change has been proposed as it will result in better access for disabled electors who cannot currently enter a mobile polling station, result in significant cost savings and is only 0.2 miles from the current polling station location resulting in minimal change for electors in terms of distance to their polling station.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated at Tudor Park Football Pavilion to Croeserw Community Enterprise Centre. This change has been proposed due the poor condition of Tudor Park Football Pavilion which has always been raised by staff and polling station inspectors as unacceptable. Following a review of the station it was determined that it was no longer acceptable to use Tudor Park as a polling station. The nearest alternative we could locate is Croeserw Community Enterprise Centre which is approximately 0.6 miles away. While we accept that this may be considered too far for some electors to walk it is the only viable alternative available.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated at the Lifelong Learning Centre to Central Junior School. This change has been proposed due to the closure of the Lifelong Learning Centre. Following a review by the electoral services team the only viable alternative in the area was Central Junior School. While we appreciate this goes against our policy of utilising schools, in this particular area the only alternative is Central Junior School and as it is already utilised as a polling station it will keep disruption to a minimum. Furthermore, Central Junior School is only 0.3 miles from the current polling station location resulting in minimal changes for electors in terms of distance to their polling station.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated at Port Talbot Gas Club to Dalton Road Community Centre. This change has been proposed due to the poor condition of the Port Talbot Gas Club which has always been raised by staff and polling station inspectors as unacceptable. Following a review of the station it was determined that it was no longer acceptable to use Port Talbot Gas Club as a polling station. The nearest alternative with good public transport links is Dalton Road Community Centre which is approximately 0.6

miles. While we accept that this may be considered too far for some electors to walk it is the only viable alternative available and there are bus stops between the two stations to minimise the disruption to electors.

- Relocating the polling station currently situated at Sandfields Library to Awel-Y-Mor Primary School Community Room. This change has been proposed due to accessibility issues with the room utilised in Sandfields Library as a polling station and security risks to the library after library staff have left for the day (room located to side so anybody has access the library without polling station staff knowing). By utilising Awel-Y-Mor Primary school Community Room it allows the school to remain to open to pupils as an alternative entrance is used to access the room preventing pupils coming in to contact with members of the public. It is currently unacceptable that disabled electors have great difficulty in accessing the polling station currently in Sandfields library, and the school was previously utilised as a polling station up to November 2012.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated at Mozart Drive Community Centre (AO1) to Tir Morfa. This change has been proposed by a local member and sees the arrangement return to what has been previously been in place up to 2014. The only reason the change took place in 2014 was due to Tir Morfa undergoing renovations.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated in Blaenhonddan Primary School (NE3 only) to Owain Glyndwr Community Centre. This change has been proposed due to previous complaints from electors who believe having two polling stations within the school – one for Bryncoch North and one for Bryncoch South is confusing particularly when local and community council elections are held as there are different ballot papers for each area. While it necessary to keep the polling station for Bryncoch North (ND1) at the school due to there being no other alternative, it is felt that by moving the Bryncoch South (NE3) polling station to Owain Glyndwr would help to alleviate any confusion for electors for future elections. Furthermore, Owain Glyndwr Community Centre is 0.6 miles from the current polling station and located next to the area's local shopping area which should help to minimise disruption for electors.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated in Llangatwg Comprehensive School to Cadoxton Community Centre. This change has been proposed as it will prevent electors accessing the school while pupils are present and led to less disruption during school hours. Furthermore, Cadoxton Community Centre is 0.6 miles from the current polling station location resulting in minimal change for electors in terms of distance to their polling station.
- Relocating the polling station currently situated in the Booth adjacent to No 8 Gardner's Lane to the Baptist Chapel Vestry. This change has been proposed as it will result in better access for disabled electors who cannot currently enter a mobile polling station, result in significant cost savings and is only 0.2 miles from the current polling station location resulting in minimal change for electors in terms of distance to their polling station.

- Relocating the polling station currently situated in the Booth at Lakeside to The Priory. This change has been proposed as we are no longer able to utilise the land at Lakeside to site a mobile polling station. The only viable alternative in the area is The Priory restaurant. This change will also result in better access for disabled electors who cannot currently enter a mobile polling station, result in significant cost savings and is only 0.1 miles from the current polling station location resulting in minimal change for electors in terms of distance to their polling station.

In addition to the reasons outlined above for each individual change, in the vast majority of cases we are allocating new stations where current polling stations already exist (with the exception of Lakeside and Tir Morfa). This will help to bring significant cost savings in terms of reduction in the number of polling station staff required and the number of buildings or mobile units utilised as polling stations. At the same time all changes keep to within the Electoral Commission limit of 2,500 electors per polling station and have been designed to limit the burden on electors as much as possible by ensuring there is no significant distance to travel as a result of the change.

**Q2(a) What does Q1a relate to?**

Direct front line service delivery	Indirect front line service delivery	Indirect back room service delivery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (L)

**(b) Do your customers/clients access this service...?**

Because they need to	Because they want to	Because it is automatically provided to everyone in NPT	On an internal basis i.e. Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (L)

**Q3 What is the potential impact on the following protected characteristics?**

	High Impact (H)	Medium Impact (M)	Low Impact (L)	Don't know (H)
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q4(a) How visible is this service/function/policy/procedure/ project/strategy to the general public?**

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High visibility  
to general public  
 (H)

Medium visibility  
to general public  
 (M)?

Low visibility  
to general public  
 (L)?

**(b) What is the potential risk to the council's reputation? (Consider the following impacts – legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc...)**

High risk  
to reputation  
 (H)

Medium risk  
to reputation  
 (M)

Low risk  
to reputation  
 (L)

**Q5 How did you score?**  
*Please tick the relevant box*

**MOSTLY H and/or M** → **HIGH PRIORITY** →  **EIA to be completed**  
**Please go to Section 2**

**MOSTLY L** → **LOW PRIORITY / NOT RELEVANT** →  **Do not complete EIA**  
**Please go to Q6 followed by Section 2**

**Q6 If after completing the EIA screening process you determine that this service/function/policy/project is not relevant for an EIA you must provide adequate explanation below (Please use additional pages if necessary).**

Following the EIA screening process it was determined that it was not necessary for a full EIA to be conducted due to the predominately low impact and risk associated with changing the location of polling stations within some areas of the County Borough. Furthermore, while it is accepted that in some instances electors may have a slightly longer journey to their polling station, all electors will be notified of the changes at the earliest possible opportunity and have the provision to apply for a postal or proxy vote should they deem the location of the new polling station to be inconvenient for them. While we accept there are some drawbacks with the proposals in terms of accessibility issues with mobile stations we have done everything we can to minimise this disruption and seek alternatives where possible.

## Section 2

Screener- This to be completed by the person responsible for completing this screening
Name: Clare Sim
Location: Port Talbot Civic Centre
Telephone Number: 01639 763180
Date: 9/12/2014
Approval by Head of Service

Name: Karen Jones
Position: Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services
Date: 9/12/2014

**Please ensure this completed form is filed appropriately within your directorate because it may be required as evidence should a legal challenge be made regarding compliance with the Equality Act 2010.**

**Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations  
Representations, Suggestions and Observations**

Organisation/Name	Register Code(s)	Points made in Representation
Cllr. Robert Jones	AL2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current land at Lakeside where the booth is situated has been closed, therefore the Priory is the only other building suitable for future elections.</li> </ul>
Trudy Launchbury Amman Valley Trotting Club	NN1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The polling station has been used for many years and has excellent facilities in the centre of the village, within walking distance for elderly residents. The building has been adapted to accommodate disabled electors. It is adapted for the less able bodied residents. It is also large enough to allow voters the privacy necessary on polling day. The other venues in the village that could be used are Tairgwaith Primary School or Tairgwaith Club.</li> </ul>
Russell Ward Celtic Leisure	N/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments to make.</li> </ul>
Mike Key Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council	NM1 – NM2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The only issue brought to our attention at the last election, was that there was no Welsh speaker at the Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Centre. Could we have a Welsh speaker at the polling station for future elections.</li> </ul>
Cllr. Janice Dudley	ND1 – ND2 NE1 – NE6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could the Scout Hut / Owain Glyndwr be utilised as a polling station for residents of the South Ward, and Bryncoch Community Centre for residents of Bryncoch North.</li> </ul>
Cllr. Des Davies	NU1 – NU5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current polling station arrangements for Resolven are satisfactory.</li> </ul>
Peter Lloyd Jones Cwmlllynfell Community Council	NI1 – NI2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is the view of the community council that the present polling districts in the community should remain unchanged as their boundaries are coterminous with the community wards which in turn form the building blocks for the County Borough Electoral Division and as such provide appropriate democratic polling arrangements. The current polling places and polling stations should be retained in their current form as they are suitable for the requirements of the polling districts.</li> </ul>
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	NZ1- NZ3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current polling stations are well established and familiar to the electors of Ystalyfera. There will need to be a further review in 2018 if Ysgol Y Wern moves to the Ysgol Ystalyfera campus. Beulah Vestry has fair access and parking. The</li> </ul>

		<p>only suitable location in Cwmtwrch is Ysgol Y Wern, which has fair access and sufficient parking, and is the most suitable location for a station at present. Community Hall has good access and parking.</p>
<p>Cllr. James Stephen Evans</p>	<p>AO1 – AO2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tir Morfa site has a long and successful history as a polling station. Closure of the school meant a cessation in its use as a polling station. The recent European Parliamentary Elections served to underscore the fact, that this is a most unsatisfactory arrangement, in that although the Mozart Drive centre was made available to those who had formerly used Tir Morfa, nevertheless Mozart Drive proved too remote for those self-same individuals. Tir Morfa is a large facility with excellent parking and is positioned in a strategically central position. The building itself is replete with these amenities required to sustain polling station</li> </ul>
<p>Paul Bulmer BRAG</p>	<p>AE6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bryn Village Hall is very conveniently located, is an adequate size to enable privacy, and has an adjacent car park and is in a safe well lit area. Bryn School is an alternative venue.</li> </ul>
<p>Kathryn Charles Neath Town Council</p>	<p>NG1 NG2 NP1 NO3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cimla Community Centre - No change.</li> <li>• Neath Community Centre (next to Gwyn Hall, Neath) has parking available in nearby car park, however there is limited car parking outside the premises due to 1 hour parking restrictions. There is good access to the polling station and it is centrally located for community. Good facilities and services offered.</li> <li>• Neath Town Hall has parking available at Morrisons' car park, good access (disabled lift available) and it is centrally located for the community. Good facilities and services offered.</li> <li>• Melincryddan Community Centre is centrally located but with limited parking, although on road car parking is available close by. Good facilities and services offered.</li> </ul>

# Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

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Electoral Divisions, Communities and  
Polling Stations  
Aberavon Constituency



\* Double Station

Register Code	Electoral Division	Community	Polling Station	Electorate	Access	Suitability	Venue	Recommendatiions
AA1	Aberavon	Aberavon	St. Mary's Centre	735	Access via temporary ramp. Parking close by. Located close to community	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AA2		Aberavon	St. Joseph's Comprehensive School	935	Adequate parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	PROPOSED: Aberavon Community Centre
AA3		Aberavon	Aberavon Community Centre	485	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AA4		Aberavon	Sandfields Primary School	672	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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AA5		Aberavon	Booth At Westlands	903	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required. Close to another mobile station.	Adequate	No Change

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AA6		Aberavon	Booth At Windsor Village	500	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required. Close to another mobile station.	Adequate	PROPOSED: Booth at Westlands
AB1	Baglan	Baglan	Ebenezer Chapel Vestry	570	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AB2		Baglan	Church Hall Church Road	1591	Adequate parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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AB3		Baglan	Blaen Baglan Primary School	1188	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AB4		Baglan	Baglan Primary School	1219	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	PROPOSED: Baglan Community Centre
AB5		Baglan	Baglan Community Centre	944	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station
AC1	Briton Ferry East	Briton Ferry (Craig-Y-Darren Ward)	Ty Llansawel Day Centre	789	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AC2		Briton Ferry (Cwrt Sart Ward)	Briton Ferry Community Hall	797	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change



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AC3		Briton Ferry (Cwrt Sart Ward)	Cwrt Sart Comprehensive School	690	Access via temporary steel ramp placed at an acute angle. Parking facilities close by. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station
AD1	Briton Ferry West	Briton Ferry (Brynhyfryd Ward)	Ysgol Tyle'r Ynn	456	Adequate parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AD2		Briton Ferry (Brynhyfryd Ward)	Brynhyfryd Primary School *	629	Adequate parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AD3		Briton Ferry (Shelone Wood Ward)	Llansawel Primary School	738	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AD4		Briton Ferry (Shelone Wood Ward)	Brynhyfryd Primary School *	339	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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AE1	Bryn and Cwmavon	Cwmavon	The Library, Cwmavon *	1382	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AE2		Cwmavon	Bethany Apostolic Church	1137	On-street parking close to station. Poor access - no ramp at front entrance. Rear entrance has disabled access but reached via unlit path in poor condition. Door threshold also causes difficulties for electors. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Adequate	No Change

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AE3		Cwmavon	Booth At Heol Mabon	479	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
AE4		Cwmavon	Seion Bethania Chapel Vestry	831	Adequate parking. Temporary ramp required for access to station. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AE5		Cwmavon	Rock Chapel Vestry	271	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AE6		Bryn	Bryn Village Hall	740	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station

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AE7		Cwmavon	The Library, Cwmavon *	275	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AE8		Cwmavon	Ponrhydyfen Primary	163	On-street parking and adequate access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station
AF1	Coedffranc Central	Coedffranc (East Central Ward)	Salvation Army Community Hall	1256	Good parking facilities next to station. Access poor for wheelchair bound electors - single door on ground level not accessible for wheelchair. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Adequate	No Change

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AF2		Coedffranc (Central Ward)	Booth Adjacent To Flats 13-18 Cae Lynch	536	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloo required.	Adequate	PROPOSED: Caewathan Community Centre
AF3		Coedffranc (Central Ward)	Caewathan Community Centre	1151	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AG1	Coedffranc North	Coedffranc (North Ward)	The Community Hall, Church of Latter Day Saints	1287	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AG2		Coedffranc (North Ward)	Mission Hall, Lonlas	554	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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AH1	Coedffranc West	Coedffranc (West Central Ward)	Carnegie Community Centre	487	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AH2		Coedffranc (West Central Ward)	Booth At Serecold Avenue	1056	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
AH3		Coedffranc (West Ward)	Llandarcy Institute	329	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station

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AH4		Coedffranc (West Ward)	Jersey Marine Community Centre	387	On-street parking. Adequate access although disabled electors encounter difficulties entering the station due to the entrance doors. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Adequate	No Change
AH5		Coedffranc (West Ward)	Crymlyn Burrows Community Centre	125	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AI1	Cymmer	Glyncorrwg (Cymmer Ward)	Afan Christian Fellowship	74	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AI2		Glyncorrwg (Cymmer Ward)	Afan Lodge	287	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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A13		Glyncorrwg (Cymmer Ward)	Tudor Park Football Pavilion	545	Good parking facilities at PS. Access poor for disabled electors - no level access into station and narrow doorways and steps inside station. Located close to community.	Poor facilities and services - staff bring own basic provisions of toilet roll, soap and hand towels. Additional heating required.	Adequate	PROPOSED: Croeserw Community Centre
A14		Glyncorrwg (Cymmer Ward)	Croeserw Community Centre	523	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
A15		Glyncorrwg (Cymmer Ward)	Cymmer Afan Community Library	717	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change



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AJ1	Glyncorrwg	Glyncorrwg (Glyncorrwg Ward)	Noddfa O.A.P. Centre	810	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AK1	Gwynfi	Glyncorrwg (Gwynfi Ward)	Pen Afan Primary School *	733	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AK2		Glyncorrwg (Gwynfi Ward)	Pen Afan Primary School *	278	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AL1	Margam	Margam	Coed Hirwaun Primary School	989	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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AL2		Margam	Booth At Lakeside Golf Driving Range	157	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required.	Adequate	PROPOSED: The Priory
AL3		Margam	Round Chapel Vestry	769	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AL4		Margam	School Hall At Groes Primary School	411	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AM1	Port Talbot	Port Talbot	Lifelong Learning Service	576	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community	Good facilities and services.	Good	PROPOSED: Central Junior School

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AM2		Port Talbot	Central Junior School	1204	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AM3		Port Talbot	Riverside Baptist Church	1191	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AM4		Port Talbot	Velindre Community School	1432	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AN1	Sandfields East	Sandfields East	Port Talbot Gas Club	867	Good parking close to PS. No level access into PS and not well lit. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services. Additional heating may be required.	Adequate	PROPOSED: Dalton Road Community Centre



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AO1	Sandfields West	Sandfields West	Mozart Drive Community Centre *	1814	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	PROPOSED: Tir Morfa
AO2		Sandfields West	Mozart Drive Community Centre *	1489	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station
AO3		Sandfields West	Traethmelyn Primary School *	1076	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station
AO4		Sandfields West	Traethmelyn Primary School *	702	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station

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AP1	Taibach	Taibach	Operatic Society Headquarters	713	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AP2		Taibach	Wesley Church Schoolroom	582	Good parking and access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
AP3		Taibach	Taibach Community Centre	1117	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change - monitor current polling station
AP4		Taibach	St. David's Church Hall	1145	On-street parking and good access. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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AP5		Taibach	Booth Adjacent To St. Peter's Church	320	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloo required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station

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NA1	Aberdulais	Blaenhonddan (Aberdulais Ward)	Cilfrew Community Centre	803	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NA2		Blaenhonddan (Cilfrew Ward)	National Trust Hall, Aberdulais Falls	957	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NB1	Alltwen	Cilybebyll (Alltwen Ward)	Capel Yr Alltwen	1956	On-street parking. Access via temporary ramp. PS located on a steep hill not close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Adequate	No Change
NC1	Blaengwrach	Glynneath (West Central Ward)	Pensioners Hall, Glynneath	662	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change



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NC2		Blaengwrach	Cwmgwrach Welfare Memorial Hall	878	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
ND1	Brynoch North	Blaenhonddan (Brynoch North Ward)	Blaenhonddan Primary School *	868	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
ND2		Blaenhonddan (Brynoch North Ward)	Brynoch Community Centre	965	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NE1	Brynoch South	Blaenhonddan (Brynoch South Ward)	Caewern Community Centre	899	On-road parking. Access via steps. Alternative entrance for disabled electors. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NE2		Blaenhonddan (Bryncoch South Ward)	Booth At Brookfield	595	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloo required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
NE3		Blaenhonddan (Bryncoch South Ward)	Blaenhonddan Primary School *	205	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	PROPOSED: Owain Glyndwr Community Centre
NE4		Blaenhonddan (Bryncoch South Ward)	Owain Glyndwr Community Centre	1029	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NE5		Blaenhonddan (Bryncoch South Ward)	Waunceirch Community Hall	816	On-road parking. Access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NE6		Blaenhonddan (Bryncoch South Ward)	Booth At Lidl's Car Park	1081	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
NF1	Cadoxton	Blaenhonddan (Cadoxton Ward)	Cadoxton Community Centre	1141	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NF2		Blaenhonddan (Cadoxton Ward)	Llangatwg Comprehensive School	255	On-road parking limited due to school area. Access via permanent ramp, although ground uneven on approach to PS, and lip on the door when leaving the station which could be problematic for wheelchair users. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Adequate	PROPOSED: Cadoxton Community Centre
NG1	Cimla	Neath (Cefn Saeson Ward)	Cimla Community Centre *	2180	Limited car parking leading to queueing on main road. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NG2		Neath (Crynallt Ward)	Cimla Community Centre *	1059	Limited car parking leading to queueing on main road. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NH1	Crynant	Crynant	Crynant Community Centre	1598	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NI1	Cwmllynfell	Cwmllynfell (Cwmllynfell Ward)	Cwmllynfell Hall	729	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NI2		Cwmllynfell (Penrhiwfawr Ward)	Community Hall, Rhiwfawr	220	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NJ1	Dyffryn	Dyffryn Clydach	Traherne Court	896	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NJ2		Dyffryn Clydach	Booth At The Playground, Highlands	543	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
NJ3		Dyffryn Clydach	Dyffryn Clydach Memorial Hall	1074	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NK1	Glynneath	Glynneath (East Ward)	Wesleyan Chapel Vestry	790	On-road parking and access via temporary ramp. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NK2		Glynneath (Central Ward)	Glynneath Town Hall	1131	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NK3		Glynneath (West Ward)	M & C.W. Clinic	821	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NL1	Godre'rgraig	Ystalyfera (Godre'rgraig Ward)	Godre'rgraig Primary School	753	Good parking within school grounds. Access via temporary ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NL2		Ystalyfera (Godre'rgraig Ward)	Booth Near To No.6 & No.8 Graig Newydd	709	Adequate parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloo required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
NM1	Gwaun Cae Gurwen	Gwaun Cae Gurwen (Gwaun Cae Gurwen Ward)	Community Hall, New Road	1414	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NM2		Gawun Cae Gurwen (Cwmgors Ward)	The Community Hall, Cwmgors	903	Ample parking close to station. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change



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NN1	Lower Brynamman	Gwaun Cae Gurwen (Tai'r Gwaith Ward)	The Community Hall, Tairgwaith	347	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NN2		Gwaun Cae Gurwen (Lower Brynamman Ward)	Ebenezer Chapel, Lower Brynamman	707	On-road parking close to PS. Good access to station. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NO1	Neath East	Neath (Melincrythan Ward)	Pensioners Hall, Wellfield	631	Car parking available on site or car park next door. Access via permanent ramp. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NO2		Neath (Melincrythan Ward)	Maria Street Church Vestry	836	Limited on-street parking. Good access into PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NO3		Neath (Melincrythan Ward)	Melin Advice Centre	744	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NO4		Neath (Penrhiwtyn Ward)	Baptist Chapel Vestry	1146	On-road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Adequate	No Change
NO5		Neath (Penrhiwtyn Ward)	St.Catherine's Church Hall	479	On-road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NO6		Neath (Penrhiwtyn Ward)	Booth Adjacent To 8 Gardner's Lane, Neath	932	Adequate on-road parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required.	Adequate	PROPOSED: Baptist Chapel Vestry

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NP1	Neath North	Neath (Castle Ward)	Neath Civic Centre *	555	Limited on-road parking close to PS. Good access to station. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NP2		Neath (Llantwit Ward)	Neath Civic Centre *	1065	Limited on-road parking close to PS. Good access to station. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NP3		Neath (Llantwit Ward)	Y.M.C.A., Neath	1493	Limited on-road parking. Access via permanent ramp. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NQ1	Neath South	Neath (Gnoll Ward)	Scout Hall, Cimla Crescent	823	Parking available close to PS. Access via permanent ramp. Floor in PS slopes downwards. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NQ2		Neath (Mount Pleasant Ward)	St. Peter & Paul Church Hall	1478	Parking available at mini supermarket next door to PS. Good access into PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NQ3		Neath (Mount Pleasant Ward)	St. Joseph's R.C. Church Hall	696	On-road parking. Good access into PS. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NQ4		Neath (Mount Pleasant Ward)	Siloh Church Hall	687	Limited on-road parking. Step into polling station. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Adequate	No Change

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NR1	Onllwyn	Onllwyn	Pantyyffordd Community Centre	274	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NR2		Onllwyn	Onllwyn Miners Welfare Hall Lounge	73	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NR3		Onllwyn	Maesmarchog Primary School	597	Parking available on school grounds. Access to PS via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NS1	Pelenna	Pelenna (Tonmawr Ward)	Pelenna Community Centre	424	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NS2		Pelenna (Pontrhydyfren Ward)	Pontrhydyfen Community Centre	498	On road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community,	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NT1	Pontardawe	Pontardawe (Pontardawe Ward)	Llangiwg Primary School	753	Parking available on school grounds. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NT2		Pontardawe (Pontardawe Ward)	Tabernacl Chapel, Thomas Street	1198	On-road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NT3		Pontardawe (Pontardawe Ward)	Alltycham & Rhydyfro Community Hall	1090	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NT4		Pontardawe (Pontardawe Ward)	Neath Port Talbot First Stop Shop	595	On-road parking. Access via lift for disabled electors at back of building. Located close to community	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NT5		Pontardawe (Rhyd-y-fro Ward)	Rhydyfro Primary School	549	Parking available on school grounds. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NU1	Resolven	Clyne & Melincourt	Pensioners Hall, Melincourt	320	Car parking available across the road from PS. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NU2		Clyne & Melincourt	Clyne Community Centre	336	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NU3		Resolven (South Ward)	Resolven Building Blocks	621	On-road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NU4		Resolven (Abergarwed Ward)	Sardis Chapel Vestry *	203	On-road parking. Access via temporary ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NU5		Resolven (North Ward)	Sardis Chapel Vestry *	1007	On-road parking. Access via temporary ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NV1	Rhos	Cilybebyll (Rhos Ward)	The Community Centre, Rhos	1626	Good parking and access to PS. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services. Roof prone to leaking.	Good	No Change



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NV2		Cilybebyll (Gellinudd Ward)	Booth At Rhos Meadow Garage (Texaco)	381	Adequate on-road parking. Access poor for disabled elector - unable to attach ramp to mobile station. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services: mobile polling station, portaloos required.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
NW1	Seven Sisters	Seven Sisters	Dulais Valley Primary Care Centre	322	Car park available at centre. Good access via automated doors in PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NW2		Seven Sisters	Seven Sisters Community Hall	1295	Good parking and access via permanent ramp. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

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NX1	Tonna	Tonna	Cysgodfa Day Centre, Tonna	926	On-road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NX2		Tonna	Noddfa Newydd Baptist Church	1066	Parking available. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NY1	Trebanos	Pontardawe (Trebanos Ward)	Community Hall Trebanos	1120	Limited on-road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

# Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Electoral Divisions, Communities and  
Polling Stations  
Neath Constituency



\* Double Station

Register Code	Electoral Division	Community	Polling Station	Electorate	Access	Suitability	Venue	Recommendations
NZ1	Ystalyfera	Ystalyfera (Ystalyfera Ward)	Beulah Chapel Vestry	54	On-road parking. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Adequate facilities and services. Toilet located across the road from PS.	Adequate	No Change - monitor current polling station
NZ2		Ystalyfera (Ystalyfera Ward)	Y Wern Primary School	1006	Parking available on school grounds and on main road. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change
NZ3		Ystalyfera (Ystalyfera Ward)	The Community Hall, Ystalyfera	1235	Parking available on site. Good access to PS. Located close to community.	Good facilities and services.	Good	No Change

Total	58118
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## Appendix 4

### NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

##### RETURNING OFFICER'S OBSERVATIONS

As Returning Officer for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council I have noted that the Council is to undertake a review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.

With regard to the existing Polling Districts I have no comment to make, and am content to leave this aspect of the review to the Council.

A number of Polling Stations required examination with a view to improving access or seeking alternative locations. I would ask the Council to consider the following recommendations which are as follows:-

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current Polling Station</b>	<b>Proposed Polling Station</b>
AA2 - Aberavon	St. Joseph's Comprehensive School	Aberavon Community Centre
AA6 – Aberavon	Booth at Windsor Village	Booth at Westlands
AB4 - Baglan	Baglan Primary School	Baglan Community Centre
AF2 – Coedffranc Central	Booth adjacent to Flats 13-18 Cae Lynch	Caewathan Community Centre
AI3 - Cymmer	Tudor Park Football Pavilion	Croeserw Community Centre
AL2 - Margam	Booth at Lakeside	The Priory
AM1 – Port Talbot	Lifelong Learning Centre	Central Junior School
AN1 – Sandfields East	Port Talbot Gas Club	Dalton Road Community Centre
AN5 – Sandfields East	Sandfields Library	Awel-Y-Mor Primary School
AO1 – Sandfields West	Mozart Drive Community Centre	Tir Morfa
NE3 – Bryncoch South	Blaenhonddan Primary School	Owain Glyndwr Community Centre
NF2 – Cadoxton	Llangatwg Comprehensive School	Cadoxton Community Centre
NO6 – Neath East	Booth adjacent to Number 8 Gardener's Lane	Herbert Baptist Chapel



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