

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2008

Review Of Two Polling Districts And Polling Places

OPEN	
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APPENDICES	Appendix 1 – Details of Review Appendix 2 – Responses to Consultation

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the responses to a consultation exercise which has been carried out in accordance with Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, to alter the boundaries of two polling districts within Wyre Forest.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to DECIDE:

- 2.1 The Polling Districts of Kidderminster Broadwaters No. 4 (BR-D) and Kidderminster Broadwaters No. 3 (BR-C) be altered in accordance with Appendix 1 of the Report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In accordance with Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, which amended Section 18 into the Representation of the People Act 1983, review of polling districts and polling places can be carried out by the local authority as and when required.
- 3.2 Consultation has been carried out by the Council with a closing date for representations to be received of the 25th January 2008.
- 3.3 Responses received are enclosed. (Appendix 2)

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires that, 'as far as is reasonable and practicable, only polling places which are accessible to electors with disabilities should be designated'.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The responses received have been very positive.

7. CONSULTEES

- * District Councillors
- * County Councillors
- * Parish/Town Clerks
- * Local Political Parties
- * Member of Parliament
- * Local Disability Groups

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Electoral Administration Act 2006
9.2 Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended)

25th January, 2008